

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Your love reached nearly 2.5 million people in 2017.

You pressed into pain with us—from chemical attacks scorching the lungs of children in Syria, to the devastation in Mosul, ISIS’s stronghold in Iraq. And make no mistake: there was so much pain last year. I still wake up from the memories of what I saw firsthand on the frontlines of Mosul.

But you showed up anyway. You did more than ease people’s pain. You gave them hope for the future. By providing hot meals and emergency medical care, but also by helping families turn the corner—giving kids a way to go back to school, giving parents a way to earn a living again.

That’s the real work to be done. That’s the real test.

Because by the end of 2017, the cameras and news crews were all gone. People are just starting to emerge from the ashes of war, and the question they’re all asking right now is: Who’s going to help us rebuild?

Years ago we made a commitment to be first in and last to leave. It’s hard enough to be “first in,” navigating the politics and violence of it all. But being “last to leave” is even harder. We have to walk with those whose lives were torn apart by war, long after the cameras have moved on. We have to empower them, build them up, along with their local communities and institutions.

It’s about providing jobs, education, medical care. It’s about helping people discover purpose and meaning after war. Most of all, it’s about making peace. It’s about beginning the end of violence.

Thank you for the way you keep showing up! We can’t do this without you—and we wouldn’t want to.

With you,



Jeremy Courtney
CEO/President



Total Impact January-December 2017

Emergency Relief



6,739,186 hot meals



60,345 month-long food packs



29,392,350 liters of water delivered



60 tons of animal feed



54,494 emergency bread packs for 17,956 people



7,001 people served at checkpoints



2,015 kitchen kits to families forced into camps



60 escaping families provided with mattresses and clothes



2,500 people provided with emergency aid in Houston

Rebuilding



1 well dug to serve 450 families



Water system repairs impacting up to 1.6 million people



1 school built



2 school buses provided



52 homes repaired



4 generators purchased to provide electricity for 52 homes

Empowerment



272 new businesses (3,615 coaching hours)



158 IDPs employed by hot kitchens



14 clinics staffed with medical professionals

Medical Care



447,072 patient visits



306 life-saving surgeries for children



25,900 hygiene kits



6,479 vaccines to 4,000 children



4 mobile clinics



200 newborn kits

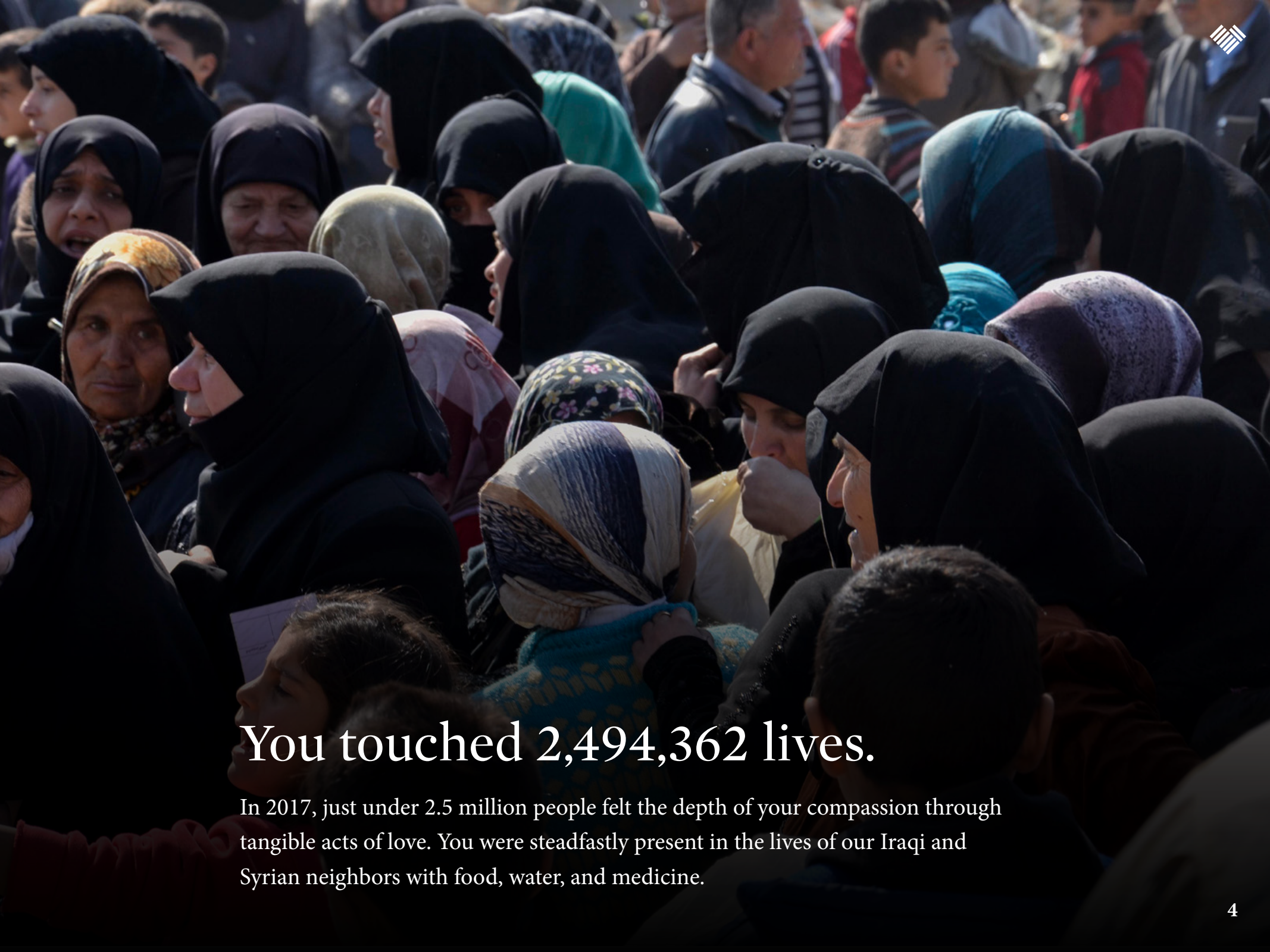
Volunteers



2,800+ volunteers



104,595 work hours



You touched 2,494,362 lives.

In 2017, just under 2.5 million people felt the depth of your compassion through tangible acts of love. You were steadfastly present in the lives of our Iraqi and Syrian neighbors with food, water, and medicine.




Emergency Relief

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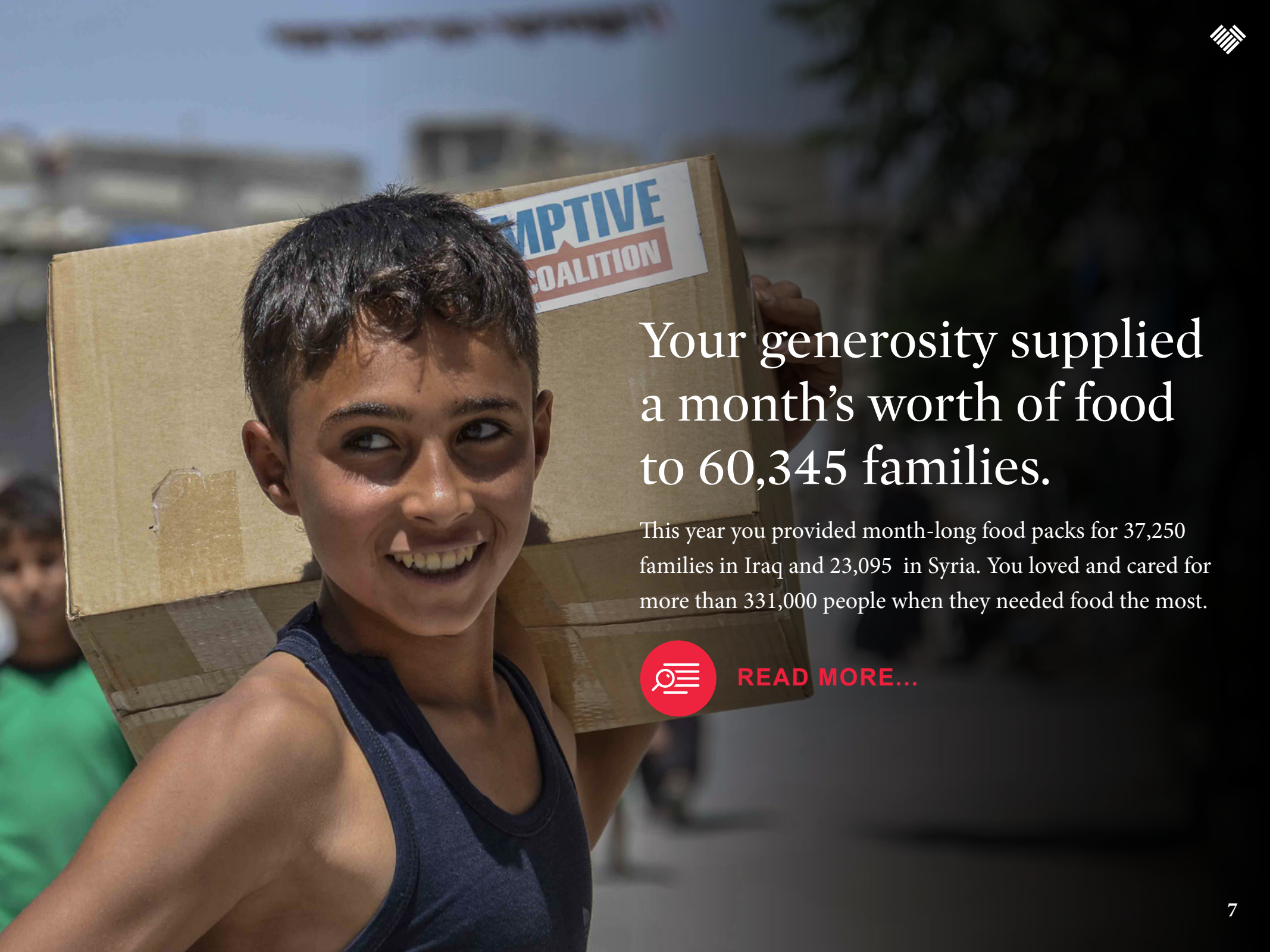


You provided 6,739,186 hot meals to those who were hungry.

You helped fund one hot meal kitchen in Aleppo (western Syria) for most of this year, then made the push to open a new one in eastern Syria. Thanks to your efforts, more than 6.7 million meals were served to those who would have otherwise gone hungry.



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Your generosity supplied
a month's worth of food
to 60,345 families.

This year you provided month-long food packs for 37,250 families in Iraq and 23,095 in Syria. You loved and cared for more than 331,000 people when they needed food the most.



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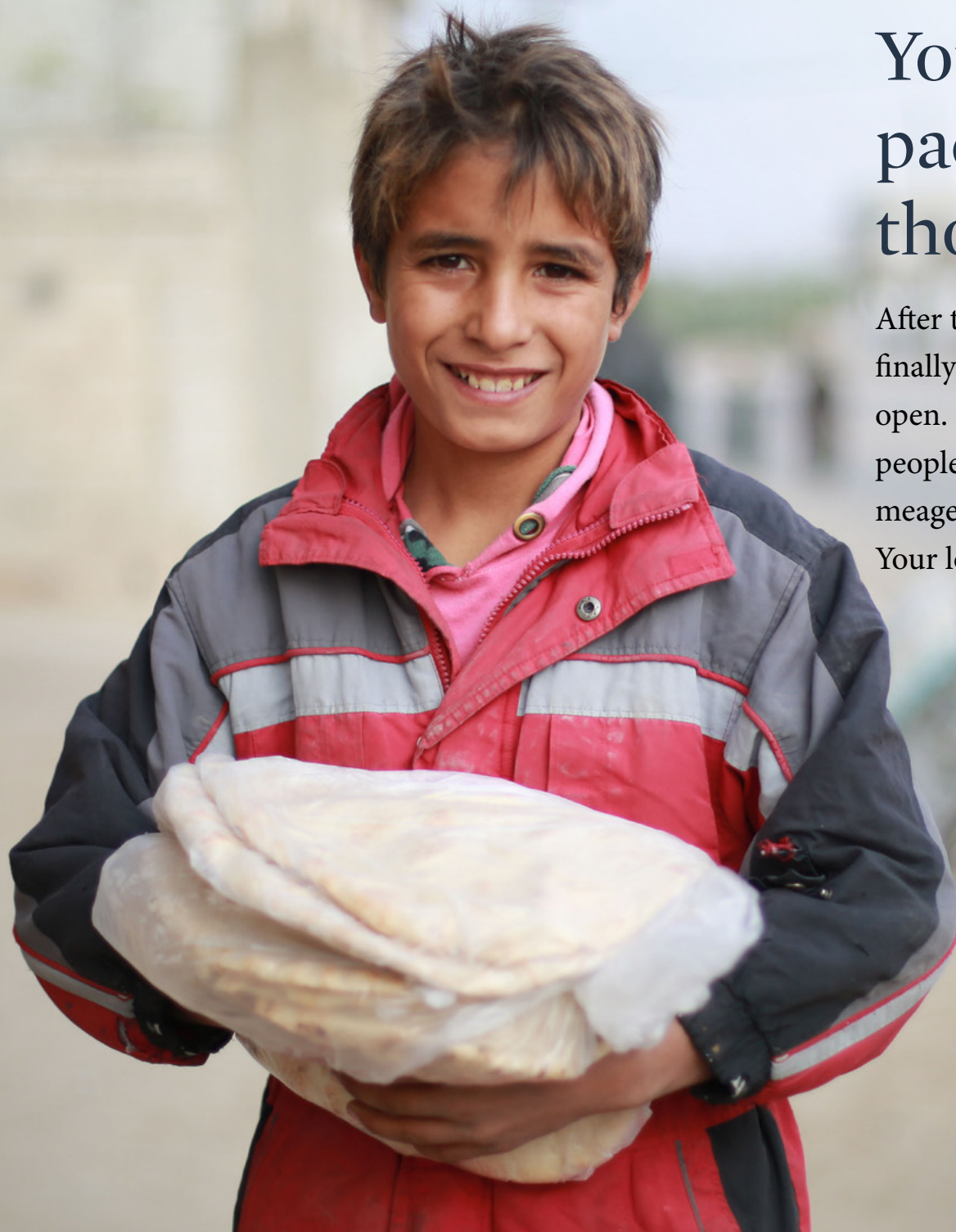
You delivered 29,392,350 liters of water.

This year you provided 29,392,350 liters of water to families and public health centers. In addition to that, you drilled a well in one area of Mosul that provides water for 450 families. And after a year of struggling with safe access to conflict zones, all the water infrastructure has been repaired and is capable of serving up to 1.6 million people that formerly called Mosul their home.



You provided 53,494 packages of bread to those who were starving.

After three years of siege in one part of Syria, you were finally able to press in to this conflict zone as soon as it was open. Thanks to your love, 3,821 families (nearly 18,000 people) received packages of bread to supplement the meager food supplies they were able to find inside their city. Your love saved lives.





You served 13,500 victims of chemical attacks.

On April 4, when neighborhoods were fired upon by chemical weapons, you showed up and helped provide:

- 2,250 food packs
- 2,000 hygiene kits
- 2,000 cooking kits

These items fed families for one month, provided enough cleaning materials to decontaminate their bodies and households, and cooking kits to use while they were living in camps, unable to return home.



You helped fund safety education for 3,000 people.

In areas affected by chemical attacks, you gave families a chance to learn what to do if there was ever another chemical attack. You helped provide safety workshops for both adults and children. Your love is saving lives.



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Meet Ziad

Like everyone else in his city, Ziad was not prepared for a chemical attack. It came early in the morning while he was asleep. People lay sprawled everywhere on the streets of his neighborhood. He didn't know if they were alive or dead.

But he ran to their aid, just like you ran to him.



**HEAR ZIAD TELL
HIS OWN STORY**





You showed up where you were needed, even at dangerous checkpoints.

Despite airstrikes occurring just a few streets away, you were there to meet the needs of those who were dehydrated and starving as they fled shoeless from war zones like Mosul's Old City. You served approximately 7,000 people bottles of water, juice, biscuits, hats, sandals, and meat breads. ("Meat bread" is a generic term indicating cooked meat that is wrapped in bread dough, then baked. Ingredients in the bread vary from region to region.) The meat breads were made at a bakery that was one of the empowerment businesses you funded this year. Your compassion for our refugee friends did double duty!



You looked at the bigger picture, too: 60 tons of animal feed.

Not only did you feed people, but you made sure their livelihoods and food sources were secure. You provided 60 tons of animal feed to those who tend animals used for milk, cheese, meat, or for breeding stock that is sold to provide income. Thank you for showing this love to our farming friends.

A man in a checkered shirt and brown pants stands on the back of a white truck. The truck is heavily loaded with white boxes of relief supplies. The boxes are stacked high, reaching above the truck's roof. The man is holding a rope and looking towards the camera. The truck is parked on a dirt road, and a white car is visible in the background. The sky is overcast.

Emergency relief is about more than food.

You showed up in big ways with food and water. But you didn't forget the other needs that are also important. When chemical strikes fell in Syria and violence displaced more people in Iraq, you provided cooking kits to 2,015 families who lost all their belongings. You provided 120 mattresses and 240 sets of clothing for 60 families displaced by conflict. Some of these families had traveled more than 430 miles on foot to a camp only to find there was nothing there for them. You didn't let them down. Thank you.



Medical Care

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You ensured doctors were available for 447,072 patient visits.

Your love ensured that doctors were able to perform 447,072 medical consultations this year for people who have been neglected or victimized by conflict. Some of these were provided through mobile clinics traveling into remote areas where medical care is not available. And equally important... you allowed us to establish great relationships with these clinics so when doctors discovered individual critical needs, we were able to respond fast with problem-solving resources like wheelchairs, medications, and more. Thank you for going where no one else will go!



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You provided 306 lifesaving surgeries to children.

Your presence was in the ICU in seven countries this year as 306 children received lifesaving heart procedures. When you saw that desperate children had no way to get lifesaving medical care, you responded. Thank you for helping kids in Iraq, Russia, China, and other war-torn countries get what they need to have a chance at life.





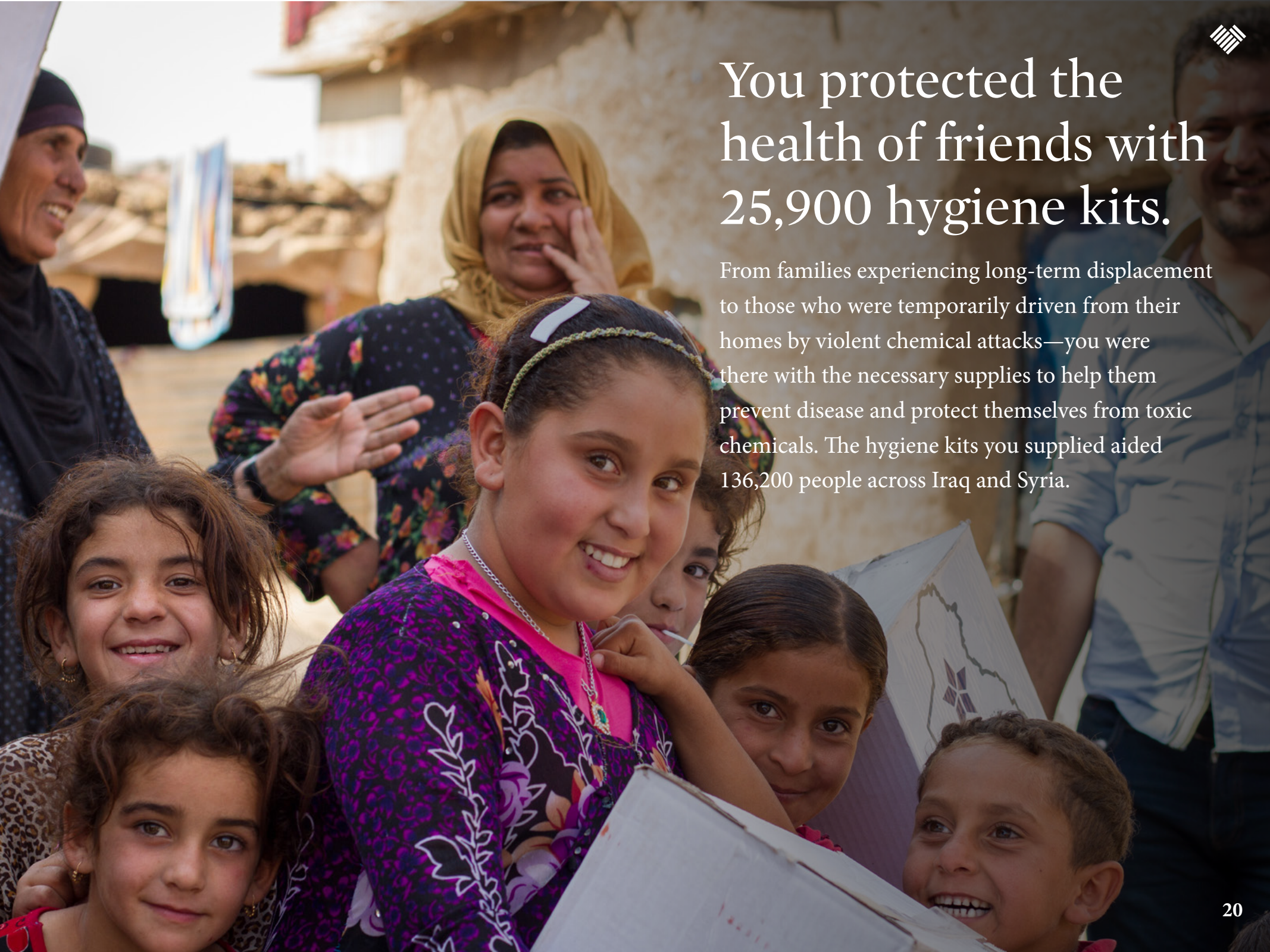
Meet Yaqin

She was the girl who escaped death twice. She was living life in a refugee camp after her family fled from ISIS. Then her camp was bombed, but she made it out alive. Her family had to travel across the country to find safety and a hospital where Yaqin could get the lifesaving surgery she desperately needed.



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You protected the health of friends with 25,900 hygiene kits.

From families experiencing long-term displacement to those who were temporarily driven from their homes by violent chemical attacks—you were there with the necessary supplies to help them prevent disease and protect themselves from toxic chemicals. The hygiene kits you supplied aided 136,200 people across Iraq and Syria.



4,000 children received lifesaving disease prevention thanks to you.

In 2017, you provided disease prevention measures to children in remote villages—some who had never seen a doctor in their entire lives. Thanks to you, already vulnerable children will be protected against preventable childhood diseases such as polio, measles, mumps, and rubella. As part of your commitment to supporting the people of Iraq, you also provided transportation for five truckloads of medication and supplies to clinics across Mosul.

A close-up photograph of a newborn baby crying. The baby's face is the central focus, with its mouth wide open in a cry. Its eyes are squeezed shut, and its skin appears slightly red. Two hands are visible, gently holding the baby's head and shoulders. The background is dark and out of focus. In the top right corner, there is a small white logo consisting of several parallel diagonal lines.

You gave 200 babies a warm welcome to their new lives.

During one clinic opening in east Mosul, you provided newborn kits containing diapers, soap, hats, and blankets. You gave 200 babies a start on their new lives. Thank you for celebrating these precious lives with us.



You sent four mobile clinics to the frontlines.

When your neighborhood or your entire city has been flattened by dozens of bombs and airstrikes, simple tasks become hard or even impossible. When hospitals and clinics are destroyed, you are on your own. This is the reality for our friends in Syria. But you came to the rescue with four mobile clinics that allow lifesaving medical care to be brought to those who have had to do without for years.



**MEET RAMADAN, A
MOBILE CLINIC PATIENT**



Empowerment

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You funded 272 new business start-ups.

In 2017 you were able to help 272 women and men start businesses that allow them to provide the basic needs for their families. You also provided 3,615 coaching hours to ensure their businesses remain healthy and sustainable. Thank you for helping restore livelihoods to those who have suffered so much loss and degradation.



MEET MUSHTAQ

Meet Khalida

Khalida lost her leg when an Iraqi military jet bombed her house. She waved a white flag, hoping to avert them, but as the bomb fell all she could do was throw herself on top of her son to protect him. They both lived, but Khalida lost her leg.

She is well named, Khalida. Her name means “immortal” or “deathless,” and she proved it that day as she held the tourniquet on her own leg while on the way to the hospital. Now displaced, and with her leg amputated, she began to feel hopeless. She had children to support and a husband who was sick.

She didn’t give up, and neither did you. You saw courage in her. The courage to save her son’s life, to keep herself alive while injured and bleeding, and to dig deep to find a way to rebuild her life through her work.

You provided the funding that allowed Khalida to defy the odds and open a store. You helped provide the shelves that display soap, makeup, and hair products. You helped provide the first sets of clothing she hung up for sale. Your investment in Khalida is empowering her to do what seemed impossible.

She has dreams to one day open a bigger shop. Today, instead of feeling hopeless, she feels something much bigger and brighter. She says, “I will never let go of my dream.”



SEE KHALIDA'S VIDEO

Thank you for standing by our friends from Iraq and Syria!

These are some of the lives you are saving. Read more about these families, their hardships, and what they have overcome to remake their lives after war.

A portrait of Layla, a woman wearing a purple headscarf, smiling slightly. The background is a light-colored stone wall.

Layla

| A shepherdess rebuilding her family



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A portrait of Nasrin, a woman wearing a purple headscarf and a red patterned garment, looking directly at the camera. The background is dark.

Nasrin

| A seamstress dreaming despite loss



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A portrait of Khadija, a woman wearing a red headscarf and glasses, looking directly at the camera.

Khadija

| A seamstress finding peace
through sewing



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A portrait of Hazno, a woman wearing a pink headscarf, sitting in front of a colorful patterned background.

Hazno

| A soapmaker creating a family
through business



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A portrait of Hayim, a woman wearing a blue headscarf with a floral pattern, smiling.

Hayim

| A candlemaker overcoming cultural
barriers



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A portrait of Zido, a man with a mustache wearing a black and white Adidas jacket, sitting in front of a light-colored wall.

Zido

| A soapmaker starting over after
saving his family from ISIS



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You employed hundreds of refugees while providing emergency relief.

While feeding the hungry and providing medical care for those who are sick, you also offered a sense of financial security to other displaced persons. You provided wages for 158 people who staff our hot meal kitchens in Syria. You provided salaries for doctors, nurses, lab technicians, pharmacists, lab assistants, and other workers who staff the 14 clinics you funded in Iraq in 2017. Thank you for offering a hand-up to our friends here as they work their way back toward financial independence.



Rebuilding



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You rebuilt 52 homes in Syria.

In one neighborhood in Syria where airstrikes laid waste to homes, you showed up to repair and rebuild for those who had been displaced for years. You also provided 4 new generators to provide electricity for the homes until the utility infrastructure can be reestablished. After moving back into her home, our friend Noura said, “You made me feel human again.”



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You restored the homes of 336 families in Houston.

When Hurricane Harvey swept through the southern states, you served 336 families with home repairs and impacted more than 2,500 people with emergency aid. Your outpouring inspired more than 2,800 volunteers who spent 104,595 hours working in the field distributing emergency aid, mucking out homes, and rebuilding houses. Read about the week staff and volunteers went to Houston to ensure people were finally in their homes by Christmas.



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You opened a daycare in a war zone.

One of the empowerment programs you helped fund is a daycare center. By creating a space where children are cared for, you are helping parents get back to their much-needed work.



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You sent 200 children to school.

Often, creating change means meeting a need other than basic food, water, and medicine. You recently took part in the successful construction of the first-ever school for Yazidi children in northwestern Iraq. Having been targeted for extermination by ISIS three years ago, the Yazidis are one of the most persecuted minorities in Iraq. This building is a tangible sign of hope for this close-knit community.



You supplied two school buses.

After ISIS engulfed their town and destroyed everything, the people of Telskuf (one hour north of Mosul) were without a way to educate their children while they were rebuilding. You helped purchase two buses for them so the children could get to a school 20 minutes away.



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Thank you for making the world a better place in 2017.

Thank you for believing in and sharing your love with the most vulnerable, and often forgotten, people in Syria, Iraq, and the United States. Because of you, they know they are not alone—they are valuable and loved. Because of your partnership, we've been able to show up on the frontlines when crisis hits.

Together, we can continue showing up until the wounds of war and destruction are mended and families can flourish. Thank you for boldly waging peace with us. We could not do this without you—and wouldn't want to.





Statements of Activities

	2017
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:	
Contributions	\$10,730,127
Gifts in kind	\$344,899
Merchandise sales	\$824,369
Interest income	\$48,840
Other revenue	\$36,974
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$11,985,209
EXPENSES:	
PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$7,917,832
SUPPORTING EXPENSES	
Management and general	\$867,521
Fund-raising	\$702,597
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$9,487,950
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$2,497,259
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$9,411,669
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$11,908,928

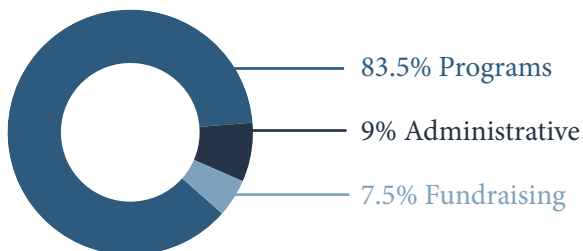
Statements of Financial Position

	2017
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,286,752
Investments	\$9,294,012
Accounts receivable	\$269,714
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$155,873
Property and equipment-net	\$36,445
TOTAL ASSETS	\$12,042,796
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$133,868
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted:	
Undesignated	\$10,972,483
Board designated	\$750,000
Equity in property and equipment	\$36,445
	\$11,758,928
Temporarily restricted-Aleppo fund	\$150,000
	\$11,908,928
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$12,042,796

Board of Directors

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Expense Overview



We love hearing from you!

Do you have any questions? Do you have ideas for more ways we can work together to wage peace and #loveanyway?

We want you to fully understand your impact—your essential role in waging peace in the world's most polarizing conflicts—so you can share your work with friends and family, colleagues and constituents.

Please let us know how we can serve you better.

