Embrace the World!
Embrace Relief is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit international organization headquartered in Fairfield, New Jersey that strives to provide security and solace to those who need it in times of poverty and disaster.

We devote ourselves to granting daily necessities such as food, healthcare, and education to those in need by using specially designed campaigns, fundraisers, and projects to achieve our goals.

The majority of Embrace Relief campaigns are in line with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations which cover a broad range of social and economic development issues to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all by 2030.
Since 2013, Embrace Relief has made many strides in helping those around the world by:

- Distributing more than one million pounds of food to different areas of the globe
- **Spending over $1.3M** for disaster relief efforts in the US and around the world
- Raising money to build over **250 water wells in Africa and Haiti**, providing over **250,000** individuals with clean water to drink
- Conducting health check-ups and cataract surgeries in vulnerable regions
- Helping thousands of refugee families with food, clothing, and social/educational support
- **Providing vocational training to women in the United States, Haiti, and Kenya** to help them gain economic freedom
The world produces enough food to feed all 7 billion people, but 11.3% of the world's population is hungry. According to World Food Programme, 66 million primary school-age children attend classes hungry across the developing world. And believe it or not, 1 in 6 people in the United States face hunger with 49 million Americans struggling to put food on the table.
Embrace Relief has been organizing food drives both regularly and on special occasions like holidays to help alleviate this problem. To this day, Embrace Relief distributed over 1 million lbs of food both domestically and internationally to people in need in over 40 countries.

A great portion of this food was distributed directly to people through delivery or community events, while the rest were donated to regional food banks and local pantries.

Donors of our organization volunteered in soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and community gatherings.

Embrace Relief also built a soup kitchen in Malindi, Kenya with regard to the poverty and increasing refugee population in that region. The facility can serve hot meals up to 3,500 people a day and is still regularly supported by our organization.
Despite the fundamental role of water for human health, survival, and development, every one out of nine people do not have access to clean water today. 2.5 billion people do not have access to adequate sanitation, and every minute a child dies from a water-related disease. People in many countries, especially women and children, are forced to walk long distances just to access the water source closest to them, putting their lives at risk and putting children’s education on hold.
The emergency solution adopted by our organization is installing water wells with hand pumps in regions with little or no access to drinking water. In most of the countries with no permanent fresh surface water, it is possible to provide access to clean water by utilizing the underground water resources.

To this day, our organization has opened over 250 water wells in Africa and Haiti, providing approximately 250,000 people with access to clean water and improving their health and living conditions.
Today 103 million children worldwide still lack basic literacy skills, and more than 60% of those are girls. 57 million children remain out of school, and an estimated 50 percent of out-of-school children of primary school age live in conflict-affected areas. More than half of children that have not enrolled in school live in sub-Saharan Africa. One of the sustainable development goals of the United Nations is to ensure that, by 2030, all girls and boys complete free, equitable, and quality primary and secondary education.
Embrace Relief has strived, and continues to strive, to make a better education for students by providing educational supplies and resources. Our organization organized book drives for libraries in need, distributed school supplies in low income neighborhoods, and sent computers to schools overseas in collaboration with the United Nations. **Our volunteers also constructed a school in Kaduna, Nigeria which serves 350 students.**
60% of the world’s chronically hungry population are women and girls. Girls are almost 2.5 times more likely to be out of school in conflict-affected countries than their counterparts in conflict-free countries.

Women make up more than two-thirds of the world’s 796 million illiterate people, and evidence from a range of countries shows that increasing the share of household income controlled by women, either through their own earnings or cash transfers, changes spending in ways that benefit children.
Embrace Relief is providing jobs and skill training for women in Haiti, Kenya, and the United States. In the Haitian Creole language, “Fanm” means women, and “Fanmi” means family. At Embrace Relief we believe that without fanm there is no fanmi. We hold onto the idea that communities will progress quicker, and more families will remain together with better accessibility to jobs and education for women. By providing more women professions, there will be a lesser need for dependency and support from others, and women will not experience desperation to feed, clothe, and educate their children. This will further create more equal opportunities for children as well. We utilize the artisanal craft of the Haitians and Kenyans to create beautiful handmade jewelry and clothing.

In the United States Embrace Relief provides vocational training in e-commerce for women, teaching them how to sell products on eBay and launch their own business.
Health Check-ups and Cataract Surgeries

People in Africa are susceptible to losing their eyesight to cataracts at a young age due to extremely hot weather and malnutrition. Because there are an insufficient number of doctors and financial resources, several people must succumb to blindness from cataracts even though there is a cure for just a small cost. Embrace Relief regularly administers health screenings in Africa, and with a fully equipped mobile clinic, our doctors can conduct up to 30 cataract surgeries a day. Embrace Relief volunteers sponsored for over 1,500 cataract surgeries to this day.
HEALTH

EMBRACE RELIEF Cataract Surgery Project

Mali
Every child has the right to health, education, and protection, and every society has a stake in expanding children’s opportunities in life.

Yet, around the world, millions of children are denied a fair chance for no reason other than the country, gender, or circumstances into which they are born. **Around the world, children make up nearly half of the almost 900 million people living on less than US$1.90 a day.**

Their families struggle to afford the basic health care and nutrition needed to provide them a strong start. These deprivations leave a lasting imprint; in 2014, nearly 160 million children were stunted.
Embrace Relief collaborates with communities around the world to improve living conditions for children by providing basic necessities and supporting education. Through child sponsorship programs, our donors get the chance to help children in need on a personal level.
Over 65 million people worldwide are forcibly displaced – they are either refugees, internally displaced people (IDPs) or asylum seekers. Every minute, 24 people are displaced around the world. The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) has reported that this is the highest record since UNHCR records began in the 1950’s. Wars, conflicts, religious/political persecution, and human rights violations force people to flee their home and communities and start a new life somewhere else. Having to start their lives from scratch, these refugees often struggle to receive even basic human necessities.

One of the biggest catalysts of this crisis is the ongoing civil war in Syria. Six years of armed conflict in that country forced more than half of the country’s 22 million citizens to flee their homes, and over 5.4 million of those people left for neighboring countries.

The world is witnessing the worst refugee crisis in history...
Embrace Relief has been organizing campaigns to help those Syrian refugees in the neighboring countries since 2013.

We’ve organized clothing and blanket drives for Syrian refugees in Turkey and Iraq, and 29 containers of relief goods were delivered to Syrians in need. Embrace Relief also ran a program to support the education of Syrian children, and sponsored facilitation costs of a private primary school run by Syrian refugees in Istanbul for six months.

Embrace Relief also sponsored a soup kitchen serving a hot meal to up to 4,000 refugees in the border town of Kilis, Turkey for a whole year. Similarly, Embrace Relief has been working with local and national organizations in the US to help acclimate incoming refugees to the US and has been assisting families who have recently arrived in the country with guidance and material support.
According to a 2014 report by the United Nations, 4.4 billion people have been affected by disasters in the previous 20 years, which took 1.3 million lives and cost the US $2 trillion in economic losses. These disasters put hard-won development achievements at risk, reversing economic growth and progress towards the elimination of poverty. In addition, these disasters have also caused environmental damage, resulting in human suffering. Women and children in developing countries are often the most vulnerable demographic groups after natural disasters.
Embrace Relief was originally founded as a disaster relief organization in 2013 to help victims of natural disasters in the US and to respond to emergency situations in a timely manner. Over time, our disaster relief efforts expanded to other countries and continents. In times of significant natural disasters, Embrace Relief creates campaigns to alleviate immediate suffering, and provides food, water, clothing, and funds to repair and restore lives. To this day, over $1.3M was spent for disaster relief efforts around the globe on different occasions.
Join our journey and volunteer at Embrace Relief!

• Get hands on experience with projects
• Have the chance to travel to new places and see your impact first-hand
• Start an Embrace Relief Chapter in your organization and choose a project to complete
Impact 2016

- 79 Water Wells providing clean water for 63,200 People
- Cataract Surgeries for 750 People
- 343,000 lb of food & hot meals distributed in homeless shelters and food banks
- One year living expenses of 350 orphans have been covered
- 2 containers of relief items sent to the victims of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti. $5,000 raised for the earthquake in Ecuador
- 3 containers of blankets and various clothing distributed to Syrian refugees. Plus $50K in monetary assistance
- $130,000 raised to help the families of terrorist attack in Somalia
- Hot meals for up to 3,500 Syrian refugees a day for six months on Syria border
With your help, we’ve raised, $2,505,799 and 878,000 people have benefitted 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.

Distributions of Funds,

- 83% Program Services
- 7.6% Management
- 6.2% Non Personnel Expenses
- 3.2% Fundraising
Impact 2017

- 40 water wells providing clean water for over 40,000 people
- Cataract surgeries for 300 people
- $70,000 spent on disaster relief efforts such as Hurricane Harvey, the Mayflower School flooding in Texas, and the Houston metro area flooding
- One year of living expenses for 156 vulnerable children have been covered
- Over half a million dollars spent on hunger relief
- Nearly $250,000 worth of assistance distributed to refugee families in the USA and Greece
- In partnership with the FBI, Citizen Academy Newark, 250 School Bags filled with stationary items distributed in New Jersey
- Women’s empowerment program launched in Kenya, and 40 women were successfully trained in a vocational skill.
With your help, we’ve raised, $1,462,945 and more than 100,000 people have benefited this year.

Distributions of Funds,

- **81%** Program Services
- **11.8%** Management
- **5.5%** Non Personnel Expenses
- **1.7%** Fundraising

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- Enjoy yourself with a group, friends, or family while raising money for a meaningful cause using creativity and imagination! Visit chapter.embracerelief.org to start your chapter today and learn more about our projects.