

VITAL SIGNS

SPECIAL EDITION GIVING TUESDAY NEWSLETTER

From Christine Squires, President and CEO

Though 2025 isn't over, it has already been one of the most challenging years for AmeriCares.

We've seen extreme weather and natural disasters ravaging communities around the world—increasing the need for immediate response and emergency relief. At the same time, cuts to U.S. foreign aid are making it more difficult to reach people in crisis with critical assistance—just as multiple humanitarian emergencies are putting millions of lives at risk.



Your involvement in our lifesaving work is more important than ever.

All of us at AmeriCares are grateful for your compassion and generosity. I hope reviewing a few of our shared accomplishments in this newsletter will fill you with pride.

I also hope you will get a head start on Giving Tuesday by returning a special gift that will be 5X matched, up to \$500,000.

Giving Tuesday is when people make contributions reflecting their values and philanthropic priorities. It falls on Dec. 2 this year. But we did not want to wait to offer the match to dedicated AmeriCares supporters like you.

A successful Giving Tuesday Matching Gift Drive will help keep AmeriCares in action improving health and saving lives over the rest of this year and help as we prepare for the challenges of 2026.

On behalf of all the people whose lives will be touched by your 5X matched gift, thank you for making AmeriCares a top philanthropic priority.

With warm regards this holiday season,



Christine Squires, President and CEO



5X Match in Effect



Funding Cuts Hurt The Most Vulnerable

We know the real-life consequences of the funding cuts that occurred earlier this year. These budget lines aren't just numbers on a page—they're people like Moisés.

Born with cerebral palsy in Venezuela, Moisés has faced enormous challenges throughout his life. When Moisés and his family fled to neighboring Colombia to escape political violence and economic upheaval in their home country, the young man was able to receive medicine and therapies for his cerebral palsy at an AmeriCares clinic in Puerto Carreño, Colombia. But U.S. government funding cuts forced the clinic to close—leaving Moisés with nowhere to go for the treatment he needed.

That is when you and other members of the AmeriCares community stepped up. An incredible outpouring of generosity allowed the clinic to temporarily reopen, enabling Moisés to once again receive care at no cost to his family.

This was a great relief for Moisés and his mother, Joanna, whose love and courage, combined with your support, have helped put him on a path toward a healthier future. Thank you for helping to fill the dangerous gap left by government funding cuts so people in need don't fall through the cracks. ❤️

Water Is Life

Clean, safe water is essential for survival. Yet it is a luxury in many parts of the world.

You are helping improve access to safe drinking water in communities like Luisiana, Philippines. Before AmeriCares and our partners began working in this area, families struggled with obtaining enough clean water for drinking and hygiene. Your support helped construct a storage tank to service the entire community, remove contaminants from well water and improve handwashing techniques among residents at a local health center.

People in Luisiana describe the arrival of AmeriCares as a “big deal” for their health and futures. A big deal—and a big difference—you helped create. ❤️





Emergency Response Snapshot

You help AmeriCares respond immediately when natural disasters, humanitarian crises caused by war, poverty and disease imperil people close to home and around the world.



← **LOS ANGELES:** This year began with massive wildfires destroying more than 16,000 structures, including homes, in Los Angeles County. Your generosity enabled AmeriCares to provide medicines, relief supplies, water, mental health support and cash assistance to people who lost their homes or income because of the fires.



← **GAZA:** Ongoing hostilities have displaced more than 90 percent of the population of Gaza. AmeriCares is working with partner organizations to increase access to medicine and medical supplies. AmeriCares has delivered 35 tons of aid to date and if border access improves, we can quickly mobilize more shipments.



← **CENTRAL TEXAS:** Deadly floods swept through Central Texas, causing unimaginable devastation and loss of life. AmeriCares contacted partner clinics in the affected areas to offer assistance and then sent an emergency response team to Kerrville to meet with local partners and assess urgent health needs, including mental health support.

← **MYANMAR:** A powerful earthquake struck Myanmar in March, destroying communities, leaving thousands buried under rubble and overwhelming medical facilities. AmeriCares deployed an emergency response team to the region to support mobile medical teams treating survivors and used emergency funding to increase access to clean water and sanitation.

THANK YOU for helping AmeriCares respond when lives are on the line! ❤️

Save The Date ... But DON'T WAIT



Giving Tuesday is always an important day for advancing AmeriCares mission. This year could be an even bigger game-changer for our work because contributions from friends like you will be 5X matched. But you don't have to wait to maximize your impact.

HELP NOW! Return a donation in the enclosed envelope today—or give online at americares.org/GivingTuesdayNews25 or scan the code to the left—and your gift will go 5X as far, changing and saving lives.



Your Gift in Action

You aspire to uplift the world's most vulnerable families and communities. And we honor your commitment by putting your hard-earned dollars to the best use. ***That's why Charity Navigator has awarded AmeriCares a four-star rating — its most prestigious accolade.*** →

When you stand with AmeriCares, rest assured that your support delivers medicines and aid wherever the need is the greatest. Your compassion *and* generosity are truly appreciated! ❤️



Other Ways to Help

Did you know? You can lower your overall tax bill while supporting AmeriCares. Here are a few ways you can make a tax-smart gift that helps your bottom line while helping to save lives around the world.

✓ **APPRECIATED SECURITIES:** Transfer stocks, mutual funds or real estate, and deduct the fair market value, rather than the amount paid. Added bonus: you pay no capital gains tax on the donated securities.

✓ **IRA DONATIONS:** Fulfill your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for 2025 and reduce taxable income. Get started with our online IRA donation tool by visiting the link below.

✓ **DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS:** Support AmeriCares and deduct the amount you invest this year, earn income in the coming years and use the funds to have an immediate impact on our lifesaving work.

✓ **VEHICLE DONATIONS:** By donating your car, truck, or even boat to AmeriCares, you can lower your tax bill and simplify your life. It's an easy way to show your support!

For more information on any of the above giving options, visit americares.org/waystogive. ❤️



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