

Our Mission

Christian Relief Services Charities supports the efforts of its charitable affiliates to answer urgent needs for housing, food, water, and medical care around the world and programs that address the long-term sustainability of communities locally and internationally.





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Summary of Fiscal Year 2023 Program Service Accomplishments

Christian Relief Services Charities, Inc. (CRSC) is the parent entity under an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Group Exemption with 23 subordinate charities/affiliates. These charities/affiliates operate programs in multiple states, on Native American reservations, in Africa, and around the globe.

All entities, except for Christian Relief Services, Americans Helping Americans®, Running Strong for American Indian Youth®, Bread and Water for Africa®, and Christian Relief Services/21st Century Campaign, Inc., were formed to provide low-income housing for people of limited financial means, including accessible housing for people with disabilities and other types of qualified housing for elderly.

Christian Relief Services Charities Affiliates programs provide housing for veterans, the disabled, and the homeless; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene; orphan care; agriculture/food self-sustainability; utilities and emergency assistance; healthcare; education; emergency food boxes; new shoes; blankets; winter coats; home repair; youth projects; school supplies; hygiene products; and support efforts for self-sufficiency.

Christian Relief Services Charities provides technical support to its affiliates as a cost-effective model in overhead, accounting, human resources, information technology (IT), legal counsel, and governance. In this manner, the 23 affiliates benefit from reduced administrative costs and more sophisticated shared executive governance.

HOUSING SERVICES

Through its housing affiliates, Christian Relief Services Charities provides 1,865 units of affordable, transitional, and permanent supportive housing and resident-related services in Arizona, Kansas, Texas, and Virginia to very low- and moderate-income persons, chronically mentally ill adults and homeless families and individuals.

In Northern Virginia, Christian Relief Services of Virginia owns 108 homes and works diligently to address and alleviate barriers to housing. Often, those with special needs, homeless families, and disabled adults in Fairfax County are faced with this daunting task and without many of the crucial resources that they need to secure permanent housing.

Safe Places, a project of Christian Relief Services, provides trauma-informed social services and two-year transitional housing to victims fleeing from domestic violence and their children in Northern Virginia. Our mission is to provide families with safety and housing while empowering them to live free from violence. All Safe Places' referrals come from community partners such as local shelters, Victim Services, and other local Domestic Violence programs. In Fiscal Year 2023, Safe Places offered 17 housing units scattered throughout Fairfax County, serving 14 families consisting of 33 people. Fiscal Year 2023 outcomes also show that 89% of families that graduated from the Safe Places program secured permanent housing.





AMERICAN INDIAN PROGRAMS

Christian Relief Services Charities' affiliate, American Indian Youth Running Strong® (Running Strong), works with American Indian youth and their families to bring hope and support for a better life.

For more than 30 years, Christian Relief Services Charities has maintained a long-standing commitment to supporting grassroots efforts that meet the basic needs of communities throughout Indian Country. Our efforts focus on youth programs for impoverished reservations, such as the Pine Ridge and Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservations, throughout the United States. We offer opportunities and services that aren't often available.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF RUNNING STRONG FOR AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH® PROGRAMS IN FY 2023:

FOOD & GARDENS

We served 19,600 lunch meals throughout the summer at three sites on the Cheyenne River Reservation. We distributed 6,480 weekend Smart Sacks at Wakpala School on the Standing Rock Reservation, 13,500 Smart Sacks at Keshena Primary School on the Menominee Reservation, 180 food boxes at Takini Primary School on the Cheyenne River Reservation, 3,000 food boxes to families on Cheyenne River, and 2,364 food boxes to families on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

WATER CONNECTIONS

We connected 18 families to clean running water in FY23. After years of serving families on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation by placing water lines, hydrants, and septic installations, Running Strong's Field Coordinator is proud to report we have connected most of the unconnected homes on Pine Ridge to water!

YOUTH

37,588 youth, ages 4-18, benefited from programs and activities offered at youth centers, summer camps, and youth leadership programs organized by our program partners throughout Indian Country.

EDUCATION

2,994 Native American elementary and middle school students on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and throughout Indian Country walked into their classrooms on the first day of school with brand-new backpacks filled with school supplies.

DREAMSTARTER

Over the years, the Dreamstarter program has expanded and impacted over 30 states in the U.S. The FY23 theme for the Dreamstarter program was "Environmental Justice," and 10 Dreamstarters were awarded a \$20,000 grant each to implement their dream projects for their communities.

CRITICAL NEEDS

1,500 adult and 1,500 children's winter coats; 1,500 adult boots, 3,528 children's boots, and 500 toddler boots; 5,007 winter socks, 3,558 new toys for the holidays; 5,076 athletic socks; 12,384 bars of soap, 1,944 shampoo/conditioner kits, 3,000 feminine hygiene kits and 6,000 dental kits were distributed to Native youth and families on reservations in South Dakota, Arizona, Colorado, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Utah, Montana, North Dakota, Kansas, and more.



AMERICAN INDIAN PROGRAMS

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THE FOLLOWING ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF RUNNING STRONG FOR AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH® PROGRAMS IN FY 2023:

LANGUAGE & CULTURE

915 young people participated in cultural, language, and community event programs designed to reconnect adolescents, women, and girls to their cultural roots through rites of passage, storytelling, language immersion classes, and instruction in traditional dancing and powwows.



HEAT MATCH

8,039 people from January through March could keep their families warm even on the coldest days at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Each family's \$100 contribution was matched dollar for dollar up to \$400, so they could raise \$500 to pay for a truck to come to their home and fill their propane tank or credit to their utility account.





DOMESTIC PROGRAMS

Christian Relief Services Charities' affiliate, Americans Helping Americans, assists people in hard-hit communities where unemployment rates are high and poverty is rampant, such as Beattyville, Kentucky, recently described by The New York Times as one of the "hardest" places to live in the country and one of the poorest towns in the United States. Americans Helping Americans works with partners throughout Appalachia, where people struggle daily to put food on the table, put a roof over their heads, and keep the lights and heat on. By providing utility assistance programs, home rehabilitation, food boxes, school supplies, and necessary winter clothing for children, Americans Helping Americans is a hand up to the many families that want to break the generational poverty cycle.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF AMERICANS HELPING AMERICANS® PROGRAMS IN FY 2023:

HOME REHABILITATION

Through our home rehabilitation program, 65 projects were completed, benefiting 114 individuals.

FOOD SECURITY

Our food security programs, including community gardens and horticulture education, food bank support, food deliveries, holiday meals, and food box distribution, benefited 46,553 individuals, not including thousands more who received 10,000 food boxes.



EDUCATION

Our education program, which includes support of afterschool and vocational training programs for students, free summer camps, and distribution of school supplies and laptop computers, benefited 8,792 students.

BASIC NEEDS

Through our utility assistance, basic needs, and medical treatment programs, 10,344 individuals benefited with rent/utility assistance, winter coats, dental kits, blankets, and free medical treatment at a clinic in rural Georgia.





INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



Christian Relief Services Charities' affiliate Bread and Water for Africa® has impacted hundreds of thousands of lives across Africa by sharing resources and partnering with grassroots community organizations in countries including Cameroon, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Zambia, Chad, Malawi, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

In Kenya, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, and Zambia, we provide for the continent's most vulnerable – orphaned and abandoned children - who would be on the streets fending for themselves without the Lewa Children's Home, Lerato Children's Home, Watoto Wa Africa, or Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Centre. Instead, they have regular meals, a roof over their head, an education, and, most importantly, a loving place to call home.

In Uganda, Malawi, Zambia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Zambia, and Ethiopia, thousands of people have access to clean, safe drinking water thanks to supporters who funded a deep water well, which also serves a school and a clinic. In Cameroon, we worked with our community partner there to build a clinic that serve those who did not have access to affordable health care.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF BREAD AND WATER FOR AFRICA PROGRAMS IN FY 2023:

ORPHAN CARE

281 orphaned and abandoned children were cared for and supported by the Lewa Children's Home in Kenya, Kabwata Orphanage and Transit Center in Zambia, Lerato Children's Village in Zimbabwe, and Watoto Wa Africa Orphanages in Tanzania, where their basic needs are met, including food, shelter, an education, healthcare, and counseling in a loving home environment.

FOOD SELF-SUSTAINABILITY

More than 9,302 individuals benefited directly and indirectly from food self-sustainability development programs in Malawi and Sierra Leone.

HEALTHCARE

More than 92,000 individuals received medical care, counseling, and health education at 45 hospitals, health centers, and clinics in Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Kenya, Cameroon, and Malawi, by providing **more than twenty three million dollars worth of life-saving medicine and medical supplies to community partners.**

EDUCATION

A total of 286 orphaned and destitute primary and secondary school students from Chad, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Cameroon, and Zimbabwe received quality education through school fees, sponsorship support programs, uniforms, school supplies, and recently built classrooms. More than 58,000 students in Ethiopia benefited from tens of thousands of textbooks and reference books shipped to our partners there for distribution to schools.

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

54 clean water projects were completed, and more than 26,000 individuals benefited in Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Malawi.

BASIC RELIEF

200 children attending the Seed School in the Nairobi slum of Kibera were served two meals each weekday.



SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE AND SOUTHWESTERN ASIA

In 2023, Christian Relief Services provided emergency relief in times of disaster to Türkiye, a country uniquely located in Southeastern Europe and Southwestern Asia, when a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southern and central Türkiye – the largest in the country since 1939 and one of the strongest earthquakes ever recorded in the region. The support served to provide essential relief support to the survivors during the aftershock period until life stabilized and a sense of normalcy returned for those who lived through the tragic disaster.

CHRISTIAN RELIEF SERVICES CHARITIES, INC. & AFFILIATES 2023 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023, FROM THE CHRISTIAN RELIEF SERVICES CHARITIES, INC. AND AFFILIATES COMBINED ANNUAL AUDIT.

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
REVENUE AND SUPPORT			
Housing rental and related income	\$ 23,942,470	\$ -	\$ 23,942,470
Contributed nonfinancial assets	29,978,559	-	29,978,559
Cash contributions	5,953,785	1,780,395	7,734,180
Other income	2,213,261	11,784	2,225,045
Grants from government agencies	95,931	-	95,931
Royalties	-	8,376,309	8,376,309
Wills and bequests	218,598	464,186	682,784
Workplace campaign contributions	-	160,107	160,107
Gains on sale of properties	1,021,908	-	1,021,908
Interest and dividends, net	135,589	(73,311)	62,278
Realized gains (losses) on investments	(621,485)	79,450	(542,035)
Unrealized gains on investments	10,271,316	3,452,066	13,723,382
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of time restrictions	147,548	(147,548)	-
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	8,033,272	(8,033,272)	-
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	81,390,752	6,070,166	87,460,918
EXPENSES			
Program Services:			
Domestic programs	3,220,967	-	3,220,967
American Indian programs	7,069,497	-	7,069,497
International programs	28,638,102	-	28,638,102
Housing programs	24,273,189	-	24,273,189
Total Program Services	63,201,755	-	63,201,755
Supporting Services:			
Management and general	2,214,846	-	2,214,846
Fundraising	3,857,946	-	3,857,946
Total Supporting Services	6,072,792	-	6,072,792
TOTAL EXPENSES	69,274,547	-	69,274,547
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS	12,116,205	6,070,166	18,186,371
NONOPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Realized gain on sale of note receivable	1,851,944	-	1,851,944
Realized gain on sale of investments in operating entities	3,721,748	-	3,721,748
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	17,689,897	6,070,166	23,760,063
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	138,491,219	33,580,871	172,072,090
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 156,181,116	\$ 39,651,037	\$ 195,832,153

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