



Annual Report

2020





Friends of Eight Days of Hope,

From our humble beginnings to all that God now allows us to do, we want to thank you for your endless prayers and support throughout the years. Eight Days of Hope is celebrating our 15-year anniversary this month — we can't believe it! And we feel it's the perfect time to start a new tradition: As we continue to grow with God's grace, we are pleased to present you with our first Annual Report. Not only is it our way of saying "thank you" for your generosity, but it is our hope that this yearly report will showcase the ways that your giving has allowed and continues to allow us to love and serve those in need.

Please pay special attention to the last page of this report to see how you can join us on our journey forward. We hope you enjoy, and we are ever grateful for your continued support of Eight Days of Hope.

God bless!

Stephen Tybor III, President – CEO

A glimpse into the past

Our History

When I received the phone call from my dad 15 years ago to help those impacted by Hurricane Katrina, I never imagined that taking a small group of volunteers to the coast would turn into an organization that has three facilities across the country, millions of dollars of equipment, 39,000 volunteers and counting, hundreds of leaders, and countless testimonies of how God has moved throughout this ministry. As you flip through the following pages, we want to give you a glimpse of all that God has done in 2020!

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6,712

Families served



\$53,664,448

Dollars of labor



39,776

Volunteers



1,482,888

Volunteer hours



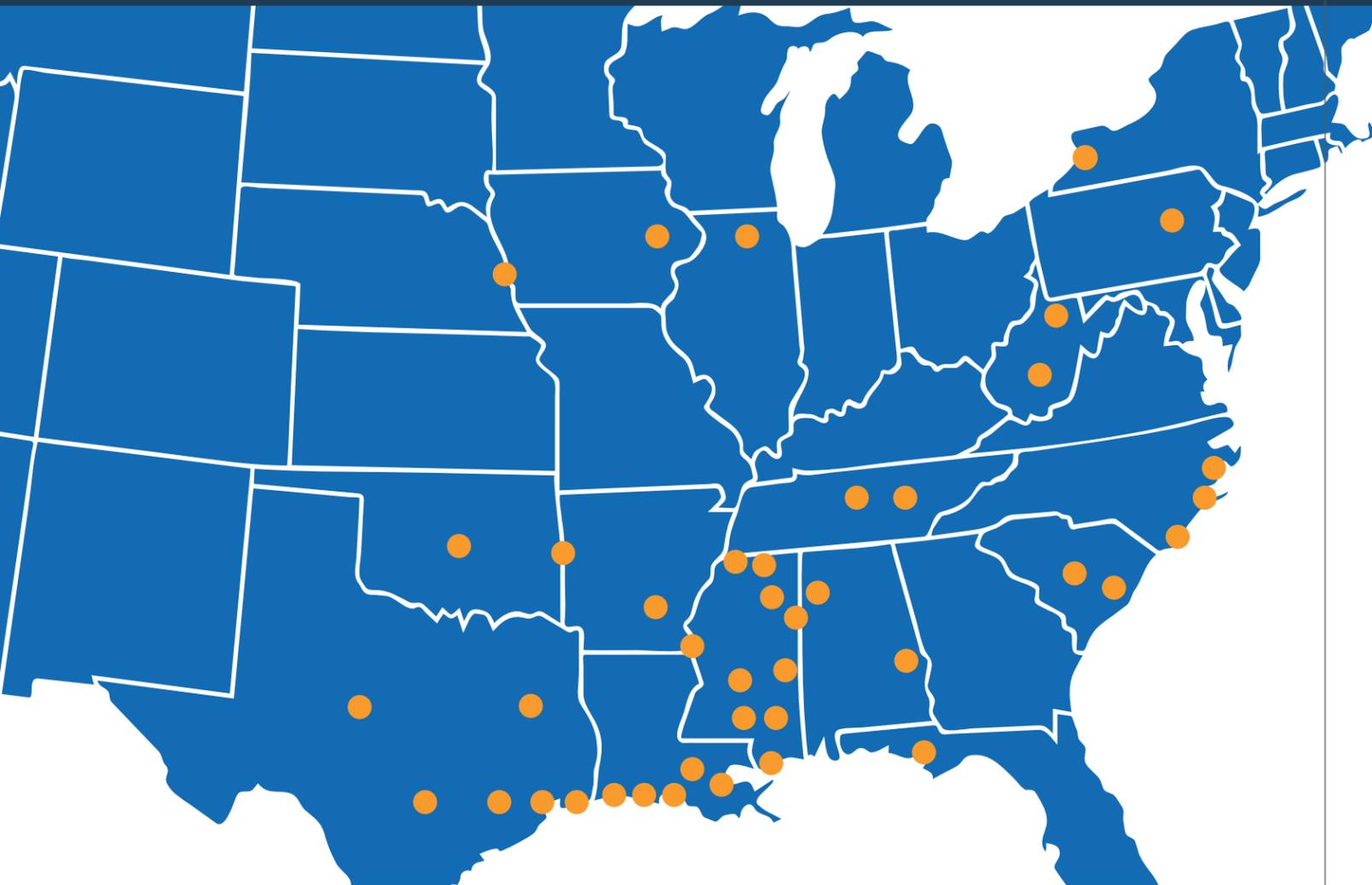
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Disasters



17

States served



The Footprint of Hope

Baton Rouge, LA

Bay St. Louis / Waveland, MS

Beaumont, TX

Black River, SC

Buffalo, NY

Canton, TX

Cedar Rapids, IA

Columbia, MS

Columbia, SC

DeSoto County, MS

Fort Smith, AR

Greenville, MS

Hackleburg, AL

Hattiesburg, MS

Holly Springs, MS

Houston, TX

Jackson, MS

Jennings, LA

Lafayette, LA

Lake Charles, LA

LaPlace, LA

Leland, NC

Mannington, WV

Meridian, MS

Monterey, TN

Nashville, TN

New Bern, NC

Oklahoma City, OK

Omaha, NE

Opelika, AL

Pamlico County, NC

Panama City Beach, FL

Pine Bluff, AR

Rochelle, IL

San Marcos, TX

Sealy, TX

Smithville, MS

Stillwater, PA

Summersville, WV

Tupelo, MS

Van, TX

How God called us to new places

2020: A Year to Remember

Before the new year fully set in, we were on our way to our first disaster in Olive Branch, Mississippi, helping to bring hope to those facing destruction from a tornado. During the final days of our time there, a flooding crisis began in Jackson, Mississippi, followed by a tornado that ripped through Nashville, Tennessee. Before spring, over 1,100 volunteers had traveled with us to serve and provide hope to 294 families in need.

As we wrapped up our time in Tennessee, our country began to experience the first spikes of COVID-19, pushing us to serve in ways we never had before. God allowed us to meet many unexpected needs that arose across the country during these unprecedented times, as you will see on the following page.

Unfortunately, the virus did not slow down the coming disasters. Five more communities were damaged due to

tornadoes, hurricanes, and even a derecho. In four months, we were able to serve another 800 families right after a disaster during a pandemic — and that's not all. Our Safe House Construction Ministry remodeled two facilities that will serve to bring hope and healing to those rescued from sex trafficking.

We finished the year in the same place Eight Days of Hope began 15 years ago: Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Hurricane Zeta hit while we were serving in Louisiana after Hurricanes Laura and Delta. The place that made this ministry what it is today needed our help again.

As we look ahead 15 years, we desire to never forget how God started using us to minister to the brokenhearted. 2020 is a year to remember, not only for its unique challenges, but for the way God triumphs over all things.

When God opened new doors

COVID-19 Outreach

Shifting gears

COVID-19 took our nation by surprise, disrupting many of our plans. However, it didn't take our God by surprise. At Eight Days of Hope, we had to shift gears: How could the ministry God has entrusted us with meet the needs of people affected by a virus — not a tornado or hurricane? Like always, He showed us.

Many doors opened for us to serve during this time. God allowed us to prepare 30,000 meals for those who were unable to leave their homes in Tupelo, Mississippi, and ship over 300,000 masks to hospitals, churches, and schools around our country. In addition, we provided over 1,100 families with groceries for a week, hosted mask drives, offered free COVID testing, and distributed thousands of bottles of hand sanitizer in Buffalo, New York. This fall, we were able to deliver over \$2.1 million worth of meat, dairy products, fresh fruit, and vegetables to families in Iowa, Ohio, and New York.

When angels show up

We were humbled to get a note from a tearful widow who was out of food. She had nothing left in her refrigerator, and her pantry was empty. She didn't want to risk getting on a bus to go to a local supermarket due to the virus. She wrote us, "Angels showed up! I had nothing to eat and then there was a knock on my door. Two people who I had never seen before brought me bags of groceries. I asked them, 'Why me?' They told me, because God loves you, and He cares about you. I wept for hours."

Our prayer is simple: When God reveals a need, He enables our ministry to act. He has called us to be His hands and feet. Sometimes the small, genuine acts of kindness will never be forgotten. Yes, Eight Days of Hope has rebuilt over 6,700 homes across the country, but sometimes a mask, some food, or maybe just a smile from two "angels" can bring someone to a place they have never been — a place at the feet of our Savior.



Loving and serving those in need

Rapid Response Ministry

Over the past six years, our Rapid Response Ministry has responded to 35 natural disasters across 17 different states. Rapid Response exists to love and serve those in need within hours of flooding, tornadoes, hurricanes, and other disasters. In 2020 alone, our volunteers served in eight communities, assisting over 1,300 families immediately following a disaster.



“It is amazing. Believers from all walks of life, all ages, cities, and towns coming together all for the glory of God. Rapid Response is a godsend, and I don’t know where this neighborhood would be without Rapid Response.”

– Adam and Whitney, EDOH volunteers from Kentucky



“It was the longest drive back home. As I was driving into Lake Charles, you could just see the devastation. It looked like matchsticks, like bombs had just gone off. The damage was everywhere. My heart sank. Everything was twisted and fallen. I think I was in shock. Eight Days of Hope came to my door and called me by my name. The volunteers that came to serve me were the most incredible people I have ever met. Without them, I hate to use the word hopeless, but it seemed pretty close to that. Eight days ago, I didn’t have hope. Today, I can finally breathe. Thank you so much.”

– Marcy, family served after Hurricane Laura, Lake Charles, Louisiana



“We called Eight Days of Hope, and they came with volunteers. Eight Days of Hope Rapid Response is doing what we can’t do. This is the body of Christ working together at its best.”

– Pastor Steve, served after 2020 derecho, Cedar Rapids, Iowa



“I thank them all from the bottom of my heart. I don’t know what I would have done without y’all.”

– Mr. Adare, family served after Hurricane Laura, Lake Charles, Louisiana

“I have to say, this is truly a gift from God.”

– Gary, family served after the Nashville tornado, Mt. Juliet, Tennessee

Building hope, building new lives

Safe House Construction Ministry

Modern-day slavery is the fastest-growing organized crime in the world. With over \$150 billion in revenue every year, sex trafficking is real, and it is happening in every community in our country and around the world. At Eight Days of Hope, we have been called to do our part in providing freedom and hope by using the skills God has given us. We offer leadership and construction expertise from start to finish to help build and renovate homes where survivors can receive healing in Jesus's name.

We just completed our fourth Safe House project in Indianapolis, Indiana, with the help of 100 skilled volunteers, and we plan to continue to build places of hope until God says stop. We stand against sex trafficking now and forever. Will you stand with us?



“Eight Days of Hope is providing a critical need for aftercare ministries. Any time we have to focus on other projects such as construction, we are not focusing on reaching, serving, and restoring the survivors of sex trafficking. Not only that, but the work that Eight Days of Hope has done is exponentially greater, more professional, more beautiful, and more excellent than anything we could have imagined or accomplished on our own.”

– Micah Gamboa, Director for Elijah Rising, Houston, Texas

“The most difficult part of getting out of that lifestyle is believing that you have nowhere to go, no one will help you, and that you are worth nothing. This aftercare program is one of the biggest reasons I am where I am today. Today, I am an amazing mom to a 3-year-old, we have our very first apartment, I am off government assistance, I was able to go to school, and we love our lives. We are encountering the Lord consistently, and I just didn't know life could be this good.”

– Survivor

Eight Days of Hope expands to bring hope to even more in need

Headquarters and Satellites

In 2018, we opened our National Headquarters in Tupelo, Mississippi. Over 200 donors gave specifically to help us build this facility entirely debt-free. We are honored to have a place to call home, to store our equipment, and to be a sanctuary of hope for others to enjoy. In 2019, a donor heard that we dreamed of opening satellites around the country to respond to disasters and other ministry opportunities on a moment's notice. This donor offered us a 100,000-square-foot building in Buffalo, New York, for free. This satellite has boomed, and now it not only has space for our offices and equipment in the Northeast, but it houses over 10 local ministries that desire to make the name of Jesus great in this area. On October 17, 2020, we hosted the grand opening of our second satellite location in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This building will act as our Midwest satellite for years to come.

When you serve a big God, expect big things. Now we have equipment, leaders, and endless possibilities in three locations to serve the brokenhearted.

God provides for us so we can provide for others

Distribution Ministry

Over the course of 16 rebuilding trips, Eight Days of Hope has experienced the generosity of others through service and through donated goods and items. When we served in Lafayette, Louisiana, we were blown away by the amount of furniture and appliances donated to help those in need. We witnessed it again in Houston, Texas, when Hurricane Harvey severely damaged the homes of so many people across multiple counties. Couches, mattresses, and more were distributed to hundreds of families that needed help putting their homes back together. Out of God's provision, the Eight Days of Hope Distribution Ministry was born — and over the last three years, we have distributed over \$2 million worth of brand-new items! Now, we not only provide items to those affected by disasters, but to anyone experiencing any type of setback. Our three locations, Tupelo, Buffalo, and Cedar Rapids, act as distribution sites for those in need. Please check out our website for more details about how your church can receive goods to help those in your community.



Join Us on Our Journey Forward

2020 is definitely a year that we will never forget, not because of all that has gone on in the world, but because of all that our God has overcome. When I look back at the beginning of this year, I would have never imagined going through a pandemic, let alone doing ministry through a pandemic. It has been a trying year, but a year of flexibility and hope. In Romans 5, it says, "Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope." We have had to endure uncertain times. Our character has been refined, and it has produced unwavering hope throughout this ministry.

who gave toward the purchase of our Midwest Satellite. Everything we have been blessed with is paid for besides this location. As God calls us to expand, we trust He will provide every cent needed to make His name great through us. This year's giving will go toward the purchase of our latest location in full, additional trucks to pull equipment where God calls, and heavy equipment such as Bobcats and lifts that are essential to serve those in need. Eight Days of Hope is committed to remaining debt-free, and we need your help to stay that way. Would you consider supporting us as we grow?

Regardless of the current circumstances, a truth arises: People will always need each other. Whether a disaster strikes or a home needs to be restored for sex trafficking survivors, whether a church needs goods for their community or a virus spreads throughout our country, we will be there — because God allows us to be there.

You can give in one of two ways: You can visit our website at eightdaysofhope.com and click on the donate button in the right-hand corner, or you can send your gift to:

P.O. Box 3208, Tupelo, MS 38803.

Would you consider becoming a monthly supporter? We would love to add more people to our support team to do what God has called us to do. You can find our monthly giving opportunities on our website.

Thank you for praying, volunteering, and supporting us this year. We couldn't have done it without you interceding, serving, and giving toward every opportunity to love and serve those in need.

2021 is almost here, and we are on the edge of our seats to see what God does through Eight Days of Hope!

As we close the chapter of 2020, we need your help. We were able to open our third location this year due to a handful of generous donors

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Volunteer



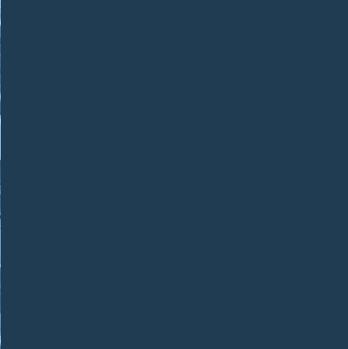
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“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”
1 Peter 4:10