

CURE

(Compassionate Utilization of REsources)

Overview for 2020

CURE, an all-volunteer, Arkansas non-profit, with 501(c)(3) qualification from the IRS, is engaged in local, area and regional benevolent work, collection and shipment of medical surplus (equipment and supplies) to foreign hospitals, clinics and doctors and regional disaster relief.

CURE continues to strive to be true to its Mission: **To actively demonstrate the love and compassion of Christ to everyone** (locally, regionally, nationally and internationally). CURE provides volunteers with service opportunities that impact lives and provides a source to facilitate humanitarian assistance.

As you are all aware COVID-19 posed many challenges in 2020, but God continued to bless CURE's efforts despite those additional hurdles. CURE will begin its 25th operational year during 2021. Over that time, God has grown CURE and continues to show the way to adapt and provide better service in all of CURE's endeavors. Our prayer is that He will continue to do so and aid us, as His servants, to never be a hindrance to what He can accomplish through CURE, which included, but is not limited to, the following in 2020:

Internationally in 2020:

CURE was involved in preparing 20 40' containers for overseas shipment. CURE has, thus far, been involved in shipments to 58 different foreign countries. Although CURE normally concentrates on 'sourcing', collecting, transporting and delivering medical equipment and supplies for shipment by several cooperating organizations, we do sometimes containerize locally for shipment. This past year, with the aid of local servants for the effort, CURE loaded 2 of those containers from CURE warehouses, 1 for (the Federal Republic of) Nigeria and 1 for the Togolese Republic (Togo), both being in West Africa.

Additionally, CURE helped a group from Washington, MO, set up a 10 bed clinic in Honduras for COVID-19 relief and CURE shipped 359 stack chairs to Haiti for a mission's school via the Denton Program (the US Air Force flew them to Haiti at no cost to CURE other than delivering them for shipment).

Nationally in 2020:

CURE supplied 3 53' semi-trailer loads of 'special needs' equipment to FODAC (For Older Disabled Adults and Children) in Hunter, Georgia, which is operating a loan-type program similar to CURE's local and area outreach.

COVID definitely impacted Disaster Relief efforts in 2020, but CURE coordinated utilization of donated funds from many congregations and individuals in conjunction with Churches of Christ Disaster Response Team and Disaster Assistance Mission to aid victims of Hurricanes, including Laura and Sally.

Local, Area and Regional Outreach in 2020:

CURE helped regional families by loaning 3,934 items of durable medical equipment (DME) in 2020 to and through local agencies, which assist patients being cared for at home who failed to qualify for financial assistance for same. DME items provided include wheelchairs, power chairs, walkers, crutches, canes, hoist lifts, hospital beds/mattresses, tub and shower seats, bedside commodes and oxygen equipment. Additionally, CURE provided COVID related supplies for utilization by a number of agencies, including first responders.

CURE continues to partner with Arkansas School Based Health Centers (SBHC), for which effort CURE has previously received special recognition. CURE has assisted a total of 31 SBHC (mostly in rural communities) since January of 2011 and is working with 2 more presently. A conservative estimate of the value of those items is between \$400,000 and \$450,000. Tens of thousands of children in Arkansas have benefited and continue to benefit from this partnership.

CURE also provides medical equipment and support to Arkansas Osteopathic College of Medicine in Fort Smith, AR.

CURE continues to partner with The Hope Chest, a separate, locally based, non-profit outreach, which includes clothing and household goods distribution services. Since its inception, CURE has provided, and continues to provide, support and aid to WestArk's InnerCity Meal ministry. CURE provides goods, transportation, warehousing and logistics assistance to support both of these WestArk ministries.

CURE annually receives, picks up and delivers approximately 30,000 pounds of donated food to the Community Services Clearinghouse (to the credit of WestArk Church of Christ), the Hope Campus and other efforts.

CURE continues to aid (through DHS) local families who provide foster care with mattresses, beds and household furniture.

CURE also provides supplies for utilization by area animal rescue organizations, including Kitties and Kanines in Fort Smith, AR, and 3 Girl Rescue at Shady Point, OK.

PLEASE NOTE that there is an additional way for you to make a difference. When you use AmazonSmile, rather than regular Amazon, for purchases and select CURE as your preferred charity, their Foundation gives a percentage of eligible Amazon purchases to support our activities - without increasing your cost.

Finally, CURE wants to say ***THANKS!*** for each worker, your support, your encouragement and, most of all for, your past and continued prayers – we ask that you continually 'remember' the efforts and safety of those serving. To date, God through CURE has aided the needs of people in 58 other countries worldwide and many thousands of lives locally and regionally. Only our Lord knows the number of lives He's *actually touched* through CURE's activities. **May God receive all the Glory, Honor and Praise as we work together to do what God created us for: "Good Works."**

IF NOT US, WHO?...
IF NOT NOW, WHEN?
(Luke 10:36 & 37)

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