



**WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF™**

Serving the Sick and Poor Locally, Nationally,  
and Internationally since 1953

# ANNUAL REPORT

## WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF, INC.

### 2018

World Medical Relief, Inc., established in 1953, is a private not-for-profit organization. The agency operates exclusively for charitable purposes, helping the poor, sick, and elderly on a local, national, and international basis. Its mission has been--and will continue to be--to turn the excess and waste of our society into the miracles of mercy by collecting and distributing medical supplies, medicines, and recycled medical equipment for the betterment of mankind. The mission is accomplished through a variety of programs, services, and volunteer opportunities.

In 2018, World Medical Relief officially opened the Marion and Sheldon Davis Pacemaker Reconditioning Center with a well-attended reception. Later on in the year, more rooms were added to facilitate the large number of volunteers that come to sort the incoming pacemakers.

The Center was made possible by a generous gift from Sheldon & Marion Davis in addition to other grants and private donations. Project My Heart Your Heart, in partnership with World Medical Relief, developed the innovative pacemaker reuse project to make refurbished lifesaving equipment available to low-income patients in need in underdeveloped countries.

Each year, over one million people around the world die due to a life-threatening slow heart rhythm and the lack of resources to get a pacemaker or an implantable defibrillator (ICD). Under the leadership of Kim Eagle MD, Director of the University of Michigan's Samuel and Jean Frankel Cardiovascular Center and Thomas Crawford MD, cardiac electro physiologist at Michigan Medicine Cardiology, all aspects of pacemaker reuse were scientifically researched and approved by the FDA for export and use outside of the United States. World Medical Relief now houses the Sheldon & Marion Davis Pacemaker Center, the world's only pacemaker reconditioning center where thousands of devices arrive from across the country and are refurbished for future reuse.

"Through our national partnership with Implant Recycling, we have already received nearly 30,000 pacemakers from around the country," commented Dr. Kim Eagle, founder of Project My Heart Your Heart. "Thanks to the work of Dr. Crawford, we have developed an international partnership with the Pan African Cardiac Society that trains African pacemaker implanters in South Africa who then go home to their native countries and perform these procedures – potentially saving countless lives!"

Project My Heart Your Heart, initially under the project lead of Timir Baman, MD, was developed after more than nine years of working closely with infectious disease experts, legal experts, ethical experts, health systems, engineers, pacemaker manufacturers, funeral homes and crematories. Key project partners include World Medical Relief, Dr. Kim Eagle, University of Michigan Frankel Cardiovascular

Center, Dr. Thomas Crawford University of Michigan Frankel Cardiovascular Center, Implant Recycling (Sterling Heights, MI), NEScientific (Waterbury, CT), and Michigan Clinical Outcomes Research and Reporting Program (MCCORRP) at the University of Michigan.

Charity Navigator awarded World Medical Relief again with a 4-star rating. This is the highest rating possible and speaks to the efficiency and financial accountability and transparency of World Medical Relief. Less than 1% of the program expenses are spent on management and fundraising.

The demand for blankets for the local homeless shelters and other community organizations that collaborate with World Medical Relief to distribute the blankets to those who need them was high. A record number – over 17,000 blankets – were distributed.

### *Program statistics for 2018*

#### **INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

**The International Missions and Shipment Program** distributes medicine, medical and surgical equipment, and medical supplies to people living in developing nations. In 2018, the program shipped 70 forty-foot containers to many countries including (but not limited to) Senegal, Philippines, Israel, Lebanon, Uganda, Nigeria, Yemen, Malawi, Tanzania, Jordan, Sudan, Haiti, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Kenya, Iraq and Dominican Republic. Eleven mission teams were given medical supplies and the value of the shipments was \$30,842,895.

World Medical Relief is grateful for the partnerships with the following organizations to make the international humanitarian shipments possible:

- United Medical Relief
- Life for Relief and Development
- Hope on a Hinge
- Pure Hands
- Children of God Relief Institute
- Madonna University
- One World Medical Mission
- WE Village (Canada)
- Foundation 221
- Southeast Michigan Synod ELCA

The weight of the donated items was just shy of 1,000,000 pounds. It is to be noted that these items were donated to World Medical Relief and would more than likely end up in landfill had they not come to us.

## LOCAL PROGRAMS

The Affordable Prescription Program, which was started in 1966 as a senior prescription program, is available to persons 18 and older in Michigan who have a low-income and are uninsured or underinsured. World Medical Relief's licensed pharmacy fills prescriptions and then either mails them or the clients pick them up for a flat fee of \$8.30 per prescription. The program is especially helpful to those who need to be on certain medications for the long term like blood pressure and cholesterol medicines. In 2018, 8,292 prescriptions were filled with a total value of \$1,909,638.

Durable Medical Equipment is available at a small handling fee for persons without means to pay full price for items such as a hospital bed, wheelchair, shower chair, walker, commode, transfer bench. All are expensive items which are usually needed following an emergency i.e. fall, accident, etc. A referral is required from a licensed physician, nurse or social worker. Last year 290 pieces of durable medical equipment were distributed serving 222 people with a value of \$23,271.

The local shipping program provides basic medical supplies which can be obtained with a prescription for a small fee. Such items as dressing supplies, ace bandages, disposable wipes, gloves are available. World Medical Relief also offers a variety of ostomy supplies and liquid nutrition.

This program also distributes twin and baby blankets to shelters and agencies assisting families as well as personal hygiene kits offering warmth and personal care to those in need. Funds are solicited from the public, corporations and foundations for the purchase of blankets and the items for the hygiene kits which consist of a bath towel, wash cloth, small shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, and bar of soap.

Other local services include the availability of adult briefs, pull-ups, and bed pads at discounted prices. 182 people were served. The value of the supplies is \$20,979.

The local shipping program served 22,622 people in 2018 and was valued \$197,302.

The local programs were supported by the following foundations:

- Ford Motor Company Fund
- FCA Foundation
- Carl's Foundation
- The Francis P. and Nell A. Rhoades Foundation
- Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation

Furthermore, World Medical Relief appreciates the federal funding through the City of Detroit in support of the Affordable Prescription Program assisting Detroit residents with prescription medications.

World Medical Relief is also very grateful for the grant of the First Foundation of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham for roof repair.

The distribution of the blanket and hygiene kit program for the Metro Detroit homeless and very low-income people was made possible by the following community partners:

- BDM Office of Outreach
- Bethel Baptist Church, East
- Blessed Hope
- Bread of Life (Faith Christian Church)
- Cass Community Social Services
- Catholic Social Services Washtenaw County Offender program
- Central United Methodist-Noah Pro
- Choices-A Hunger for Change
- Christ the King-Sidewalk Minis.
- Christian Brothers Ministries
- Christian Family Services
- CL. Branch Learning Center
- Comm. Christ. Fellowship-Higher Ground
- Covenant Community Care
- Crosspoint Care, Crosspoint Church
- Crossroads of MI
- Day House
- Detroit Rescue Miss.
- Elmhurst Home
- Family Victory Fellowship
- Franklin Wright-Fam. Warming Center
- Freedom MBC - Outreach
- Fresh Start Ministry
- Front Line Christian Church
- Greater Grace Temple
- Greater Philadelphia Tabernacle COFIC
- Friendship Baptist Church
- God's Peace Ministry
- Harp of God Ministry, Inc.
- Hazel Park School District Junior and High School
- H.O.P.E. Helping Operations for People Empowerment
- J & E Community Relief
- Kimberly's Helping Hands
- Living Bread Ministries
- Love Outreach
- Mariner's Inn
- Mercy Primary Care
- MI Dept. Health & Human Services
- MI Veterans Foundation

- Most Holy Trinity
- Mother of Divine Mercy/Sweetest Ht. of Mary
- Mt. Nebo MB Church
- Naomi's Nest
- Nazarine Miss. Baptist Church
- New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
- New Liberty Apos. Ch.
- New Life Rescue Miss
- New Mt. Carmel Tabernacle Church
- New Mt. Olive Prim. Bapt. Ch.
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- Southwest Housing Solutions
- St. Anthony - Henry Kurczewski
- St. John Community Center
- Willis Temple COG

#### ***VOLUNTEER PROGRAM***

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Volunteers truly are the backbone of World Medical Relief. People from all walks of life give unselfishly to advance the agency's programs. In 2018, 2,950 volunteers assisted with the sorting of medical supplies, medicines and clerical work, donating 19,857 hours of their time.

The following organizations participated in support of the mission:

- Alpha Phi Omega
- Alpha Phi Omega-APOCLAA
- Authority Health
- Baker College of Clinton TWP of Nursing
- Beaumont Hospital

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- Beaumont Hospital (Trenton)
- Behavioral Health Professional
- Bethel United Church of Christ
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- Bichitra Inc.(Ford)
- Bionic Bots Robotic Group
- Building Bridges of Hope
- Calvary Lutheran Church
- Chrysler Corp/FCA
- Chrysler/FCA
- Detroit Medical Center/DMC
- Detroit Mercy University
- Divine Child Catholic H.S.
- DTE Energy
- Eastern University
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church
- First United Methodist Church/Troy
- Ford Motor Company
- Fordson High School
- First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak
- FTC-Novl Middle School
- Great Lakes Comm. Corps Officer
- Health Alliance Plan
- Henry Ford Hospital
- Jewish Vocational Service
- Judson Center
- Kings of Kings Lutheran Church
- Kiwanis
- Korean Presbyterian (KPCMD)
- Lambda Theta Phi (ADE PHI)
- Lawrence Technological University
- Lear Corporation
- Livingston Rotary
- Macomb Community College
- MCORRP- University of Michigan
- Metropolitan United Methodist Churches
- M-Heal
- Michigan State University
- Missionary Baptist Church
- Mongolian Cultural Org (MCO)

- New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
- Nexcess.net LLC
- North American Bank Card
- Northbrook Presbyterian Church
- Northridge Church
- Oakland University (OUWB)
- PEACUSA
- Philippine Nurses Assoc. MI (PNAM)
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Philippine Nurses Assoc. Mi(PNAM)
- Plymouth Canton Educational Park (PCEP)
- Prospect District Youth Department
- Public Allies
- Public allies Metro Detroit
- Quicken Loans
- Ralph Bunch Summer Institute
- Returned Peace Corps Volunteer
- Rho Kappa
- Rotary
- South University
- South University
- Southfield Alpha Esquires
- Southfield Christian School
- Southfield Young Professionals
- St Clare of Montefalco (ft)
- St John's Armenian Church
- St Mary's Preparatory-OLSM
- University of Michigan - Global Brigades
- University of Michigan - Circle K
- United 2 Heal - University of Michigan
- University of Michigan
- University of Detroit Mercy College
- Waverly High School
- Wayne State University
- Wayne State University Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy
- Wayne State School of Medicine
- Women in Deed
- Zion Christian Church

Managing the day to day operations is President and CEO George V. Samson, PhD who has been at the helm since 2009. He began with the organization in 1991. A volunteer Board of Directors oversees the agency while an advisory board provides additional assistance.

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