



# 2014 **Annual Report**



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## Our Mission

Embrace Relief coordinates and provides the necessities and sustenance to the disadvantaged and disaster-stricken individuals and groups that would otherwise have little to no other means to obtain things such as, food, clothing, housing, education, skill training, counseling and alike. While Embrace Relief dedicates much of its resources to aid efforts such as natural disasters, we also make considerable investments in fighting against poverty by relieving hunger and health problems of the people in need. We support stronger cognitive development, increased stimulation, improved health of all individuals especially ones who need but can not afford.

Embrace Relief, its staff and its volunteers believe that every member of society can give back to their communities in any shape or form, within a pleasant and respectful environment that accepts no judgments or discrimination.

*What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and it is immortal.*

*Albert Pike*

*“There is no limit to helping others. Those who have dedicated themselves to the good of humanity can be so altruistic that they live for others. However, such altruism is a great virtue only if it originates in sincerity and purity of intention.*

*F. Gülen, Pearls of Wisdom*

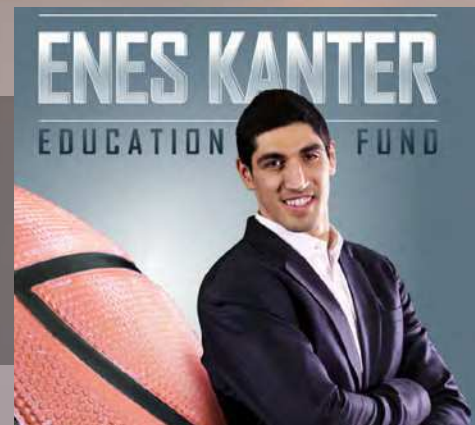
*Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness.*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*



## Enes Kanter Education Fund

The purpose of the Enes Kanter Education Fund is to give scholarships to a number of hard-working high school seniors for their undergraduate studies in the U.S.



## School Supplies Distribution

School bags full of supplies have been distributed to 450 children of needy families in Paterson NJ, and to more than 120 orphans in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.



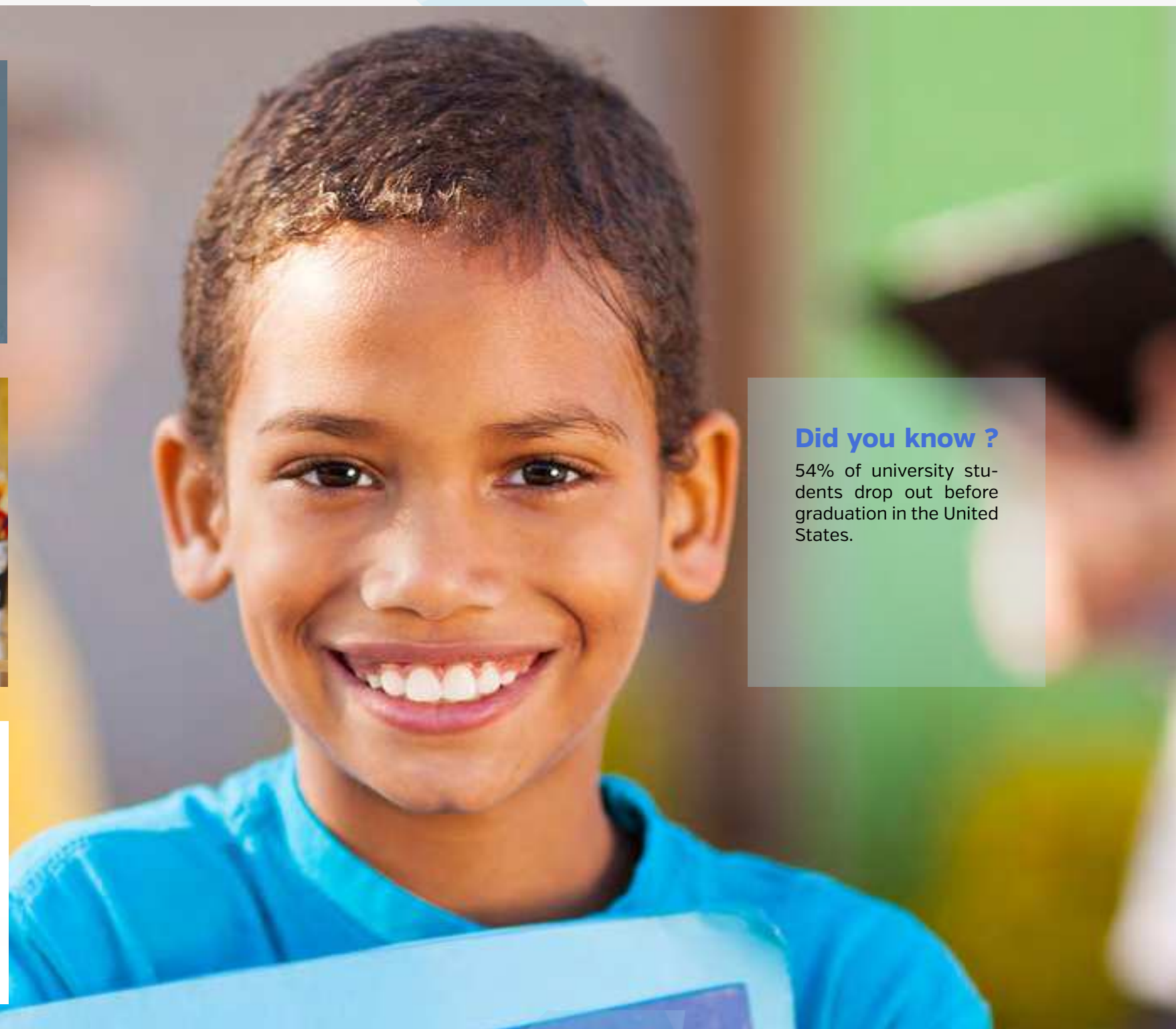
## Vocational Training

The program is designed to prepare students who will enter the workforce immediately upon graduation from high school to have a job they can call a career and for students who wish to work while studying a job that will pay more than minimum wage.



## Did you know ?

54% of university students drop out before graduation in the United States.





# Hunger Relief



## Food Drive

Embrace Relief's volunteers have organized multiple food drives across the United States and have distributed 72,000 lb. foods in 2014 to needy families, food banks, and local shelters.

In Addition to the 72,000 lb of food distributed nationwide, Embrace Relief also distributed hot meals in homeless shelters to over 2,900 people within the states of New York, New Jersey and New Hampshire. Furthermore, 21,000 additional pounds of food were sent and distributed to the people of Haiti, Dominican Republic, Kenya and Tanzania.

### Did you know ?

In 2011, 46.2 million people were in poverty and 50.1 million lived in food insecure households.

[FeedingAmerica.com](http://FeedingAmerica.com)



New Horizons Soup Kitchen NH, US



Union Baptist Soup Kitchen NY, US



New Bethany Ministries PA, US



Bergen Family Promise NJ, US



## Water Well

Embrace Relief's "Water Wells" campaign is easing the difficulty of obtaining drinking water in Burkina Faso, Haiti, Uganda, Senegal, Sudan, Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, Chad and Cameroon. With the help of its volunteers

and sponsors, 33 water wells have been built in regions with little or no access to drinking water. These wells are currently functioning to help ease the difficulty of obtaining clean water for the locals in these regions.

### Did you know ?

Over 3.5 million people die each year from water-related diseases.

WHO

**33**  
water wells  
Serving  
**26**  
thousand  
people



Kenya



Uganda



## Water Well in Memory of James Foley

Embrace Relief constructed a water well in Uganda dedicated in memory of James Foley, an American journalist killed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). The water well will supply clean drinking water to 2,000 Ugandans.

John Foley, father of the murdered journalist said: "This is the most

valuable thing done in my son's memory so far. I don't know how to express my thanks to the foundation doing this in my son's name." Stating that his son had always worked for the good of others, Foley continued: "I can't explain to you how valuable this gift is. This is a big honor to James' memory."

### Did you know ?

About 4,500 children die each day- or 1 child every 20 seconds- from unsafe water and lack of basic sanitation facilities.

UNICEF



in Memory of James Foley



[Left] John Foley, the father of the murdered journalist, receiving the certificate. Osman Dulgeroglu, CEO, Embrace Relief.



# Orphan Care



## Port-au-Prince, Haiti

In 2014 food and school supplies were distributed to various orphanages to benefit 580 orphans in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.



Health Screening



School Supplies

### Did you know ?

There are over 132 million orphans in sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean

UNICEF



# Health Projects



## Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti

In 2014, Embrace Relief filled and shipped three full containers holding all the medical equipment and supplies to the hospital that has been constructed by Embrace Relief and Kimse Yok Mu after the earthquake.

The hospital is scheduled to open its doors and commence operations in 2015. Embrace Relief will continue to support the hospital until it is financially self sufficient. Volunteer doctors from our organization will assist in the operations and any training the staff will need.



Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti



Three containers of medical equipments were donated to the hospital

## Did you know ?

Even before the earthquake, 1 out of every 3 children living in Haiti died before reaching the age of 5.



# Health Projects



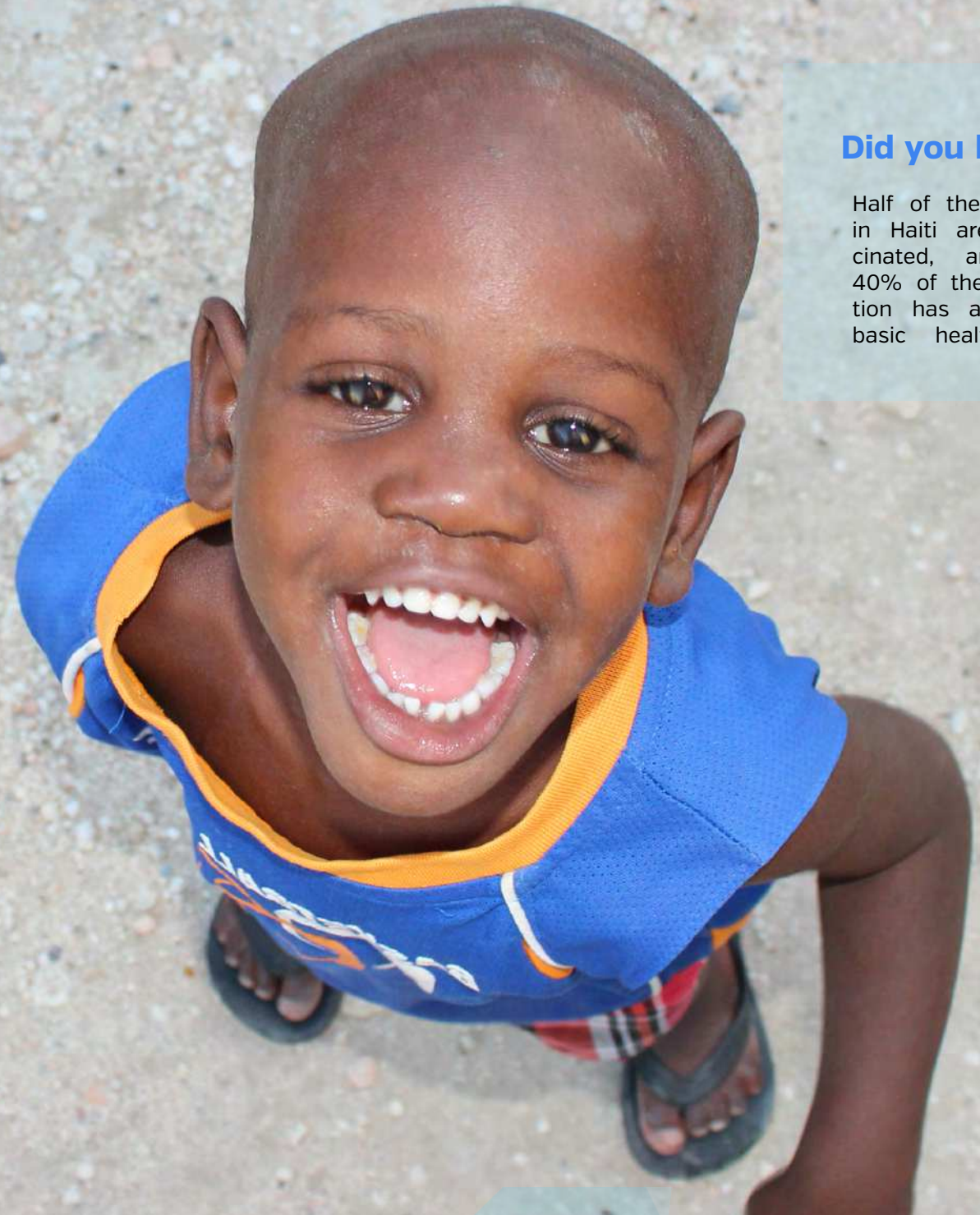
## Health Screening in Haiti

Embrace Relief and Whitetulip Health Foundation organized a health screening at two orphanages and a primary school in Haiti.

By the end of the weekend, more than 150 people had been examined, including 100 orphaned children. Embrace Relief will continue to organize health screenings at regular intervals.

## Did you know ?

Half of the children in Haiti are unvaccinated, and only 40% of the population has access to basic health care.



Health Screening in Haiti



Health Screening in Haiti





Blood Donation - New Jersey



Blood Donation - Staten Island

## Blood Donations

In 2014, Embrace Relief coordinated with Turkish Cultural Center Central New Jersey and Turkish Cultural Center Staten Island to organize a blood drive.

### Did you know ?

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and more than 41,000 blood donations are needed each day.  
American Red Cross



## Health Projects



What a regular person sees.



What a person with cataract sees.

### Did you know ?

It is currently estimated that there are 1.4 million children blind worldwide and that only 6.5% of these live in the more affluent regions of the world.

WHO

### Cataract

In 2014, Embrace Relief was able to conduct 250 cataract surgeries in Africa and continues to do so today. Hot weather, malnutrition and climate conditions in Africa cause many people to lose their sight to cataracts at a young age.

It is estimated that two million Africans experience vision problems stemming from cataracts. An insufficient number of doctors as well as a lack of financial resources translate to thousands with cataracts living in darkness despite the availability of a cure.



## Syrian Refugees

This year, in collaboration with community groups in Northern Virginia Regional Commission, Embrace Relief collected six containers full of blankets and shipped them to Turkey. We collected \$110,000, as well, for food and other needs.

We provided food assistance and blankets for 1200 refugee families living in Istanbul alone. We are sponsoring hot meals for 4000 refugees during the cold months from January through April in Kilis.

### Did you know ?

9,300,000 people have been affected by the Syrian crisis and 5,000 Syrians become refugees daily, losing their homes, belongings, and sometimes their families.



Hot Meal Distribution



Blanket Drive



## Soma Mining Disaster, Manisa, Turkey

On May 13, 2014 a mining disaster claimed the lives of more than 300 miners in Soma in Manisa, Turkey. The disaster was caused by a fire in the mine. Efforts were made to save the victims, however only 88 were rescued.

Embrace Relief helped the families who lost their loved ones in the tragedy.

We helped 50 families to rebuild their lives. We bought a house for two of the most needy families and supported 25 families by giving scholarships to their children for one year while also donating \$500 to each of the remaining 25 families. Embrace Relief raised \$150,000 for the victims of the disaster.

### Did you know ?

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# Disaster Relief



## Flood in Bosnia & Serbia

Over a million people were affected by a deadly flood in Serbia & Bosnia on June 20, 2014. Embrace Relief responded by sending 2 trucks full of emergency aid supplies including but not limited to: blankets, cleaning supplies, medicines, clothing, food and furniture for the victims.



Distribution of aid supplies to local residents affected by the deadly flood.

## Typhoon Haiyan Philippines

Embrace Relief allocated \$50,000 of its funds to go towards the purchase of food and medicine for the people of the Philippines after the disaster.

### Did you know ?

Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines killing 10,000 people and leaving over a million homeless



Doctors of ASYA rescue team organized by Embrace Relief treated the injured in the Philippines



## Media Coverage



### A humbling experience: Loudoun leaders meet Syrian refugees NBC 4

Lazaro was reflecting on a November journey to Turkey, during which he visited a Syrian refugee camp based in Adana [Turkey], approximately 120 miles from the Turkey-Syria border. Lazaro was joined by Loudoun Board of Supervisors Chairman Scott York [R-At Large], who helped organize the trek hosted by the American Turkish Friendship Association, a Fairfax-based nonprofit group that encourages ties between Turkey and the U.S.- **January 29, 2014**



### Blanket drive - Washington Post

Officials in Loudoun and Fairfax counties organized the first blanket drive last year, after several local politicians, including Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chairman Scott K. York [R-At Large] and former Purcellville mayor Robert W. Lazaro, visited a refugee camp in Turkey and said that they were profoundly affected by what they saw: Thousands of Syrian refugees, many of them children, all crowded together in a sea of small tents.- **Nov 5, 2014**



### Queens Library - Embrace Relief made a generous donation FOX NY

"Children's Reading Corner, generously provided by Embrace Relief and Turkish Cultural Center" A large crowd attended the ceremony including Senator James Sanders and Thomas Galante ,CEO of Queens Library who were involved in the ribbon cutting along with TCCQ's Executive Director, Mr. Oguzhan Turan and Osman Dulgeroglu, CEO of Embrace Relief. - **April 18, 2014**



### Water Well in Memory of James Foley - Todays Zaman

Embrace Relief constructed a water well in Uganda dedicated to the memory of James Foley, an American journalist killed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant [ISIL].- **Nov 21, 2014**



### Water Well in Memory of James Foley - Ebru News

John Foley, father of ISIL victim: "He would be so honored to know that anybody is doing this for his name. He was so committed to support anyone in need. He was a man for the others."- **Nov 21, 2014**





## Impact 2014



## Financials 2014



With your help, we've raised,

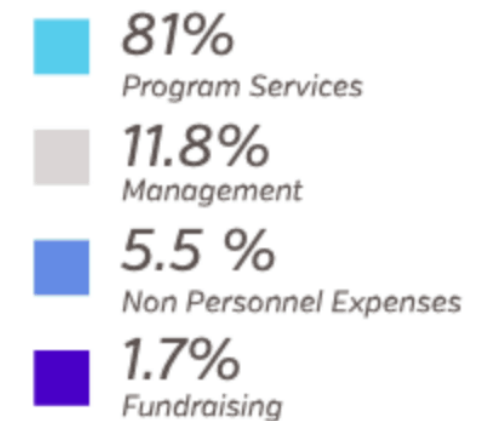
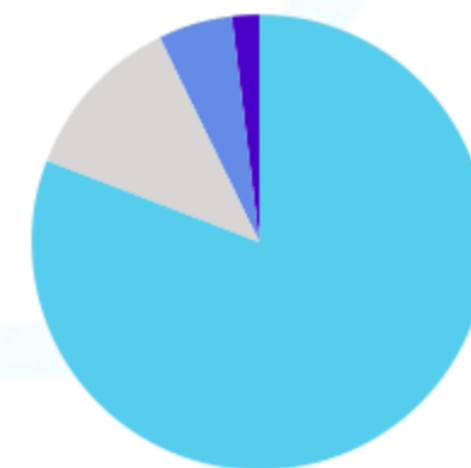
**\$728,228**

and

**66,580**  
people  
have benefited  
this year.

Embrace relief takes pride in the distribution of funds that we raise for our various projects. Funding the different campaigns has always come before administrative costs because our mission is to make sure that our projects are funded 100%. Our foundation is an open book and we strive to ensure transparency and clarity for the distribution of all money raised. As you thumb through our financial statement for the previous year you will see each project with a full detailed breakdown of the costs, the current status of the project and detailed information of all the people that benefited from it. As always, this information is updated on our website, [www.embracerelief.org](http://www.embracerelief.org).

### Distributions of Funds,





## Support

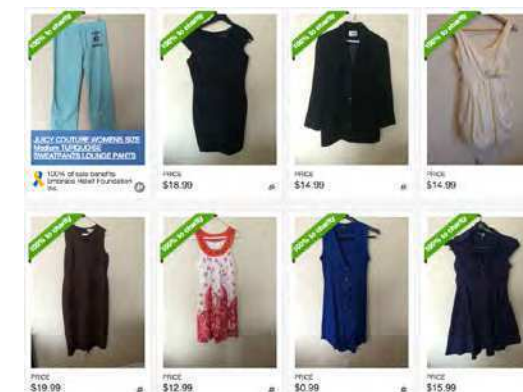
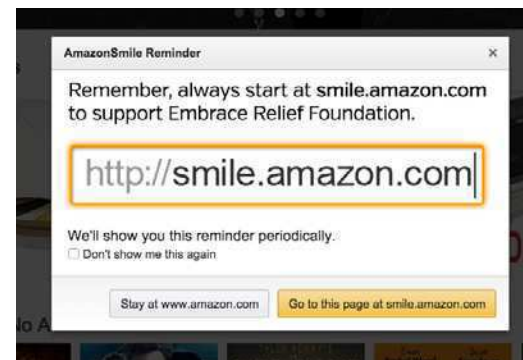
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<http://smile.amazon.com/about>



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<http://givingworks.ebay.com/about/>



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