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Earthquake and Tsunami in Indonesia
Following an earthquake and subsequent tsunami on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi, BBF partnered with members of the Indonesian Community in Pittsburgh to form its response. With the help of these knowledgeable individuals, with direct connections and strong ties to the affected area, BBF can ensure that its response is both efficient and effective.

Medic professionals and Indonesian student associations at multiple universities in the Pittsburgh area are also providing communication support to organizations on the ground. Potential partners including local disaster response NGOs and a local hospital on the island of Sulawesi have been contacted with offers of support. Members of the Indonesian Young Health Professionals’ Society are generously sharing updates from the field.

Hurricanes Florence and Michael
In the wake of hurricanes Florence and Michael, BBF continued working with reliable partners including Gleaning For The World. BBF prepared two truckloads of relief supplies in anticipation and awaited destination instructions as the damage was assessed.

After Hurricane Florence passed, additional aid was arranged. BBF funded a truckload of food to be transferred from Philabundance in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina in Raleigh. In addition, BBF funded a donation from Riverbend Foods in Pittsburgh to the Lowcountry Food Bank in Charleston, South Carolina and provided a $25,000 cash grant to assist with its distribution efforts.

Once Hurricane Michael came and passed, BBF continued its hurricane relief with an additional five tractor-trailer load transfers sent directly from Riverbend Foods in Pittsburgh to the America’s Second Harvest of the Big Bend food bank in Tallahassee, Florida. BBF Board Chair Phil Jones, pictured below, verified the arrival of the food donation in Tallahassee.

BBF’s Ongoing Disaster Response From Maria to Michael
Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico
On Thursday, August 30th, 2018, Brother’s Brother Foundation sent the latest container of relief supplies in its ongoing support for Puerto Rico. The shipment, filled with medical supplies and vital equipment such as operating tables, birthing tables and stretchers was a dedicated donation for the San Carlos Borromeo Hospital in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. Thus far, BBF has sent nearly 90 container-loads of relief to Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria in the fall of 2017. These containers included, among other things, food, water, cleaning supplies, toiletries, school supplies and 1.2 million pounds of medical supplies. These shipments have been distributed to more than twenty hospitals.

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**President’s Report**

by Luke Hingson

In early October, we bid a very happy retirement to BBF’s Vice President of Finance, Bill Davis, who put smiles on our faces and kept our numbers in line for more than 20 years. We wish him all the best.

In the first ten months of 2018, product contributions totaled $74,116,532 and product shipments totaled $46,315,028. Direct shipments and medical mission trip support went to people in need in 67 countries. Disaster relief efforts have expanded to include areas affected by Hurricanes Florence and Michael. We are very excited about strengthened relationships with food banks, giving BBF another method to support domestic relief efforts. In the first eight months of the year, the BBF Medical Program sent 82 containers of assistance to countries in need while BBF’s Education Program sent 19 container equivalents.

Retired BBF Vice President of Finance Bill Davis

**IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions**

As we approach the year’s end, the deadline for making tax-free contributions from IRAs to nonprofits draws near. Retirement accounts require annual withdrawals after the age of 70½. Skipping the required minimum distribution incurs a 50% penalty, but by donating money directly from your IRA to a qualifying charity, you can avoid income tax on those mandatory withdrawals.

**Benefits of an IRA Charitable Rollover**

Avoid paying taxes on IRA withdrawal when gifted directly to a registered nonprofit.

Satisfy required minimum distribution (RMD) without increasing income taxes for the donor.

**Requirements for an IRA Charitable Rollover**

Donor must be at least age 70½ at the time of distribution.

Maximum distribution is $100,000 total each year, per individual. A donor must make the gift by December 31st to receive the tax benefits in that particular calendar year.

Distributions must be made directly from the IRA to the nonprofit.

While other tax-deferred retirement plans, such as a 401(k) or 403(b), do not qualify, one may be able to roll such a plan into an IRA and then make a charitable rollover gift.

**How Donors Can Make a Gift?**

Contact their IRA plan administrator for their specific transmittal form.

On the form, specify the amount to be transferred to the nonprofit.

Include the nonprofit’s tax ID number. (BBF’s is 34-6562544)

**Volunteers Needed!**

Volunteers play a critical role in sending donations BBF receives to those in need. Volunteers are always welcome to help sort and organize medical supplies. BBF seeks to ensure that sent items are of the highest quality and most needed. This is where you can help! Individuals, corporations and community groups are all encouraged to volunteer.

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**BBF Board in Action**

Charles Stout will soon be traveling to Mulanje, Malawi with Mission Vision to perform eye screenings and provide eyeglasses at several sites in the region. He will also be meeting with the Blantyre Synod and Mulanje Mission School to deepen existing BBF partnerships.

At the time of this newsletter’s publication, Dr. Graham Johnstone was on his annual visit to Galmi Hospital in Galmi, Niger. While there, he will spend several weeks performing orthopedic and trauma surgeries as well as training local physicians to do similar work. BBF provides many of the surgical instruments that Dr. Johnstone carries with him to the hospital each year.

BBF Director of Humanitarian Aid and Program Evaluation Neil waller and former BBF Board Chair Charles Stout holding a box of eyeglasses that Dr. Stout will be taking to Malawi on an upcoming trip.
North Carolina-based medical mission team Carolina Honduras Health Foundation reported on its recent trip to Francia, LaCeiba, Limon and Plan de Flores. The team provided medical and vision care to more than 450 patients over the course of a week with the help of 36 pounds of medical supplies and 120 bottles of medication donated by BBF. In particular, the team noted that due to the poor air conditions due to dusty roads, open fires and burning trash many of the younger children suffered from asthma and lung congestion. Fortunately, BBF’s contribution included nebulizer supplies, items frequently included in donations from individuals, which helped many of these afflicted children.

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Illinois-based One Family Mission recently returned from a medical mission trip to Haiti. Over the course of a week, the team opened temporary clinics in Baugé, Croix des Bouquets and Maïessade, providing medical care to more than 600 patients with the help of medication provided by BBF. The team reported that two of these clinics were in particularly under-served communities.

Pennsylvania-based medical mission team, Safe Water for Sierra Leone, recently reported that on its latest trip, the team provided medical care and health education to more than 1,000 patients. BBF provided 178 pounds of medical supplies that the team put to use in Makab, Port Loko Town and Wilberforce.

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BBF Twenty-First Century Expansion - Part One

Among the many BBF developments in the twenty-first century, the Foundation found its new home. Following Dr. Hingson’s retirement, the BBF office was in a cramped renovated building on Pittsburgh’s North Side with a warehouse nearby. The Foundation had few employees and no computers. There was no inventory system, little organization and the warehouse only had one pallet jack by way of equipment. In 2001, Brother’s Brother purchased a large building on Galveston Avenue not too far from the old location with 23,000 square feet of floor space and high ceilings for the stacking of donations. Several years later, the Foundation acquired another warehouse—commonly known as the Behan Building—of 14,000 square feet a block from its Galveston base.

Meanwhile, the Foundation found solid financial footing—steadily increasing its profile, in particular with its ability to respond to a new disaster. This process began with the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami disaster. It continued with Hurricane Katrina (2005); the earthquakes in Pakistan (2005), Haiti (2010), Japan (2011) and Nepal (2015); the West African Ebola outbreak (2013-2016); Hurricane Matthew (2016); and the three hurricanes of 2017—Harvey, Irma and Maria.

This was accompanied by a steady increase in the early 2000s of the Foundation’s support for mission trips—dedicated forays by medical teams to South America, Asia and Africa to give specialized health assistance, often for a week at a time. BBF supports these missions with pharmaceuticals, surgical instruments and medical supplies without a service fee. The doctors, pharmacists, nurses and other health practitioners—who pay their own way into a country—in turn are able to pack a suitcase full of drugs and get through customs using their medical licenses. In the past decade BBF’s support of mission trips expanded more than tenfold from a mere 33 in 2005 to 382 in 2017. BBF’s new home, steady response to disasters, and its mission trip program laid the foundation for many other recent developments and many more aspirations.

Combined Federal Campaign

BBF’s new Combined Federal Campaign number is 12228

Brother’s Brother Foundation is pleased to report that financial support from federal employees continues. Many thanks to both our new and renewing CFC donors. BBF is a member of Charity Without Borders, America’s federation of emergency relief, development and humanitarian outreach charities. Look for BBF in the fall 2018 campaign brochure. For donors who are not government employees, please remember that some employers match individual donations. Ask about your employer’s matching gifts program. This is a great way to give to BBF. Thank you!

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