

CURE
(Compassionate Utilization of REsources)
Overview for 2018

CURE, an all volunteer Arkansas non-profit, with 501(c)(3) qualification from the IRS, is engaged in local and regional benevolent work, collection and shipment of medical surplus (equipment and supplies) to foreign hospitals, clinics and doctors and regional – and, periodically, international - 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 to people within our local and regional communities. CURE remains alert and ready to respond with disaster relief for immediate on-site distribution and aid to regional tornado and other disaster areas.

During the year of 2018, CURE traveled 47,732 miles picking up and delivering linen, medical supplies, equipment, clothes & food. The approximate donated value was \$3 million, at a fuel cost of approximately \$18,000. CURE has made 71 trips (average of 685 miles) picking up and delivering equipment and medical and other supplies during 2018.

CURE supplied enough medical equipment and supplies to organizations shipping overseas to fill 24 forty-foot (40') cargo containers this year. Humanitarian aid, equipment and supplies continued to be sent to the nations of Haiti, Honduras, Ukraine, Ghana and Zambia. Lives touched and blessed by God through CURE number in the hundreds of thousands in the 58 different foreign nations that have been served to date.

1,400 school desks and chairs were palletized and shipped to mission schools in Ghana, Togo, Zambia and Haiti. CURE recently took 67 pallets of office furniture, school desk chairs and other supplies to Little Rock Air Force Base. The U.S. Air Force will deliver all of this to Haiti at no cost to CURE.

CURE provided approximately 30,000 pounds of medical supplies and equipment to *Love in Action* and *Family Legacy* in Fort Worth, TX, for mission outreaches.

CURE helped *Operation Ukraine* load 12 containers for overseas shipments.

CURE supplied 5 truckloads of medical supplies to *Rotary International* in Tulsa, OK. Nine truckloads (90,000 pounds) were supplied to *Church of Christ World Relief Ministries*, Columbus, MS, to be shipped to medical mission outreaches around the world.

CURE partnered with regional congregations, individuals and *Church of Christ Disaster Relief Team* following Hurricane Michael to reach out and provide (approximately 11,000) hot, home cooked meals for the homeless and needy in and around Panama City, FL.

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This year alone, CURE helped 916 local families by providing 1,212 items of durable medical equipment (DME) to and through local agencies assisting 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, hoys lifts, hospital beds/mattresses, tub & shower seats and bedside commodes.

Local families who provide foster care were given 85 twin mattresses, 12 beds and 3 dressers by CURE.

CURE provided medical equipment and support to the new *Arkansas Osteopathic College of Medicine*, Fort Smith.

CURE continues to partner with Arkansas School Based Health Centers (SBHC). CURE has assisted a total of 27 SBHC (mostly in rural communities) since January of 2011. The estimated value of those items is between \$300,000-350,000. Tens of thousands of children in Arkansas have benefited from this partnership. Hope, AR, Elkins, AR, and Springdale, AR, schools were equipped during 2018.

CURE picked up and delivered 6 loads (approx. 36,000 pounds) of clothes to *The Hope Chest*, 5 loads (approx. 40,000 pounds) of food were donated to the *Community Services Clearinghouse*, Fort Smith, AR, and CURE also donated food to Fort Smith's *Hope Campus*. Since its inception, CURE has provided, and continues to provide, support and aid to West-Ark's InnerCity Meal ministry. CURE continues to partner with *The Hope Chest*, a separate locally based non-profit outreach, including clothing and household goods distribution services. CURE provides goods, transportation, warehousing and logistics assistance to support both of these ministries.

Please note that there is now an additional way for you to make a difference. When you select CURE as your preferred charity through Amazon Smile Foundation, a percentage of eligible Amazon purchases supports our activities – without increasing your cost!

CURE wants to say a heartfelt **“THANKS!”** for your support, work, encouragement and - **most of all - for your past and continued prayers.** To date, God through CURE has aided the needs of people in 58 other countries worldwide and many thousands of lives locally, regionally and nationally. Only the 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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