



# 2019 Annual Report

# DEAR FRIENDS,

2019 was another challenging year for nonprofits. Seemingly endless election cycles are siphoning unprecedented amounts of money from potential charitable donors who are understandably reactive toward worsening climate change, the spread of deadly diseases, gun violence and natural disasters close to home. Our 24/7 news cycle has become irretrievably negative, and with so many causes to support and ever-increasing calls to give from politicians and other thought leaders, there are too many worthy groups that go without much-needed attention and funding.

This year, Operation USA responded to all types of disasters here at home and around the world with the shipment of relief supplies and distribution of cash grants to the best of our ability. As you know, Operation USA is not government funded, is not a faith-based group and relies on individuals, corporations and foundation support to fund each of our programs. Though natural disasters continue to occur more frequently and cause increased damage, “little ships” (as founding board member Julie Andrews once called us) like ours often lack the necessary resources to enact truly lasting change in impacted communities.

While we are quick to respond to major disasters, our ultimate goal is to help build resilience in areas affected by disasters and/or which are susceptible to the types of disasters which have occurred previously. To do this well requires both financial and material support. We are so grateful to those who have provided necessary in-kinds—such as hospital equipment, medical supplies, shelter materials, generators and power equipment, water purification supplies, cleaning materials, and shipping and transportation services— and cash this year, allowing us to help children and families at home in Puerto Rico, the Carolinas, Florida, Texas and California, and around the world in The Bahamas, Cambodia, Uganda and elsewhere.

Our capacity to sustain this meaningful work is dependent upon continued support from donors like you. We hope you will consider matching any amount you choose to spend on the political process with an equal or greater gift to the charities trying to meet human needs in our rapidly deteriorating natural environment.

Sincerely,



Richard Walden  
President & CEO



Michael Mahdesian  
Board of Directors, Chair



# Domestic Highlights 2019

This year, Operation USA responded to a number of disasters and ongoing crises here at home in the United States. Thanks in large part to the support of our individual donors and corporate partners—including longtime partner Honeywell—we provided much-needed relief to:



**The Midwest**, where unprecedented flooding caused widespread damage and recovery challenges. In February, OpUSA delivered cash grants to partners on Native American reservations to aid with clean up and recovery.

**The Carolinas**, where Hurricane Florence caused massive devastation. There, we continued to support community partners with cash grants for recovery. In February, we distributed funds to NourishNC, Communities in Schools of Robeson County, and Connections of Cumberland County—bolstering food security, supporting schoolchildren and providing resources for women. In March, we delivered a major grant to Disability Rights North Carolina, helping to improve systemic and individual outcomes for people with disabilities. This year we also continued to see results from our friends at the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, where we provided funding to purchase a new refrigerated truck after Florence struck.



**California**, where another record-breaking wildfire season impacted thousands of families and caused widespread ecological damage. In January, OpUSA delivered hygiene supplies to partners in our local Southern California community for distribution to displaced families. In May, we sent a shipment of clean up and recovery materials to partners in Northern California. In September, we delivered additional cash grants to partners at VOICES/On The Move in Northern California in support of programs aimed at helping vulnerable youths. In November, we worked with Heart to Heart International to deliver water, blankets and hygiene essentials to community partners helping impacted families in Petaluma, Windsor and Healdsburg.



**Florida**, where recovery from Hurricane Michael continues. In 2019 we disbursed funds to our friends at the Harry Chapin Food Bank to further bolster food security for children, families, seniors and veterans in Lee and Collier counties.





# International Highlights 2019

This year, Operation USA also responded to a number of disasters abroad, including:

## Cyclone Idai Response & Recovery in Mozambique

In March, a major cyclone brought catastrophic damage to Mozambique—destroying infrastructure, triggering the outbreak of several deadly diseases, and impacting millions of people. With funds donated by the public, a grant from USA for Africa and material aid support from partners like Hydralyte, OpUSA has since been working on delivering much-needed supplies for ongoing recovery to community partners on the ground.



## Earthquake Recovery in Mexico

OpUSA committed to relief and recovery efforts in Mexico after two major earthquakes caused widespread damage and destruction late in 2017. In 2018—in addition to shipping material aid—we deepened our relationship with educational partner Ninos en Alegria, and with the support of corporate partner Honeywell, we initiated a project in Guerrero state. In June 2019, we broke ground on the reconstruction of a primary school in Zihuatanejo, and we look forward to the school's official opening early in 2020.

## Hurricane Dorian Response & Recovery in The Bahamas

In August, Hurricane Dorian swept the Caribbean, causing catastrophic damage in The Bahamas where it landed as a Category 5 storm. Entire communities were leveled, and recovery from this devastating disaster will take years. OpUSA committed to relief efforts early on, and prepped shipments of hospital equipment, medical supplies, oral rehydration products and other relief materials to the island. In December, thanks to the support of logistical partners, that shipment was received by the Ministry of Health in The Bahamas for distribution in the hardest hit areas of Grand Bahama and Abaco. Relief and recovery in The Bahamas will continue in 2020 and beyond.





## Ongoing Recovery Support

At OpUSA, we're proud of our commitment to partners all over the world—not just in the immediate disaster relief phase, but for years after. Though we don't always distribute supplies or grants to these partners every year, we remain engaged with communities where we've previously provided support in the hope that funding will allow us to do so again. In 2019, we continued conversations with our friends on Native American reservations in the Midwest; in Texas, where Hurricane Harvey struck in 2017; in Puerto Rico and Florida, where Hurricanes Maria and Irma struck in 2017; in Haiti, where we reconstructed a school after the 2010 earthquake; and in the Philippines, where we reconstructed a school after Typhoon Haiyan struck in 2013. Across the country and the world, your donations to OpUSA will continue to have an impact on recovery and resiliency building in all these places.



## The Awesome Girls' 3rd Annual Movie Dating

Since 2017, we've sent our friends at The Awesome Girls in New Orleans out for a special movie day where they get to see a film in/through which people of color are well represented. This year, the girls saw "Little" which stars Issa Rae and Regina Hall, and for which 14-year-old Marsai Martin is the youngest ever person to hold the title of Executive Producer. This year's trip inspired the girls in a number of ways, and according to program directors, has "nurtured a variety of budding artists!"

We're so pleased to be able to continue to provide this meaningful experience for the Awesome Girls.

## Additional 2019 Highlights



## Shipping & Material Aid

As in previous years, 2019 shipments around the world were primarily comprised of medical equipment, hospital supplies and other disaster relief materials such as oral rehydration products, cleaning supplies, personal protective gear, sports uniforms, and more. This year, we're proud to have supported partners in Cambodia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Kenya, Afghanistan and Nicaragua with much-needed material aid.



## Resiliency Building

Too often, disaster-prone communities fall into a continuous cycle of disasters and recovery that never seems to end. After 40 years in the field, we know that strengthening resiliency before a disaster drastically increases a community's ability to recover quickly in its aftermath. That's why we're placing a renewed focus on preparedness and resiliency building in vulnerable communities, and are working to create our "disaster cache" of supplies for rapid deployment at our warehouse in the Port of LA. To learn more, please visit [OpUSA.org/DisasterCache](https://OpUSA.org/DisasterCache).

# BALANCE SHEET

Balance Sheet through June 30th, 2019  
(with complete totals for 2018)

ASSETS	2019	2018
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash	\$1,673,061	\$1,602,226
Accounts Receivable	500	2,000
Inventory	4,560,828	4,217,205
Prepaid Expenses	7,590	7,590
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>6,241,979</b>	<b>5,829,021</b>
<b>Equipment</b>		
Office furniture and equipment	9,717	9,717
Computer equipment	79,533	79,533
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(89,250)	(89,250)
<b>Total Property &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Security Deposits	6,900	6,900
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$6,248,879</b>	<b>\$5,835,921</b>

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## LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$4,165	\$2,593
Other Liabilities	2,323	7,808
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>6,488</b>	<b>10,401</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted	6,242,391	5,825,520
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>6,242,391</b>	<b>5,825,520</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$6,248,879</b>	<b>\$5,835,921</b>



# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Balances For The Year Ended June 30th, 2019  
(with comparative totals for 2018)



SUPPORT & REVENUE	2019	2018
<b>Support</b>		
Contributions – Individuals	\$742,902	\$1,536,201
Contributions – Organizations	974,236	1,377,463
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>1,717,138</b>	<b>2,913,664</b>
<b>In-Kind Donations</b>	<b>912,326</b>	<b>2,198,023</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Interest	1,289	833
Other	1,877	448
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3,166</b>	<b>1,281</b>
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT &amp; REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,632,629</b>	<b>\$5,112,968</b>

## EXPENSES

Program	1,367,429	1,260,647
Administrative	203,549	232,686
Fundraising	76,075	87,157
In-Kind Contributions	568,705	1,950,242
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,215,758</b>	<b>\$3,530,732</b>

Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	416,871	1,582,236
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	5,825,520	4,243,284
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>\$6,242,391</b>	<b>\$5,825,520</b>

Note: These figures and all activities described in this report cover Operation USA's fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

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# 2019

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Massone Mechanical, Inc.

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## Partners

*Operation USA is proud to  
recognize the groups we worked  
with this year.*

Adventist Community  
Service Disaster Response

Agenda For Children

Alliance for Multicultural  
Community Services

Awesome Girls Mentoring  
Program

Blue Ribbon Commission on  
the Prevention of Youth  
Violence

Caritas

Communities In Schools of  
Houston, Inc.

Communities In Schools of  
Robeson County

Communities In Schools  
Southeast Texas

Communities In Schools  
Cape Fear

Comite Salvadoreno El Piche

Connections of Cumberland  
County

Corazon Healdsburg

Disability Rights North  
Carolina

Disability Rights Texas

Food Bank of Albermarle

Food Bank of Central and  
Eastern North Carolina

Food For The Poor

Friends of Orphans

Ecole Nationale Jacob Martin  
Henriquez

El Piche

El Salvador Foundation

Global Mobility

Good Shepherd Center

Harvest Hope Food Bank

Harry Chapin Food Bank of  
Southwest Florida

Homeless Health Care Los  
Angeles

Honeywell Hometown  
Solutions

John XV

Livingstone Medical Missions



Lutheran Social Services	NourishNC	Social Advocates for Youth
Magalia Pine Baptist Church	Nuestra Comunidad	Southeast Texas Food Bank
Manuel P. Manahan Foundation	Onslow Community Outreach	The Giving Exchange
Ministry of Health, Bahamas	On The Move	Tokala Inajinyo Suicide Prevention Program
Ministry of Tourism, Cambodia	One World Children Fund	Union De Guatemala Cosemigrant
Mission of Vision Ministries	Oyate Teca	Universal Community Health Center
Ngoles Honeywell Elementary School	San Pedro Packages for Patriots	Universal Health Foundation
Ninos En Alegria	Servicios De Salud De Morelos	
North Carolina Baptist	Sicangu Youth Council	



## Special Thanks

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Randall Buie	Shivam Jeram	Carlyn Moreno
James Carroll	Bob Johnson	Jonathan Moskow
Vishal Chintawar	Barbara Jones	Barry Mottier
Austin Chittaphong	Darin Jones	Netflix's "On My Block"
Donovan Daughtry	George Kim	Andrew Painter
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Foothills Brewing Company	Anna Kolber	Seal Beach Cleaners
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	Donna Madden	Carol Wilcox
		Peter Zelenski



## *Our Mission*

Operation USA supports health and education programs in order to help children and families at home and abroad recover from disasters and endemic poverty.

## *Our Commitment to Humanitarian Aid*

Every day, we strive to meet the needs of under-served and overlooked populations. Working with partners around the world, we empower communities to recover, build resiliency and thrive in the face of pervasive obstacles during a time of unprecedented global need.

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