



2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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Dear Friends,

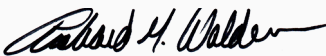
I'm pleased to report that despite both new and ongoing challenges, Operation USA—with your generous support—accomplished a great deal in 2021.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact lives and livelihoods throughout the year, we proudly continued supporting our local Southern California community with face masks, hand sanitizer and other health and safety supplies. Though access to vaccines has expanded significantly, COVID-19 continues to impact vulnerable communities locally and worldwide. Your ongoing support enables us to play an important role in protecting those who need it most—here at home and elsewhere. We thank you. OpUSA will remain committed to supporting community-based partners combating the lasting effects of the pandemic for as long as funding and supplies allow.

In 2021, we also once again saw the impact of ever-worsening natural disasters. Globally, OpUSA responded to earthquakes in already-vulnerable Haiti, and shipped supplies to partners across Central America. Domestically, we responded to winter storms in Texas, hurricanes in Louisiana, and deadly storms, tornadoes and flooding in the Midwest; shipped material aid to partners in Northern California grappling with devastating wildfires and drought; and, made grants to Native American youths and young women in The Awesome Girls Program in New Orleans. We also reaffirmed our commitment to advancing racial equality within our organization—marking Juneteenth as an official paid holiday for the first time this year.

As we forge ahead into 2022, and cope with Ukraine's needs, we'll remain committed to serving our country and the world's too often overlooked and under-served community-based organizations. After 43 years in the field, we know all too well how vast global needs are, and just how meaningful grants, in-kind materials and long-term recovery support efforts are to our partners. Your support plays a vital role in empowering those partners to succeed. It's donors like you who are truly the fuel in our "little ship," helping us get aid where it's needed most. I invite you to visit us online at opusa.org to see just how your dollars are making a difference. We can't do this work without you.

Thank you for your continued investment in our work.



Richard Walden
President & CEO



Michael Mahdesian
Board Chair

2021

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

HAITI EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE & RECOVERY

On August 14th, a magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck Haiti. More than 2,200 people were killed, more than 12,000 were injured, and upwards of 450,000 people were impacted. The earthquake and its aftershocks caused significant destruction in the country, which has already suffered so much and where communities were already extremely vulnerable due to recurring disasters, violence, poverty and lack of resources. Fortunately, the school in Jacmel which OpUSA helped to reconstruct after the 2010 earthquake suffered minimal damage, enabling us to focus our relief efforts elsewhere, where damage was severe.

In August, we sent a \$15,000 grant to Fondation L'Atletique D'Haiti (FLADH) in support of families in the hard-hit areas of Jeremie and Les Cayes—bolstering access to food, water and other emergency supplies. In October, we sent another \$15,000 to FLADH in support of families in Aquin, where many students and teachers lost their homes and crops and were without stable access to clean drinking water and food. That funding bolstered efforts including food delivery, the planting of new trees and emergency repairs—especially at the school where children were attending classes outdoors due to safety concerns with their school building. OpUSA is so pleased to continue supporting FLADH and the people of Haiti with vital support, thanks in large part to the generosity of our donors.

MATERIAL AID SHIPMENTS TO CENTRAL AMERICA

OpUSA has worked in Central America for 40 years, and is proud to continue supporting partners there—especially in 2021 as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic created more challenges for already-vulnerable communities. This year, we sent several shipments of material aid—including face masks and PPE, medical supplies, health and safety tools, clothing and shoes, sports uniforms, toys, and oral rehydration product generously donated by Hydralyte—to partners in El Salvador and Honduras. We're so pleased to be able to provide this meaningful aid where it's needed most.







2021 **DOMESTIC PROGRAMS**

NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS

OpUSA is proud to serve partners on Native American reservations in South Dakota with ongoing project support. This year, we made two additional grants to Oyate Teca, on the Pine Ridge Reservation, in support of their youth gardening program. We're pleased to support such a worthy program, which provides young people with important skills while also increasing access to nutritious food sources for those residing on Pine Ridge.

THE AWESOME GIRLS

Operation USA has supported The Awesome Girls in New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina devastated the area in 2005. More than 17 years later, we're proud to continue providing The Awesome Girls with funding in support of young women learning to thrive in the face of adversity. In 2021, we once again provided a general services grant—made possible by you, our donors—to The Awesome Girls in support of their many life-affirming, skill-building and educational programs.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE & DROUGHT RELIEF

With each passing year, California's wildfire season grows increasingly destructive and deadly. This year, OpUSA reaffirmed our commitment to partner Corazon, based in Healdsburg, with the shipment of essential supplies in support of ongoing wildfire relief and recovery. In July, we sent a large shipment of face masks and hand sanitizer to help protect displaced families. In August, we sent air purifiers and an additional 15,000 masks. In November, we deployed a major donation of fire kits—backpacks containing basic essentials, hygiene supplies and activities for kids—for distribution to displaced families. We're so pleased to provide ongoing support to our northern neighbors as they work to rebuild lives and livelihoods and better prepare for future wildfires.



WINTER STORM RECOVERY IN TEXAS

In February, severe winter storms swept the U.S. In Texas, heavy snowfall and widespread power outages created chaos for families unfamiliar with and unprepared to handle frigid temperatures and icy conditions. Many families became trapped in their homes—grappling with how to manage frozen pipes, lack of warm clothes and other supplies, and lack of available community resources and shelter sites due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. OpUSA is pleased to have shipped a truckload of bottled water to the Houston Food Bank to aid in relief and recovery.

SEVERE STORM RECOVERY IN THE MIDWEST

In December, a series of major tornadoes and storms, and subsequent flooding wreaked havoc in the Midwest, as freezing winter temperatures exacerbated conditions and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic created additional challenges. OpUSA quickly committed to sending relief, and targeted our efforts in Kentucky, where damage was greatest. With the support of longtime partner Honeywell, we helped coordinate a delivery of safety gloves and boots to first responder groups aiding in clean up in Mayfield, Kentucky. Later, we delivered a grant to the Appalachia Service Project in support of rebuilding efforts. We'll continue to support community-based partners in Kentucky and the Midwest as much as supplies and funding allow.

HOMELESS HEALTH CARE LOS ANGELES HOLIDAY DRIVE

Once again, Operation USA supported Homeless Health Care Los Angeles with holiday toys and gifts for children and teens in December. Thanks to a generous grant from the Mahdesian Family and Servicon, we were able to provide an abundance of gifts to more than 280 families in the Greater LA area who might not otherwise have items for their little ones and teens to open during the holidays. We're so pleased to continue supporting this wonderful community organization—and the families they serve—with holiday cheer. We're grateful to all those who make these efforts possible.



ONGOING
COVID-19
RESPONSE &
RECOVERY

2021





In 2021, Operation USA remained committed to supporting COVID-19 relief and recovery efforts across Southern California and globally as part of our natural disaster response. With the pandemic limiting access to safe shelter sites and disrupting resources and services for those impacted by major disasters, providing PPE and other mitigation supplies became a crucial part of all disaster response efforts.

Throughout the year, we continued to distribute PPE to partners in California, providing masks and other supplies to:

Amity Foundation

Meals on Wheels Santa Monica

Casa de Migrante

Mission of Vision

Corazón Healdsburg

North Valley Caring Services

Culver City Schools

Northeast Community Clinic

El Piche Foundation

Power of One

El Protyecto Del Barrio

Second Harvest Food Bank

El Salvador Foundation

Skid Row Housing Trust

*Frank D. Lanterman
Regional Center*

Sol-Del Vale Community Center

Gang Alternative Program

*Takola Inajinyo
Suicide Prevention*

Homeless Health Care LA

United Farm Workers

ILWU

Universal Health Foundation

LA WORKS

World Harvest Food Bank

As vaccines are now widely available and access continues to expand to children and harder-to-reach population groups, we are cautiously optimistic that the worst of the pandemic is now behind us—though we do expect COVID-19 to become endemic. No matter what happens in the year ahead, Operation USA will remain firmly committed to doing our part in helping to stop the spread and mitigate the impact of COVID-19 through the continued distribution of masks and other PPE initiatives.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

through June 30, 2021

	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTION	WITH DONOR RESTRICTION	TOTAL
ASSETS			
<i>Current Assets</i>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	850,827	818,988	1,669,815
Inventory	4,403,559	691,243	5,094,802
Total Current Assets	5,254,386	1,510,231	6,764,617
Other Assets	6,900	-	6,900
TOTAL ASSETS	5,261,286	1,510,231	6,771,517
LIABILITIES			
<i>Current Liabilities</i>			
Accounts Payable	19,019	-	19,019
Accrued Expenses	8,376	-	8,376
Total Current Liabilities	27,395	-	27,395
TOTAL LIABILITIES	27,395	-	27,395
NET ASSETS			
Without Donor Restrictions	5,233,891	-	5,233,891
With Donor Restrictions	-	1,510,231	1,510,231
Total Net Assets	5,233,891	1,510,321	6,744,122
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	5,261,286	1,510,231	6,771,517

A complete audited financial statement is available upon request.
Operation USA is d.b.a of Operation California, Inc.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

for the year ended June 30, 2021

	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTION	WITH DONOR RESTRICTION	TOTAL
SUPPORT & REVENUES			
<i>Support</i>			
Contributions	579,251	582,130	1,161,381
Grants	75,700	-	75,700
In-Kind Donations	360,000	4,508,097	4,868,097
<i>Total Support</i>	1,014,951	5,090,227	6,105,178
<i>Investment Return</i>	827	-	827
<i>Net Assets released from Donor Restriction</i>			
Satisfaction of program restrictions	4,930,191	(4,930,191)	-
<i>Total Net Assets released from Donor Restriction</i>	4,930,191	(4,930,191)	-
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUES	5,945,969	160,036	6,106,005
OPERATING EXPENSES			
<i>Program Services</i>			
Philanthropy	5,885,606	-	5,885,606
<i>Supporting Services</i>			
Management & General	175,774	-	175,774
Fund Raising	88,599	-	88,599
<i>Total Supporting Services</i>	264,373	-	264,373
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,149,979	-	6,149,979
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(204,010)	160,036	(43,974)
NET ASSETS, Start of Year	5,437,901	1,350,195	6,788,096
NET ASSETS, End of Year	5,233,891	1,510,231	6,744,122

NOTE: These figures and all activities included in this statement cover Operation USA's fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Please visit opusa.org/financials-annual-reports for a full copy of our audited financials and Form 990.

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Director, Programs

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Financial Services Associate

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2021 MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS

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Barbara & Chris Catlin

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Janet & Ricardo Weinstein

CORPORATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & FOUNDATIONS

American Endowment
Foundation

Amity Foundation

Baxter & Woodman Cares
NFP

California Community
Foundation

California Endowment

Causora LLC

COPE Preparedness

2021 MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS

The Eleanor Crook
Foundation

El Salvador Foundation

Global Impact Innovations

The Heritage School

Honeywell International, Inc.

Hydralyte

Ina Kay Foundation

Kaiser Permanente Harbor
City

Kaiser Permanente Health
Services

Kaiser Permanente Medical
Center

KarmaKarma

LPL Financial

McMaster Carr Supply
Company

MTJR Inc.

Northern Trust Charitable
Giving Program at the
Chicago Community
Foundation

One Voice Charitable Fund

Pearlman Geller Family
Foundation

Pelican Products, Inc.

Servicon

Teichert Foundation

USA for Africa

The Wells Group

WWC Global LLC

PARTNERS

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

Amity Foundation

Awesome Girls Mentoring
Program

Casa de Migrante

Comité Salvadoreño El
Piche

Corazón Healdsburg

Culver City School District

EL Proyecto Del Barrio

El Salvador Foundation

Fondation L'athletique D'Haiti

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Skid Row Housing Trust

Sol-Del Vale Community
Center

Takola Inajinyo Suicide
Prevention

United Farm Workers Salinas

Universal Health Foundation

World Harvest Food Bank

SPECIAL THANKS

Amazon Smile Foundation

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Benevity Community Impact
Fund

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William Clark

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Kenneth Dudley

Fidelity Charitable

Martha Fonseca

Lori Gacioch

LA Mayor Eric Garcetti



***THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
CONTINUED
SUPPORT!***

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Shawn McGinnis

Emi Morell

Network for Good

Le Phuoc Thang Nguyen

Panorama Global Impact
Fund

PayPal Charitable Giving
Fund

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Schwab Charitable

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Marti Skold-Jordan

Joseph Sullivan

Sanjay Srinivasan

Pavana Tiriveedhi

Quoc Tran

Kyle Travis

Tamera Tyler

Vanguard Charitable

Richard VanSant

United Airlines

UPS

YourCause, LLC

Pete 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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