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A Disaster Survivor Saved by MAP Medicine

Q: What medicines and supplies are most needed in a disaster?

A: In the early days of most disasters there is an immediate need to deal with wound care and injuries. MAP supplies surgical gloves, antibiotics, sutures, and bandages. As days turn to weeks, the need for clean water becomes more urgent, so MAP often supplies water filters as well as oral rehydration solutions to combat dehydration and to treat such diseases as cholera, which often breaks out in disaster zones.

Disaster Health Kits (DHK) contain basic hygiene supplies and have become one of the ways MAP responds to large numbers of people who are dealing with displacement and loss of shelter in time of disaster.

Displaced people to care for themselves and their families. They also let them know that someone cares.

We try to keep a supply of assembled DHKs on hand for just such a situation. Volunteers pack these kits either in our warehouse or at packing events at churches, schools or businesses (see photo of Merck employees below). Because of their help, we’re able to very quickly respond.

Kipp Branch is Senior Partnership Development Officer at MAP. He has worked for MAP for 24 years and helped respond to dozens of disasters.

If your church, company, school, or civic organization would like to host a DHK packing event, please contact Krupa Shinde at kshinde@map.org.

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Dear Friend,

What does it take to truly change the world?

As I attended the Bill Foege Award Ceremony hosted by MAP in Atlanta, I was humbled to be in the presence of global health heroes who have truly changed the lives of thousands—if not millions—of people. Named for the doctor most responsible for eradicating smallpox and for many other achievements in public health, Dr. Foege has become a good friend of MAP International and shares our commitment to bringing health to those in greatest need.

Award winners President Jimmy Carter and First Lady Rosalynn were recognized for the Carter Center and its work in combating disease in Africa, South and Latin America, as well as championing access to mental health services for all. CNN’s Dr. Sanjay Gupta emceed the event.

What struck me most was the incredible humility of these heroes. They didn’t set out to win awards. They simply wanted to help others. That simple commitment lead to world-changing breakthroughs.

We offer you this newsletter to show you how your support is having world-changing results. Know that whatever you send reaches those in need, and in many cases saves a life. Your contribution really does change the world—one life at a time.

Please know how profoundly grateful we are to be your hands and feet, bringing health to those in greatest need. And as Rose says in our cover story, “Thank you for helping me and so many others.”

Gratefully,

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MAP Receives Gold Star for Transparency

MAP International was recently recognized for our transparency with a 2018 Gold Seal on our GuideStar Nonprofit Profile. GuideStar is the world’s largest source of information on nonprofit organizations. More than eight million visitors per year rely on GuideStar data to grow support for nonprofits.

To receive the 2018 Gold Seal, MAP shared important information with the public using our profile on www.guidestar.org. Now our community members and potential donors can find in-depth information about our goals, strategies, capabilities, and progress. We’re shining a spotlight on the difference we help make in the world.

To see our profile on GuideStar, go to https://www.guidestar.org/profile/36-2586390

A Great Year to Donate Stocks

For most people who own stocks, 2018 has been a very good year. Stock prices have risen steadily, giving most people an increase in wealth. And that increase offers a great way to reap tax benefits while doing good for an organization like MAP.

**Here’s how it works:** If you have owned a stock for a year or more, you can donate the stock itself without cashing it in. That saves both the capital gains tax you would incur on the sale and gives you the charitable giving benefit.

The value of your donation is the stock price on the date of your donation and the amount you can claim on your taxes as a contribution.

MAP International makes it easy for you. Just give the information at right to your stock broker and transfer the stock before December 31 to receive a charitable donation credit this year. If you have any questions, call MAP at 1-800-225-8550.

It’s a win for everyone—especially those who will reap the health rewards provided by your donation.

MAP International provided medical relief for victims of the volcanic eruption in Guatemala. Pictured here: Guatemalan first responders comfort a victim who lost her family in the eruption of the Fuego volcano near Guatemala City.

See back cover for more information about how MAP provides relief for people affected by disasters.

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