

CURE

(Compassionate Utilization of REsources)

Overview for 2024

CURE, an all-volunteer, Arkansas non-profit, with 501(c)(3) qualification from the IRS, is engaged in local, area and regional benevolent work, collection and shipment of medical surplus (equipment and supplies) to foreign hospitals, clinics and doctors and regional disaster relief.

CURE continues to strive to be true to its Mission: **To actively demonstrate the love and compassion of Christ to everyone** (locally, regionally, nationally and internationally). CURE provides volunteers with service opportunities that impact lives and provides a source to facilitate humanitarian assistance. Of note during 2024, our volunteer drivers made 49 'road trips', exceeding 34,000 miles, picking up and delivering donated equipment and supplies (available by the Grace of God) in several states.

CURE will be in its 29th operational year during 2025. Over that time, God has grown CURE and continues to show the way to adapt and provide better service in all of CURE's endeavors. Our prayer is that He will continue to do so and aid us, as His servants, to never be a hindrance to what He can accomplish through CURE, which included, but is not limited to, the following in 2024:

Internationally in 2024:

CURE was involved in preparing 23 40' containers for overseas shipment. CURE has, thus far, been involved in shipments to 58 different foreign countries. Although CURE normally concentrates on 'sourcing', collecting, transporting and delivering medical equipment and supplies for shipment by several cooperating organizations, we do sometimes containerize locally for shipment. This past year, with the aid of local servants for the effort, CURE loaded 4 of those containers from CURE warehouses:

- (a) 1, working with The Malawi Project/Action for Progress, for Malawi (Southeast Africa); and,
- (b) 3 for Operation Ukraine due to the continuing humanitarian crisis in the Ukraine, where CURE has a long history of aid; and, as well as these 3, CURE provided equipment and supplies for 6+ other Ukraine containers.

As well as CURE's other efforts for containers loaded elsewhere, including, CURE providing equipment and medical supplies for Togo (West Africa) and, working with the Monett, MO Church of Christ, providing equipment and supplies to be shipped to medical outreaches in El Salvador and Honduras.

Nationally in 2024:

CURE coordinated utilization of donated funds from many congregations and individuals to aid, in conjunction with Churches of Christ Disaster Response Team and Disaster Assistance Mission, victims in Texas from Hurricane Beryl and those impacted in North Carolina, Georgia and Florida by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

CURE provided Tornado disaster relief to Rogers, AR, including generators, extension cords, chainsaws, chainsaw oil, and fuel containers. Items were initially delivered to the designated distribution location in less than 18 hours of the disaster.

Local, Area and Regional Outreach in 2024:

CURE helped regional families by loaning 2927 items of durable medical equipment (DME) and 5904 consumable supply items (CSI) in 2024 directly and to and through local agencies, which assist patients being cared for at home who failed to qualify for financial assistance for same. DME items provided

include wheelchairs, power chairs, walkers, crutches, canes, hoist lifts, hospital beds/mattresses, tub and shower seats, bedside commodes and oxygen equipment.

CURE continues to partner with Arkansas School Based Health Centers (SBHC), for which effort CURE has previously received special recognition. CURE has assisted a total of 35 SBHC (mostly in rural communities) since January of 2011 and continues to aid established SBHC. A conservative estimate of the value of those items is over \$500,000. Tens of thousands of children in Arkansas have benefited and continue to benefit from this partnership.

CURE also maintained provision of medical equipment and support to Arkansas Osteopathic College of Medicine and the Good Samaritan Clinic in Fort Smith, AR.

CURE continued to partner with The Hope Chest, a separate, locally based, non-profit outreach, which includes clothing and household goods distribution services. Since its inception, CURE has provided, and continues to provide, support and aid to WestArk's InnerCity Meal ministry. CURE provides goods, transportation, warehousing and logistics assistance to support both of these WestArk ministries. CURE also aided WestArk church's hosting of an annual "Night to Shine" (Tim Tebow Foundation) celebration.

CURE annually receives, picks up and delivers approximately 30,000 pounds of donated food to the Community Services Clearinghouse (to the credit of WestArk church of Christ), the Hope Campus and other efforts.

CURE continued to aid (through DHS) local families who provide foster care with 115 mattresses, beds and other household furniture.

CURE also provided supplies for utilization by area animal rescue organizations, including Kitties and Kanines in Fort Smith, AR, and 3 Girl Rescue at Shady Point, OK.

Finally, CURE wants to say a heartfelt ***THANKS!*** for each worker, your support, your encouragement and, most of all, for your past and continued prayers – we ask that you continually 'remember' the efforts and safety of those serving. To date, God through CURE has aided the needs of people in 58 other countries worldwide and many thousands of lives locally, regionally and nationally. Only our Lord knows the number of lives He's *actually touched* through CURE's activities. **May God receive all the Glory, Honor and Praise as we work together to do what God created us for: "Good Works".**

IF NOT US, WHO?...
IF NOT NOW, WHEN?
(Luke 10:36 & 37)

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