



BROTHER'S BROTHER FOUNDATION

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BBF RESPONDS TO PUERTO RICO EARTHQUAKES

In response to the ongoing earthquakes in Puerto Rico, Brother's Brother Foundation (BBF) is sending assistance. The 5.8 and 6.4 magnitude earthquakes that hit Puerto Rico on January 6th and 7th, as well as the ongoing tremors, have deeply affected communities already struggling with compromised infrastructure since Hurricane Maria. BBF has worked with local partners in Puerto Rico since the 2017 Hurricanes Irma and Maria. In coordination with its partners, including Puerto Rico Rises (PRR) and Ponce Medical School Foundation, BBF is supporting communities affected by the earthquakes with emergency supplies and resources. Damaged infrastructure has left thousands of Puerto Ricans homeless and in need of immediate assistance. PRR has activated volunteer teams to assist in providing food, water, and supplies with support from BBF.

Shipments of donated disaster and medical supplies are being planned to be sent from BBF warehouses in Pittsburgh and partner agency locations. All funds received for this disaster relief effort will be used for emergency supplies, transportation, and other assistance to affected areas. Additional needs assessments are currently underway across the region, and BBF will remain in constant communication with its on-ground partners.

This response is in addition to BBF's continued efforts in Puerto Rico, including:

- Partnering with BBF Ponce Medical Foundation are partnering on a third solar energy project in Puerto Rico. The recently undertaken solar project will provide solar power for a health clinic in Lajas.
- Sending BBF staff member Javier Janik to Puerto Rico for the period January 20-25. His trip included a community rebuild day, partnering with AESARA Foundation in Loiza, as well as site visits across the island to meet with partners and assess needs.



VIRGINIA HOSPITAL CENTER MEDICAL BRIGADE AND GINA PEARLMAN IN HONDURAS

From November 2nd to the 9th, the Virginia Hospital Center Medical Brigade traveled to Comayagua, Honduras. This team of 82 committed volunteers provided numerous services including eye care, rehabilitation services, public health education, and surgeries. This trip was joined by Gina Pearlman, who handles BBF's med-surg program.



Over the course of this trip, the team provided:

Surgical care

- *Services that require an operating room, anesthesia, and post-anesthesia care units.*
- 166 procedures with no reports of complications or adverse outcomes.

Rehabilitation

- *Physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy.*
- The team visited four clinics, providing 20 educational sessions for physical therapists.
- Rehabilitation consultation for 315 patients.
- The donation of 15 wheelchairs, 35 walkers, 10 rollators, 10 cars seats, 50 canes, 15 pairs of crutches, and one Nu-step bike.



Eye Care

- 2,880 patients assessed.
- 3,100 pairs of eyeglasses and 1,800 pairs of sunglasses distributed.
- More than 800 baseball caps that serve as sun protection distributed.

Public Health

- More than 3,000 toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste tubes to patients waiting for eye care.
- Diabetic education with a focus on diet and prevention of complications including foot care; provided lotion and mirrors to inspect feet.

The team also provided ancillary services. To assist with dietary concerns, five volunteers provided two meals a day for five days. They also prepared lunch items for teams. This did not include multiple guests during the week. When providing warehouse assistance, two medical brigade members and local volunteer drivers kept all teams supplied with equipment and kept track of inventory. In regards to lending biomedical engineering expertise, the team brought in two volunteers from the United States and two Honduran volunteers including the director of a biomedical school.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Ozzy Samad

The highlight of our new year was a celebration of Luke Hingson's career and indeed, life of service, after the January Board meeting! I'm sure we all agree that whether during his storied auspicious career or in retirement as Chairman Emeritus, there is no one who personifies Brother's Brother Foundation more than Luke. His legacy will remain unmatched and serves as a fitting tribute to his father and BBF founder, Dr. Robert Hingson, and his mother, Mrs. Gussy Hingson, who pioneered BBF's Education program. Luke's heartfelt remarks during the evening and reminder to keep working to honor the goals and inspirations of BBF's founders were well received.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW:

2019 was a year of change, achievements and challenges for BBF from a management, structural and industry perspective. With invaluable leadership and guidance from the Board, the organization successfully implemented a seamless transition process, strengthened its management team, unveiled a new website, and restructured operations for greater efficiency and cost savings. Structurally, our programs were formalized under the sustainable development umbrella in the areas of Healthcare, Infrastructure, Disaster Response and Education. Management continues to analyze all BBF operations. Our goal is to successfully position BBF to grow and prosper in a changing market environment.

THE YEAR AHEAD:

Brother's Brother is looking at each of our programmatic areas to build on our strengths and seek out new opportunities. As the needs of the global community change, we will focus our efforts to meet emerging priorities.

I. HEALTHCARE:

BBF is focusing on the three major areas in this program category: The first is our goal to diversify pharmaceutical product receipts to meet the needs of patients around the globe. The second relates to evaluating the collection and distribution of medical supplies and equipment, based on the needs of our recipient countries. Our efforts will try to consider local communities economic impact while supporting their ongoing needs. Finally, the Med-Surg program is making changes to reduce costs and allow us to serve even more teams traveling to help in areas of need.

II. INFRASTRUCTURE:

The Infrastructure Program comprises two major initiatives. Our Solar projects continue to strengthen resources at medical facilities where consistent electricity is a challenge. Working primarily in Liberia and Puerto Rico, BBF will continue these efforts in 2020. The **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)** program is evaluating BBF's first potential project in Honduras in conjunction with Pure Water for the World.

III. DISASTER RESPONSE:

In 2020, BBF will continue to respond to global crises as they arise. Our E4 model aims to ensure that we're responding appropriately to situations where our assistance will make a difference in the lives of those affected. Efforts are already underway to respond to situations including the recent earthquakes in Puerto Rico and the current Coronavirus outbreak starting in China. Our goal is to further strengthen our local corporate relationships in this area.

IV. EDUCATION:

BBF was pleased to reinvigorate relationships with organizations such as Childfund International and International Orthodox Christian Charities to send a number of containers of books to recipients, as has been our traditional focus. New initiatives such as Professional Development training and working with local organizations to provide refurbished computers to students will allow us to further positively impact the educational efforts of our partners.

We look forward to strengthening our relationships this new year and exploring opportunities to partner with organizations around the world!

W.A.S.H. PROGRAM UPDATE

Total WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Development Project

Planning has been made to partner with two nonprofits working to provide the rural citizens of Honduras with clean water, improved sanitation facilities, and hygiene education. If you want to support these projects or are interested in learning more, please contact Neal Walker at nwalker@brothersbrother.org.

Call for Sewing Materials and Volunteers

Did you know that many girls around the world miss school due to lack of menstrual hygiene products? BBF is starting a new initiative to create reusable pads for schoolgirls in need. These simple, washable pads will last for years and ensure that women and girls in the developing world have access to education and dignity. Inspired by the success of menstrual hygiene distribution programs at organizations such as UNICEF, we at Brother's Brother Foundation need your help to make this project a reality!

If you would like to support us, you can:

- 1) Donate materials- we are currently accepting:
 - sergers and sewing machines in working condition
 - flannel and cotton fabric in bright patterns
- 2) Donate funds to the project
- 3) Volunteer to help sew: whether you know some simple stitching techniques or just want to cut out patterns, we'd love your help!

Please contact Lauren Colella (lcolella@brothersbrother.org) or Gina Pearlman (gpearlman@brothersbrother.org) for more information.

Hygiene Kitting Coalition

Coordinators Gina Pearlman and Lauren Colella attended a PQMD coalition meeting in Washington, DC where they discussed the challenges and benefits of hygiene kitting programs with representatives from Oxfam, USAID, Tufts University, and other international nonprofits. This coalition was generously brought about by PQMD through Johnson & Johnson's innovation grant and will continue to meet throughout the year, bringing new ideas for best practices to the hygiene kitting community.



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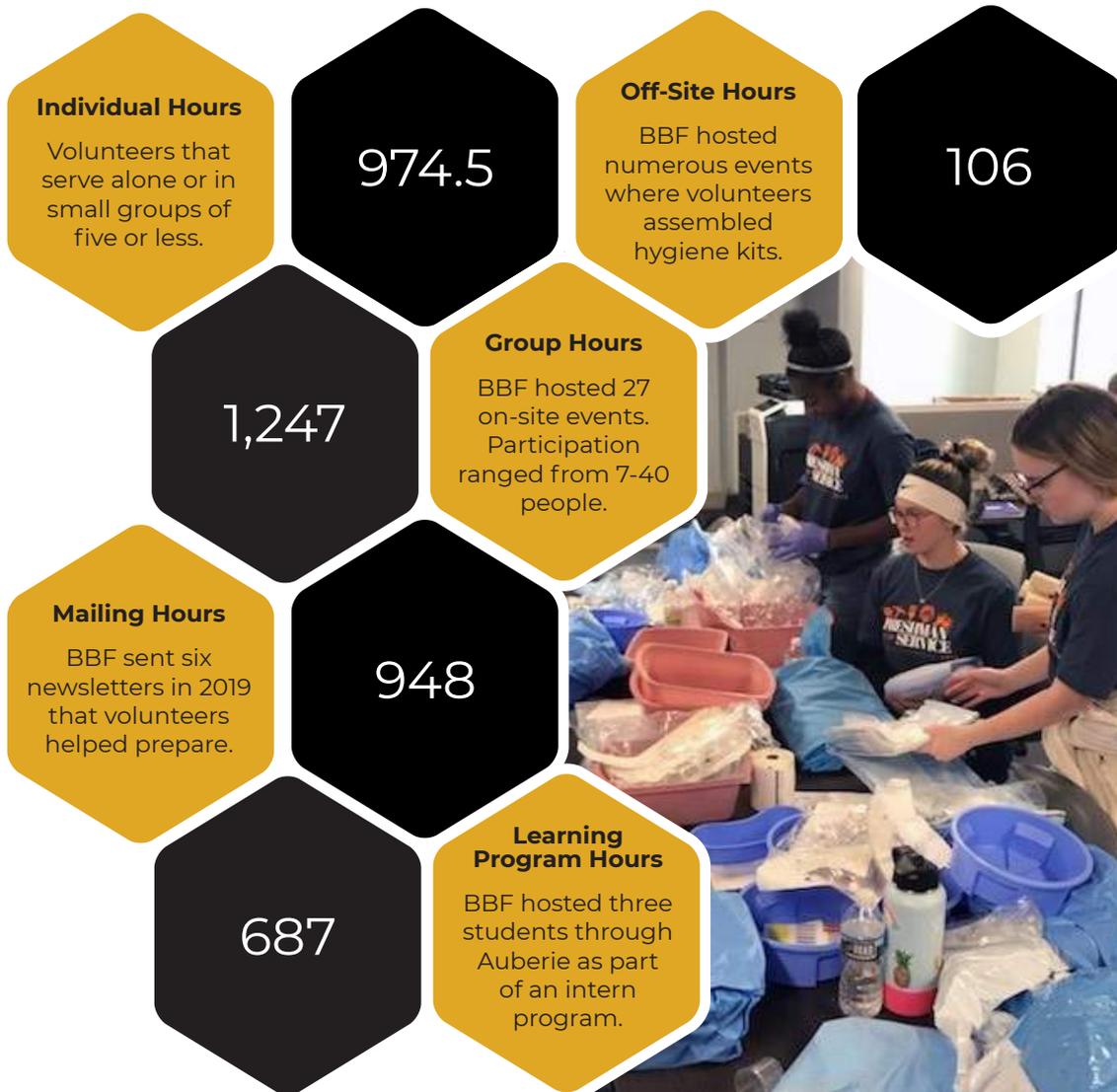
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THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

The BBF team continues to work to build our awareness in the community and engagement of the community through volunteer opportunities, event attendance and sponsorship, and speaking opportunities. We are very grateful for the generosity and kindness of these volunteers that have helped in so many ways.



GIVING IN HONOR/MEMORY

Did you know? You can send a donation to BBF in honor or memory of a friend or loved one and BBF staff will send a personalized note at your direction. In 2019, BBF received 444 gifts in honor or memory totaling \$152,204. For additional information about BBF honor or memory cards, please call 412-321-3160.

HONOR/RECOGNITION



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BBF's new Combined Federal Campaign number is **12228**

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This is a great way to give to BBF.

Thank you!



BBF'S FIRST ANNUAL GOLF EVENT

Where:
Fox Chapel Golf Club
426 Fox Chapel Rd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

When:
October 5, 2020

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