

A Gentle Voice for Good™



Our Mission

To connect the vast resources of America through collaboration and partnerships formed with grassroots charitable groups, churches and human service agencies throughout the United States and around the world, and to empower local volunteers to help those in need in their own communities, while enabling people to help themselves with a hand up.

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"If there be among you a poor man of one of your brothers within any of your gates in your land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not harden your heart, nor shut your hand from your poor"

-Deuteronomy 15:7



Who We Are

What is the mission of Christian Relief Services?

To work through partnerships and in collaboration with grassroots charitable organizations located in hard-hit communities that know what is most needed in the region that they serve. Christian Relief Services works to mobilize the vast resources of generous Americans to help those in need around the U.S. and Africa by providing life- saving emergency assistance, as well as supporting programs that ultimately lead to self-sufficiency.

Why is Christian Relief Services a member of the Christian Relief Services Charities family of charities?

As a member of (a subordinate unit under an IRS-approved group exemption) Christian Relief Services Charities (CRSC), Christian Relief Services benefits in several ways from administrative and technical support from CRSC as a cost-effective model in the areas of overhead, accounting, human resources, information technology, legal counsel and governance. Included in the CRSC family of charities are 18 housing and charitable affiliates.

Christian Relief Services joined the CRSC family of charities in 1998 to continue to provide aid to children and their families in communities that are often overlooked and stuck in a generational cycle of poverty.

How does the Christian Relief Services approach work to make a difference?

Many of our partners are located in impoverished communities and do not have the ability to raise funds or solicit contributions from people or businesses in their area. Christian Relief Services leverages donations from supportive individuals and businesses, which we then share with partnered organizations to meet the greatest need in the region they serve. It is critical that the services and programs are identified as the most crucial by the community itself, as there may be no other organization or effort apart from Christian Relief Services that provides such assistance. In this way, the services and support provided are assured to be pertinent, urgent, and aligned with the values and mission of Christian Relief Services. Through our local partnerships, we are able to manage resources effectively and make the greatest possible impact for those who need it the most.

"One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals. When we pool our strength and share the work and responsibility, we can welcome many people, even those in deep distress, and perhaps help them find self-confidence and inner healing." - Jean Vanier





Message from the Spokespersons

Dear Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of the spokespersons for Christian Relief Services' projects Running Strong for American Indian Youth[®], Bread and Water for Africa[®], and Americans Helping Americans[®] in Appalachia, our humble thank you for your profound act of trust.

Because of your kindness and compassion, you enable our staff and partners to provide basic survival needs of food, clothing, safe shelter, medical aid, and educational assistance to children living in the extreme injustices of poverty. We are here for them because you are here for us. Our work continuously adapts to meet the needs identified by the communities we serve, and we are so continuously grateful for your generous hearts, loyalty to our mission, and love for the people we serve.

We invite you to read about the many impactful programs and successes in this report that would not be possible without the generous support of our many friends.

Running Strong for American Indian Youth® (Running Strong)



"For more than 30 years I wanted to give back to the Native American community that had raised me and helped me achieve my dream of winning a gold medal at the 1964 Olympics. I knew first-hand the great need of my people – not only for immediate relief in the

long winter months with heat and warm clothes, and nutritious food for heathy minds and bodies, but for opportunities to grow self-sufficiency, leadership skills, and self-esteem, especially for Native youth. But there was no way I could have started on this path without

To see first-hand the impact that Running Strong makes on the everyday lives of children and families living on the Indian reservations of South Dakota, we encourage you to spend an incredible week on our Annual Native American Reservations Tour in September. You will receive an intimate look at Lakota culture, learn about American history from a different perspective, witness some of the vast and open landscapes our country has to offer, experience Running Strong programs in action, and meet Running Strong National Spokesperson Billy Mills in person.

your belief in me and willingness to embrace my goal as your own." - Billy Mills

Together we are positively impacting the lives of Native American children and their families in a sustainable way. (See "Meeting Critical Needs of American Indians" on Page 10).

Billy Mills (Oglala Lakota)

Billy Mills

Olympic Gold Medalist

National Spokesperson

Running Strong for American Indian Youth®



Message from the Spokespersons (Continued)

Bread and Water for Africa®



In the field, we sometimes hear that donors feel overwhelmed by the amount of need in Africa, and think about giving up because they do not see how their small contribution could possibly make a difference. Let me assure you that the children living in the orphanages, attending the schools, and working on the farms funded by Bread and Water for Africa[®] are extremely grateful for the food, home, and opportunities provided through your compassionate support. They are young victims of civil war, disease, droughts, and other tragedies beyond their control, struggling to survive.

Many hands make light work, and contributions no matter how small aggregate into a powerful force for change in the lives of many. Knowing that there are people out in the world that care is like a warm embrace from far away, and encourages them to work towards their dreams. (See "Creating Positive Change in Africa" on Page 12).

Phyllis Keino, R.N.

International Spokesperson
Bread and Water for Africa®



Americans Helping Americans®

Americans Helping Americans in Appalachia® does just what its name implies. We give a hand up, not a handout. We remember from our own lives the times we have needed just a little kindness and support to make it through.

Your donations enable us to reach out to Americans in Appalachia and assist with housing rehabilitation, handicap access, heating, and food boxes for veterans, seniors, and other families in need. Through your community-minded generosity, we can continue our seasonal programs to assist impoverished children by providing school supplies and after-school mentoring programs

during the academic year, holiday food and warm clothing in the winter, and lunch boxes and enrichment camps in the summer. (See "Building Up and Strengthening Our Fellow Americans" on Page 8).

Once again, we thank you for enabling us to be "that gentle voice for good" and helping our fellow brothers and sisters in need. God bless you!

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Cameron Krizek National Spokesperson Americans Helping Americans®

Safe Places

Through our Safe Places Program, we provide transitional housing for victims of domestic violence and their children in Northern Virginia. Safe, affordable housing is available for up to two years after they have fled from their abuser to a temporary shelter. Equally important, program clients are given weekly case management sessions and home visits. Clients work with Safe Places staff to focus on safety, budgeting, employment, and assistance securing permanent housing. (See "Transitioning from Hopelessness to Power" on Page 7).



Christian Relief Services Supports COVID-19 Relief Program in India

In 2021, India was battered by a second devastating wave of COVID-19 and thanks to our supporters, we were able to provide relief funding to our partner operating in the country.

The grant was used for the residents in underprivileged communities to distribute cooked food to slum areas in the cities of Mumbai and Hyderabad to give 'rashan' (monthly food) to day laborers, and to providing rent support for a children's home for orphans.

Thanks to the supporters of Christian Relief Services who made the grant possible, the project accomplished





its mission of providing relief to those most in need during the worst of the devastating pandemic in those communities in India where assistance was scarce.

Our partner reported that the grant funding provided by Christian Relief Services served "large numbers of people in marginalized communities and who have been suffering constantly...and the pandemic had made it worse for them."





THANK YOU for being a partner in our efforts to connect resources and people from around the country to assist our brothers and sisters in need in the United States and Africa.

Highlights from 2021

Highlights from some of the states and countries that Christian Relief Services supports through its affiliates

South Dakota and Wisconsin 17,700 SmartSacks of non-perishable food were distributed to students on the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota and the Menominee Indian Reservation in

Wisconsin to prevent children from going hungry over the weekend.

Appalachian Region and Other Parts of the Country

5,457 meals were served to low- income children through the Lunch Box Bus, which delivers meals in rural Tennessee when school is out for the summer.



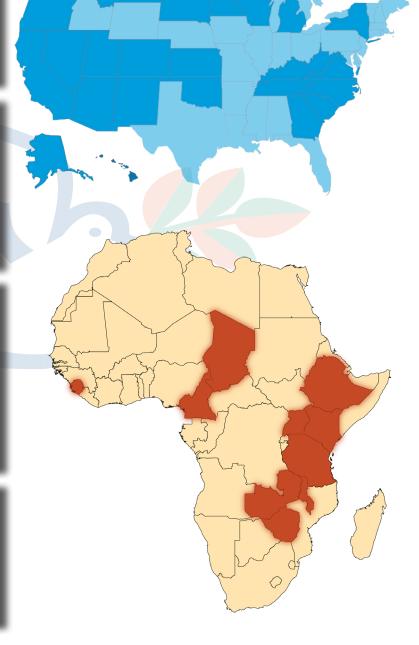
Virginia

6,177 safe nights were provided to 26 families made up of 26 women and 36 children. 80% of Safe Places graduates secured permanent housing, and 90% percent maintained or increased their income while working in Fairfax County, Virginia.

Ethiopia and Sierra Leone

More than 75,000 people received medical care, counseling and health education across Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, and Malawi.





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Accountability

Christian Relief Services is widely recognized and certified as a highly efficient charity through:



The Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance (BBB)

We've earned the right to display their charity seal of approval by fulfilling the Alliance's comprehensive standards of accountability (www.give.org). The Wise Giving standards go beyond what government regulators require and entail rigorous scrutiny of our governance, effectiveness, finances, fundraising, and information materials.



America's Best Charities (ABC)

We are recognized by America's Best Charities as one of the best, and have earned their seal of approval (www.best-charities.org). Their standards include those

required by the U.S. Government for inclusion in the Combined Federal Campaign, the most exclusive fund drive in the world. Fewer than 5% of all American charities meet these standards, and even fewer still have earned their seal of approval.



United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Since 1992, Christian Relief Services has been proud to be partnered with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), certified as a registered Private Voluntary

Organization (PVO). With its origins in the Marshall Plan, USAID seeks to work with organizations to make an effective, long-term difference in the lives of those suffering from disaster and endemic poverty — organizations like Christian Relief Services.



Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) #11367

We qualify for annual participation in the CFC, the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign (www.opm.gov/cfc). Charities must satisfy an extensive review of financial and governance practices to be accepted into the Campaign. Thanks to the hardworking

federal and state employees, military personnel, and private sector workers for their generous support through their workplace giving campaigns.



Christian Charities USA

Christian Relief Services is proud to be a member of the nonprofit federation, Christian Charities USA, which pre-

screens and certifies high quality national charities serving people in need throughout America and across the world through a Christian call to action.



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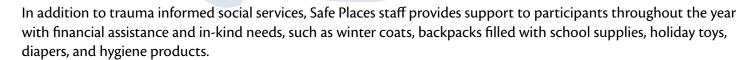
Transitioning from Hopelessness to Power

Because no one should have to choose between homelessness and abuse.

Safe Places, a project of Christian Relief Services, provides trauma informed social services and two-year transitional housing to victims fleeing from domestic violence and their children in Northern Virgini. Our mission is to provide families with safety and housing, while empowering them to live free from violence. All Safe Places' referrals come from community partners such as local shelters, Victim Services, and other local Domestic Violence programs.

Clients work with Safe Places staff to focus on safety, budgeting, employment, and assistance with securing permanent housing. Clients are offered the following services while in the program:

- 1. Strength-based case management
- 2. Court advocacy and safety planning
- 3. Individual financial counseling
- 4. Affordable housing search assistance
- 5. Referrals for services such as counseling, legal aid, and immigration
- 6. Assistance with applying for and renewing benefits
- 7. Continuing education
- 8. Employment search and job readiness



In Fiscal Year 2021, Safe Places offered 23 housing units scattered throughout Fairfax County, serving 26 families consisting of 62 people and providing 6,177 safe bed nights. Fiscal Year 2021 outcomes also show that 85% of families that graduated from the Safe Places program secured permanent housing.

Safe Places continues to serve as one of the primary Domestic Violence transitional housing programs in Fairfax County. We believe that by removing barriers, we empower our clients to live a life free of abuse, because no one should have to choose between homelessness and abuse.







Building Up and Strengthening Our Fellow Americans

Americans Helping Americans[®] in Appalachia provides assistance to people in hard-hit communities where unemployment rates are high and poverty is rampant, such as Beattyville, Kentucky, recently described by The New York Times as one of the "hardest" places to live in the country and one of the poorest towns in the United States. Americans Helping Americans[®] works with partners throughout Appalachia where people struggle every day to put food on the table, put a

rehabilitation, food boxes, school supplies, and necessary winter clothing for children, Americans Helping Americans[®] is a hand up to the many families that want to break the generational poverty cycle.

roof over their heads, and keep the lights and heat on. By providing utility assistance programs, home



Why Appalachia?

Communities in Appalachia have suffered from less opportunities than most in the United States, with many having limited access to basic resources.

For many Americans who have never traveled to Appalachia, it is shocking to see the extreme poverty that persists there today – over 60 years after President Johnson visited the region and declared the war on poverty. In fact, according to the Appalachian Regional Commission, in 2020 one-fifth of all the counties in Appalachia were considered "distressed" with another 119 listed as "at-risk." Three of those distressed counties, Lee County, Kentucky,

Hancock County, Tennessee, and McDowell County, West Virginia are where Americans Helping Americans focuses much of its work through its long-time partners.

Why a Partnership Approach?

We are proud to establish long-term partnerships with community-based organizations to tackle the problems faced in their area. Our partners who work in the field every day can relay "I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver." – Maya Angelou

the most critical needs and the desperate situations to us. They have the most knowledge of the needs and resources required to overcome them, and have the networking capabilities within their communities. These partnerships also allow us to increase self-sufficiency, enabling communities to help themselves.

Often, we are asked why people do not seek opportunities outside of Appalachia, given the region's harsh conditions of isolation and poverty. We asked a partner in Tennessee the same question and he responded saying, "Appalachia is their home, where their roots are, where their family lives. They have a different reality than we do." We at Christian Relief Services certainly understand the importance of "home" and work to do all we can to help them improve the quality of their life wherever they choose to live, despite the hardships that come with that decision.

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Thousands of Americans Benefit Thanks to You!

Americans Helping Americans[®] provided vital assistance to more than 25,000 men, women, and children in Appalachia and other areas across our great nation.



Home Rehabilitation

117 home rehabilitation projects were completed in Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia.



Summer Camps

129 attended summer enrichment camps in West Virginia.



Wellness

46 individuals received free eye examinations and eyeglasses.



Summer Food

5,457 meals were served to low- income children through the Lunch Box Bus, which delivers meals in rural Tennessee when school is out for the summer.



BareFeet

410 children benefited from the BareFeet program in Kentucky, where shoes were provided to children in need.



Digital Divide

34 elementary school children in Kentucky received laptops and computers to help them to do their homework at home, conduct research and communicate with their teachers via email.



Vocational Training

338 vocational training participants received one-onone tutoring support through a vocational training program sponsored by the McDowell County Career & Technology Center in Tennessee.









Education

2,700 elementary and middle school students received backpacks filled with school supplies throughout Appalachia and 332 elementary school children and youth participated in after-school programs in Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia.



Basic Relief

6,762 individuals received in-kind items, including hygiene products such as soap, diapers, laundry detergent and hygiene kits, winter coats and accessories, blankets, shoes, dental kits, and holiday food distributions throughout Appalachia and elsewhere. 1,980 individuals and families benefited from the utility assistance and utility deposit program in Georgia, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

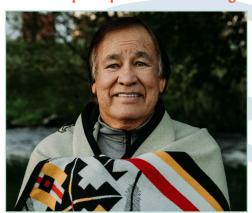
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Meeting Critical Needs of Native Americans



For more than 30 years, Christian Relief Services has maintained a long-standing commitment to support grassroots efforts that meet the basic needs of communities throughout Indian Country. Many of our efforts focus on youth programs for impoverished reservations, such as the Pine Ridge and Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservations, throughout the United States. We offer opportunities and services that aren't often available.

Billy Mills (Oglala Lakota)
National Spokesperson for Running Strong for American Indian Youth®



Billy Mills, the only American to have ever won an Olympic gold medal in the 10,000-meter race, has dedicated his life to improving and enriching the lives of American Indian youth. Born and raised on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and orphaned at age 12, Billy understands firsthand, the serious and difficult problems facing too many Native Americans. Upon winning his gold medal, he returned to Pine Ridge and vowed to the elders that he would "give back" to honor those who helped him throughout his life. In 1986, Billy teamed up with Eugene Krizek, founder of Christian Relief Services, to found Running Strong for American Indian Youth [®]. Since then, Billy and Running Strong have strived to provide Native Americans with the tools they need to achieve self-sufficient and happy, healthy lives.







Thousands of Native Americans Benefit Thanks to You!



Food and Gardens

17,700 SmartSacks of non-perishable food were distributed to students on the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota and Menominee Indian Reservation in Wisconsin. To prevent children from going hungry over the weekend, 5,500 meals were served to children at 3 sites over the course of 7 weeks, averaging 110 kids served per day, on the Cheyenne River Reservation. 22,370 food boxes filled with frozen protein, shelf-stable goods, and fresh produce were distributed throughout Cheyenne River and Pine Ridge Indian Reservations in South Dakota, Navajo Nation in Arizona, and Northern Cheyenne, Fort Peck, and Crow Reservations in Montana.



Education

5,000 backpacks filled with school supplies for elementary, junior high, and high school students were distributed to 16 tribal communities across the country, including the Cheyenne River and Pine Ridge Indian Reservations in South Dakota.



Water Connections

40 water lines, hydrants, and septic installations were completed on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Prior to our intervention, some families had lived on the reservation for over 25 years without running water in their homes. In total, we served 143 people on Pine Ridge which includes 76 children below age 18.



Dreamstarter"

Our 10 Health & Wellness Dreamstarters, selected in 2020, continued their projects throughout 2021. Due to the pandemic, we extended their grant year and plan to select the next class of Dreamstarters in 2022.



Youth

622,439 youth, ages 4-18, benefited from programs and activities offered at youth centers, summer camps, and youth leadership programs organized by our program partners throughout Indian Country.



Critical Needs

1,500 adult and 3492 children's winter coats, 3,520 hats, gloves, and scarves kits; 5,592 pairs of winter boots; 1,970 blankets; 3,076 new toys for the holidays; 3,664 pairs of new shoes, 10,608 bars of soap; 106,704 diapers; 2,496 gallons of hand sanitizer, and 3,275 dental kits were distributed to Native youth and families on reservations in South Dakota, Arizona, Colorado, South Carolina, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Utah, Montana, North Dakota, Kansas, and more.



Language and Culture

1,740 young people participated in cultural, language, and community event programs designed to reconnect adolescents, women, and girls to their cultural roots through rites of passage, storytelling, language immersion classes, and instruction of traditional dancing and powwows.



Heat Match

815 families from January through March were able to keep their families warm even on the coldest days at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Each family's contribution was matched dollar for dollar up to \$100, so they could raise the \$200 minimum necessary to pay a truck to keep to their home and fill their propane tank.



Creating Positive Change in Africa

Christian Relief Services has impacted tens of thousands of lives across Africa through its affiliate, Bread and Water for Africa[®]. By sharing resources and partnering with grassroots community organizations in countries including Cameroon, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Chad, Malawi, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe, we transform your gifts into tangible change for struggling children and hardworking families.

In Kenya, Zimbabwe, and Zambia, we provide for the continent's most vulnerable – orphaned and abandoned children - who would be on the streets fending for themselves without the



Lewa Children's Home, Lerato Children's Home, or Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre. Instead, they have regular meals, a roof over their head, an education, and most importantly, a loving place to call home. In Uganda and

Ethiopia, thousands of people have access to clean, safe drinking water thanks to supporters who funded a deep water well, which also serves a school and a clinic. In Cameroon, we worked with our community partner there to build a clinic that serve those who did not have access to affordable health care.

Through our emphasis on health care and education, your support of Christian Relief Services does so much more than just providing immediate aid. You are also supporting the foundation of a brighter tomorrow for these communities by building schools and ensuring that thousands of students can pay their school fees and purchase school uniforms.

In conclusion, we offer a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated partners doing truly heroic work under difficult conditions. We are grateful for the life-affirming efforts of the Faith Healing Development Organization in Sierra Leone run by Rev. Frances Mambu, Angela Miyanda, director of the Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre in Zambia, Margaret Makambira, director of Shinga Development Trust in Zimbabwe; Esther Ndichafah,

"We would like the Americans to know that at SEED School we nurture talent and develop skill. We also want you to know that SEED school is a haven of tranquillity and supports the children to acquire leadership qualities which go a long way in helping them achieve standard education for poverty eradication and fight poor governance which eats into the society in Africa."

- Patrick Odongo, Founder and Executive Director of Seed Foundation, Kenya

director of Home Services in Cameroon; Professor Augustin Sesay of Haramaya University in Ethiopia; and, of course, our wonderful international spokesperson Phyllis Keino, who founded and runs the Lewa Children's Home, Kipkeino Primary School, and Baraka Farm in Kenya.



A Look Back on a Year of Accomplishments in Africa



Orphan Care

A total of 192 orphaned and abandoned children were cared for, and supported by the Lewa Children's Home in Kenya, Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Center in Zambia and Lerato Children's Village in Zimbabwe where are their basic needs are met including food, shelter, an education, healthcare, and counseling in a loving home environment.



Education

A total of 1,840 orphaned and destitute primary and secondary school students from Chad, Sierra Leone, Kenya, and Zimbabwe received quality education through school fees sponsorship support program, uniforms, school supplies, and recently built classrooms.



Agriculture

More than 23,000 individuals directly and indirectly benefited from food self-sustainability development programs in Zambia and Sierra Leone.



Clean Water

A total of 42 clean water projects were completed and over 150,000 individuals benefited in Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda, and Sierra Leone.



Healthcare

More than 75,000 individuals received medical care, counseling and health education at 32 hospitals, health centers, and clinics in Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Cameroon, and Malawi.



Basic Relief

A total of 200 children attending the Seed School in the Nairobi slum of Kibera were served two meals each weekday, and 100 students from Dora East and Dora West were provided with food supplies for six months in Zimbabwe.







Financials

The financial results depicted here are derived from the Christian Relief Services June 30, 2021, financial statements, which contain an unqualified audit opinion. Our complete, audited financial statements can be obtained online at www.christianrelief.org or by calling (703) 317-9086 and requesting a copy.

Support and Revenue	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Noncash Contributions	\$ 17,060,140	\$ -	\$ 17,060,140
Cash Contributions	6,714,768	112,367	6,827,135
Cash Contributions from Affiliates	2,100,000	2,100,000	4,200,000
Wills and Bequests	1,000	454,748	455,748
Government Grants	295,367	-	295,367
Housing rental and related income	108,854	-	108,854
Donated Housing	91,000	-	91,000
Workplace Campaign	-	13,040	13,040
Interest and other income	110,002	-	110,002
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of time restrictions	16,444	(16,444)	-
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	2,858,298	(2,858,298)	
		(40 (507)	
Total Support and Revenue	38,392,567	(194,587)	29,161,286
Expenses			
Program Services:			
Domestic Programs	3,085,721	-	3,085,721
American Indian Programs	3,274,780	-	3,274,780
International Programs	16,820,242	-	16,820,242
Housing Programs	640,557		640,557
Total Program Services	23,821,300	-	23,821,300
Support Services:			
Management and General	79,593	-	79,593
Fundraising	4,319,292	<u>~</u>	4,319,292
Total Supporting Services	4,398,885		4,398,885
Total Expenses	28,220,185	-	28,220,185
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Change in Net Assets	1,135,688	(194,587)	941,101
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	1,760,447	260,545	2,020,992
Net Assets, (deficit) End of Year	\$ 2,896,135	\$ 65,958	\$ 2,962,093
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84.41% of our expenses went to charitable programs in 2021!

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Thank You!







Remembering Gene and Addy Krizek and Clyde (CB) Richardson

Eugene "Gene" Krizek, with his loving wife, Adeline "Addy" Rose Krizek always by his side, founded Christian Relief Services as "A Gentle Voice for Good" in 1985 with the mission of connecting those in dire need of a helping hand to those with generous hearts and the means to assist the less fortunate across the country and around the world.

Together, Gene and Addy were responsible for bettering the lives of hundreds of thousands of children from Appalachia to Africa, as well as young mothers struggling to keep their infants and toddlers fed and healthy.



(From left to right) CB, Addy, and Gene

Over those nearly four decades now, Christian Relief Services' affiliates, Running Strong for American Indian Youth®, Bread and Water for Africa®, Americans Helping Americans®, and our numerous affiliates providing affordable-rate housing for low-wage working families, have improved and changed the lives of hundreds of thousands, if not millions.

On December 31, 2014, Gene announced his retirement as president to the Christian Relief Services Board of Directors, saying:

"There comes a time in every life when one has to make a decision against one's personal interest -- against one's best laid plans -- to consider the needs of a loved one as of primary concern."

"Such a time has come for me. It had been my plan to continue working at Christian Relief Services for at least a full 30 years and to announce my retirement in FY 2016 for our 60th Wedding Anniversary present to Addy next year. My ailing wife's personal needs understandably intervene to hasten that decision."

"I have indeed been blessed to have lived a life of meaning -- of achieving many of my personal goals, including helping to make a difference in the lives of so many others in need in so many ways during my exciting tenure with this fine charitable organization."

Gene and Addy passed away in the fall of 2021, exactly one month of each other, he 93 and she 88, at peace having lived lives full of love in their hearts for each other, their three sons grandchildren, great gandchildren, and the millions of people they helped in their dedication of service to others, and always as a gentle voice for good.

We also remember another tremendous recent loss to our Christian Relief Services family – that of Clyde (C.B.) Richardson, an ardent and loyal friend and supporter who served as a member of our board of directors for more than 32 years, and was the treasurer for most of those years. He passed away in November, 2021, just a few weeks after his longtime friends and collegues: Gene and Addy.

"He was an unstoppable force for making the world a better place, not just as a volunteer on our board, but for the many charitable organizations he helped during his life, including a long career of public service with the U.S. Department of Labor," commented Christian Relief Services President and CEO Bryan L. Krizek upon C.B.'s passing.



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Leave a Legacy!

You can leave a legacy to Christian Relief Services through your estate planning. Consult with a financial professional and email us at info@christianrelief.org for more information. Your legacy gift becomes a lasting tribute to helping Christian Relief Services continue making a tremendous positive impact on the lives of countless Americans and many deserving children in Africa.







