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# WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF

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Photos of the World Medical Relief Warehouse: Product donations and gaylord packages have officially moved us to the brink of our capacity

## WE REALLY NEED A WAREHOUSE EXPANSION!

Imagine a restaurant with a kitchen that is able to process 100 meals for lunch. When the restaurant receives 200 requests for lunch, they have to decline 100 people because they do not have a big enough kitchen. Our warehouse is similar to this restaurant.

Our warehouse is one of the most important aspects of our operations. Our warehouse operating model is simple: we receive product donations, sort the product donations, pack the product donations, and finally ship the medical aid to thousands of people all over the world. This operating model is effective when the size of your warehouse is reasonably proportional to the amount of product donations you receive & the total requests you receive from people in need.

Unfortunately, our warehouse has ran out of space. We have had to decline product donations because we

do not have enough space. ***We have had to decline requests for aid because we do not have enough space.***

An important difference between us and the restaurant is we are a nonprofit. The restaurant can use the profits they make to increase the size of their kitchen. We do not make profits on the handling fee we charge to our clients. ***The only way we can expand our warehouse is from generous donors.***

Another important difference between us and the restaurant is the scale in which we operate. We receive thousands of annual product donations. We receive thousands of annual requests for aid. Your donation will allow us to accept more product donations. Your donation will allow us to fulfil more aid requests for people in need.

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THE GOOD SAMARITAN



## CEO NOTES

*George V. Samson, Ph.D.*

Everything starts small – first it is just an idea, a dream; then, it becomes a reality. When the reality is running smoothly, you think you are all set. When the reality encounters challenges,

you have to be resilient. Our warehouse is dealing with significant capacity & operational challenges.

Our founder, Irene Auberlin, knew that collecting donations in her basement and backyard would only be temporary. Through the years, increased demands for our help prompted several moves for World Medical Relief. In the 1960s, World Medical Relief outgrew three different warehouses before settling into the eight-story building on Rosa Parks. Mrs. Auberlin thought the eight-story building in Detroit would be sufficient, and it was sufficient for 50+ years. When the Detroit warehouse filled to its maximum capacity, we knew it was time to look for a new home.

How pleased we were to find our current building in Southfield – our prayers were answered. We now could expand our programs and help more people overseas as well as locally. The growth of our work was evident in the new communities where we were now able to operate. And because of this, and our increased reputation, we received more donations and more requests for help – filling up our warehouse, yet again.

This began our dilemma – configuring the flow of receiving, packing, loading, and shipping in the most efficient way. Filled gaylords waiting to be loaded and shipped are lined up in places designated for unsorted supplies. This is especially difficult in the cold weather



*Volunteers need more space to sort*

when gaylords have to be moved out a dock door, taken across the back parking lot, and finally moved through another dock door so they can be loaded onto a container for transport.

Not only are the packed gaylords crowded, but boxes of local supplies and durable medical equipment waiting for pick up are placed in hard to reach locations, all due to lack of proper space. This time, instead of moving to a new building, we want to expand our current building. Adding more warehouse space will eliminate our capacity constraints and alleviate many operational problems.

I hope you can grasp the urgency of my message. We have always relied on our “*Angels of Mercy*,” the name given to our supporters throughout the years. We need our “*Angels of Mercy*” to help us change this situation for the better by helping with our badly needed expansion project.

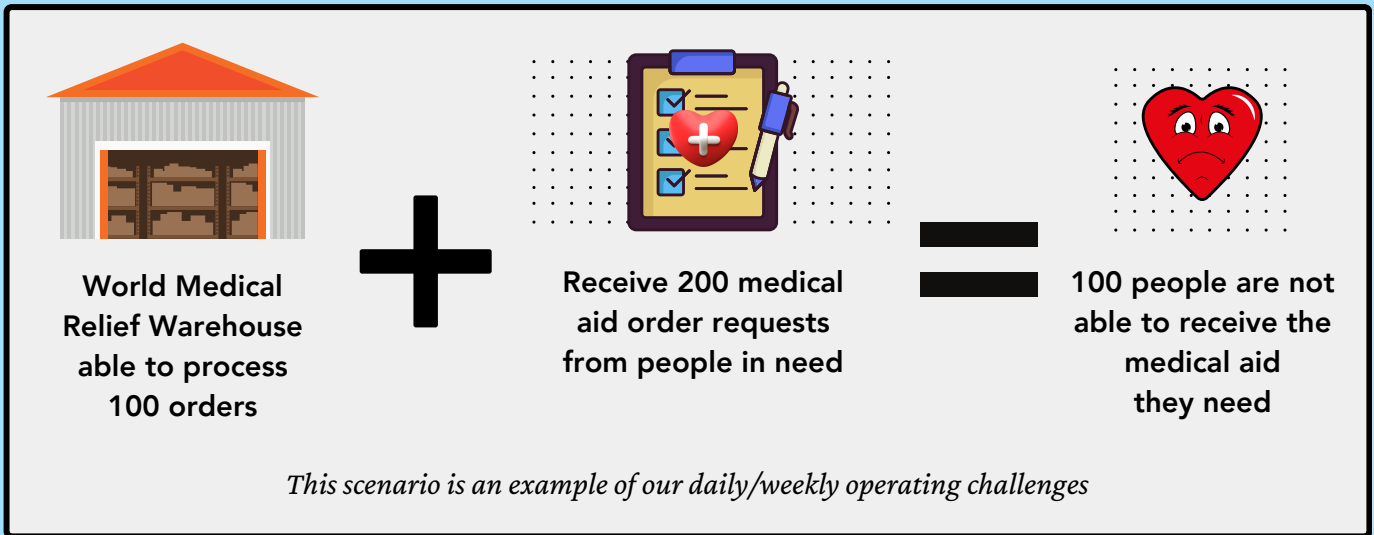
“*Angels of Mercy*” helped us get our current building ready for occupancy 7 years ago, and I am asking again for help to get us spread out and uncluttered with more space that will allow us to work more efficiently. Our mission is to help those in need, and with the state of our world today, that is a monumental task. We stand ready to help as much as we can – we just need you to come alongside of us with a donation to let us do it more efficiently.

*George V. Samson, Ph.D., President/CEO*



*We receive over 15,000 order requests per year. Your donation will allow us to increase the size of our warehouse and therefore help more people with their medical needs.*

# WE REALLY NEED A WAREHOUSE EXPANSION! (Cont.)



## Why should you donate to the warehouse expansion?

You should donate if you care about helping people in need. Imagine the circumstances of a poor elderly lady who requests a wheelchair and is not able to receive the wheelchair because of the limited space of our warehouse. Your donation will allow us to help this poor elderly lady receive the wheelchair she needs to live a life with mobility.

**How can you donate?** Perhaps you or a friend knows



*Gaylords aren't supposed to be in the sorting area! We need this space to efficiently process requests for aid.*

someone in the construction industry who can build the warehouse expansion at World Medical Relief. The quotes we have received indicate that we need approximately \$200,000 for the expansion. If you want to be a generous donor, you can donate with PayPal or by sending us a check payable to: "World Medical Relief" (Memo/Attn: Warehouse Expansion).

If you donate \$50,000, we will give you the option to display a commemorative plaque at our HQ with your name and a special message for 25 years. If you donate \$100,000 or more, we will give you the option to display a commemorative plaque at our HQ with your name and a special message forever.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us. We really hope you are going to help with a donation to the Warehouse Expansion Fundraiser. The donation link is available at [worldmedicalrelief.org/warehouse-expansion](http://worldmedicalrelief.org/warehouse-expansion) -or- by scanning the QR code below.

## World Medical Relief PayPal Donation Link



*World Medical Relief is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization. You will receive a receipt for the donation you make. Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. EIN 38-1575570*



# VOLUNTEER GROUPS

Volunteering at World Medical Relief is a great way to learn about the medical field, have fun with fellow volunteers, and give back to the community. World Medical Relief needs volunteers to help sort medical supplies. New volunteers will receive an orientation with instructions about sorting the medical supplies. If there are any questions about sorting the supplies, the nurses and team leaders are there to help. Volunteers are

welcome Mon - Fri from 9am-3pm or Sat 9am-12pm.

If you have a group minimum of 10 and are interested in volunteering, please send an email to [volunteer@worldmedicalrelief.org](mailto:volunteer@worldmedicalrelief.org) to schedule a day. We try our best to feature as many volunteer groups as we can in our social media and newsletters. For more information, please visit [worldmedicalrelief.org/volunteer](http://worldmedicalrelief.org/volunteer).

## Thank you, Volunteer Groups!



*St. John Armenian Church*



*Oakland University Students*



*Troy Rotary Club*



*Korean American Cultural Center of Michigan*



*Chamberlain Nursing Students*



*Wayne State University Students*

# 2023 WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF IMPACT

The year 2023 was officially one of the most successful years in the history of World Medical Relief. Our International Programs sent a record breaking 70 container shipments. Our Local Programs dispensed over 5,000 prescriptions & fulfilled over 10,000 DME and supply orders. None of this would be possible without the help of our 2,590 volunteers who provided over 16,000 hours of service.

2023 WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF IMPACT			
International Programs		Local Programs	
<b>70</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>5,037</b>	<b>10,566</b>
International Containers Shipped	International Medical Missions	Affordable Prescriptions Dispensed	DME & Medical Supply Orders Filled

# 2024 WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF EVENTS

The World Medical Relief 71st Anniversary Gala is scheduled for November 9, 2024. The theme for this year’s Gala is “*Family of Angels.*” Sponsorships & tickets are available to purchase on our website. For more information, visit [worldmedicalrelief.org/events](http://worldmedicalrelief.org/events).

Other notable events include the Volunteer Picnic, Welcome Back Students, the Volunteer Christmas Party, and the Community Health Fairs with the Wayne Health Mobile Unit. The Volunteer Picnic is scheduled for August 10, 2024. Please see the list below for the full list of events.

2024 EVENTS SAVE THE DATE!	
Volunteer Picnic:	August 10, 2024
Welcome Back Students:	October 5, 2024
71st Annual Gala:	November 9, 2024
Volunteer Christmas Party:	December 17, 2024
Community Health Fairs:	May 8, Jun 12, Jul 17, Aug 7, Sep 11, Oct 9

# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Despite the battles with the warehouse size constraints, the International Team has been hard at work filling and shipping containers to countries in need. This year, we have shipped containers of medical equipment and supplies to medical facilities in Lebanon, Ghana, Kenya, Gambia, and Senegal. In addition to the container shipments, the international team has also been providing equipment, supplies, and medicine for medical missions. More information is available at [worldmedicalrelief.org/international-programs](http://worldmedicalrelief.org/international-programs).



*Tigray Community volunteers helping to prepare a shipment to Ethiopia*



*Medical Mission trip in the Philippines*



*Medical mission trip in Santiago, Dominican Republic*



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*Medical mission trip in Brazzaville, Congo*



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Community Health Fairs

We are excited to announce the continued partnership with the Wayne Health Mobile Unit in 2024. The Wayne Health Mobile Unit will be providing medical screenings at the World Medical Relief HQ once per month from May – October.

Some of the services that will be available include diabetes screenings, cholesterol screenings, and COVID vaccines. All services are FREE. No insurance or ID required. In addition to the Mobile Clinic, there will be other vendors on site to provide information and resources. The World Medical Relief Local Team will be available to provide information about affordable prescriptions, durable medical equipment, and medical supplies.

We welcome nonprofits and local agencies to be a vendor at our Community Health Fairs. This opportunity allows you to provide information about your programs to the local community. If you are interested in being a vendor at any of the Health Fair dates in 2024, please email [sanderson@worldmedicalrelief.org](mailto:sanderson@worldmedicalrelief.org).

There are lots of ways to volunteer and get involved with the World Medical Relief Community Health Fairs. Visit [worldmedicalrelief.org/health-fairs](http://worldmedicalrelief.org/health-fairs) for more information.

## Affordable Prescriptions



The World Medical Relief Affordable Prescriptions Program (APP) has been providing affordable prescriptions in the state of Michigan since 1966. The program is for people who are low-income, uninsured, or underinsured. After an application process, eligible clients can receive prescriptions through our state-licensed pharmacy.

The Local Programs at World Medical Relief have received a generous grant from the Impact100 to provide affordable prescriptions to low-income, uninsured, and underinsured people living in Oakland County, Michigan. Prescriptions are either sent directly to the client home or picked up in person. There is a handling fee of \$8.30 per prescription.

Our Affordable Prescriptions Program is still available for people who do not live in Oakland County. Visit [worldmedicalrelief.org/local-programs](http://worldmedicalrelief.org/local-programs) for more information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us (313-866-5333) or email us ([GetHelpLocal@worldmedicalrelief.org](mailto:GetHelpLocal@worldmedicalrelief.org)).



*Wayne Health Mobile Unit helping at a World Medical Relief Community Health Fair*

### Information about the Affordable Prescriptions Program



**The Local Team needs help to continue supporting the local community in need. Please visit [worldmedicalrelief.org/donate](http://worldmedicalrelief.org/donate) - or - scan the QR code to support the Local Team.**





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## VOLUNTEER SATURDAYS

**MAY 2024:** 4, 11, 18, 25

**JUN 2024:** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**JUL 2024:** 6, 13, 20, 27

**AUG 2024:** 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**SEPT 2024:** 7, 14, 21, 28

**OCT 2024:** 5, 12, 19, 26

**NOV 2024:** 2, 9, 16, 23

**DEC 2024:** 7, 14, 21



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