



# 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

**MATTHEW 25: MINISTRIES'  
2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

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## LETTER FROM THE CEO

2021 marks 30 years since my father started Matthew 25: Ministries. It has been incredible to see his faith in God's plan continue to grow with the support of our community, both near and far. It reminds me of a passage in Genesis 24 when Rebekah greets Abraham's servant at the well. The servant had traveled to the city of Nahor and arrived at a well outside the town. When he met Rebekah, he asked her for a small drink of water from her jar. Rebekah offered the servant water to drink, and then said, "I'll draw water for your camels too, until they have had enough to drink" (Gen. 24:19). I imagine it would take a lot of water to satisfy the thirst of ten camels and would require many trips to the well!

Rebekah's gesture was remarkably generous, reaching above and beyond the servant's initial request. Her kindness reflects the heart of God to abundantly meet the needs of His people, often through the hands and feet of others. Even though the servant was a stranger to her, Rebekah was willing to give her resources, time, and energy to care for him as well as his camels.

Similarly, many times over the past thirty years, we at Matthew 25 have seen God provide abundantly through the generosity of people like you. We are so thankful for the support we've received over the last three decades of service, providing food to the hungry, water to the thirsty, clothing to the naked, shelter to the homeless, medical care to the ill, and humanitarian supplies to those in need.

We continue to see God faithfully bless our mission through the amazing provision of products, financial gifts, and volunteers. In 2021, we were able to help more people in a single year than ever before—approximately 24.5 million people in need in Greater Cincinnati, across the United States, and around the world. We shipped 979 forty-foot containers of aid, valued at more than \$275,000,000. We expanded our local shipments to reach more people in need here in our community, while continuing our work with the poorest of the poor worldwide. We continued our COVID-19 response, and responded to multiple disasters here in the U.S. and internationally. And we acquired an additional 100,000 square feet of warehouse space. This was all more than we ever imagined!

I'm looking forward to another year of seeing what God has in store for Matthew 25: Ministries through the willingness and generosity of our caring supporters. In this report, you will find more details of our work in 2021, which I am thrilled to share with you. Thank you for being a part of it.

God's Blessings,

Tim Mettey  
CEO



## OUR MISSION

## OUR PROCESS

The mission of Matthew 25: Ministries is to fulfill Matthew 25:34–40 of the New Testament by providing nutritional food to the hungry, clean water to the thirsty, clothing to the naked, affordable shelter to the homeless, medical care to the ill, and humanitarian supplies to those in need.

Additionally, Matthew 25: Ministries is committed to fulfilling Matthew 25:40 by educating people on the conditions and needs of the “least of these” and by providing ways they can help.

Our mission is accomplished primarily by soliciting obsolete, slightly distressed, or overstock products from corporations, organizations, and individuals nationwide. These goods include clothing, medical supplies, school supplies, personal care products, cleaning supplies, food, and other items essential for daily survival and maintaining an acceptable standard of living.

With the help of thousands of volunteers, these goods are processed at Matthew 25: Ministries and then shipped via forty-foot seagoing containers and semi-trailers to the poorest of the poor and disaster victims throughout the United States and around the world.

We supplement outside donations by manufacturing, assembling, repurposing, and reblending products in-house at our facility in Blue Ash, Ohio.

“

*As you did it to the*

LEAST OF THESE

*my brothers and sisters,*

YOU DID IT TO ME.

”

**MATTHEW 25:40**

## 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

### OVER 975 TRUCKLOADS OF AID SHIPPED

—the most we've ever shipped in a single year.

### APPROXIMATELY 24.5 MILLION PEOPLE HELPED

—the most we've ever helped in a single year.

### MORE THAN 19 MILLION POUNDS SHIPPED,

including over 6 million pounds of disaster relief supplies.

### ACQUIRED 100,000 SQUARE FEET

of warehouse space across the street.

### EXPANDED MRS. YEAGGY'S KITCHEN,

our on-site food service facility, into a full-service restaurant.

## 2021 MILESTONES

### CELEBRATED 30 YEARS

of caring for a needy world.

### EXCEEDED 250 MILLION POUNDS OF AID DISTRIBUTED

since our founding in 1991.



## ACCREDITATIONS

### AMERICA'S BEST CHARITIES

Matthew 25: Ministries has been awarded the Best Charities in America seal from the Independent Charities of America, recognizing our high standards of public accountability, program effectiveness, and cost-effectiveness.

### BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU (BBB)

Matthew 25: Ministries is accredited through the BBB Wise Giving Alliance. The BBB Wise Giving Alliance Standards for Charity Accountability are the most comprehensive of any charity review program, helping donors make informed giving decisions.

### CHARITY NAVIGATOR

Matthew 25: Ministries is a top-ranked 4-star charity on Charity Navigator, the nation's largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities, recognizing our commitment to financial responsibility, accountability, and transparency.

### FORBES

Matthew 25: Ministries is listed on Forbes 2021 list of America's Top 100 Charities, based on the most recently reported fiscal year for each charity.

### GUIDESTAR

Matthew 25: Ministries has earned the Platinum Seal of Transparency on Guidestar by identifying and sharing goals, strategies, capabilities, indicators, and progress.

View additional accreditation information online at [www.m25m.org/financials](http://www.m25m.org/financials).

## LOCAL PROGRAMS



### GREATER CINCINNATI

Matthew 25 worked with hundreds of local organizations throughout Greater Cincinnati in 2021, including food pantries, homeless shelters, distribution centers, social service agencies, healthcare services, care centers, support groups, schools, and more. We increased the amount of aid we distributed throughout Greater Cincinnati to help more people in our local community. This growth included increasing support of existing partnerships, establishing new non-profit partnerships, continuing local COVID-19 relief efforts, and diversifying programming by working with partners in smaller, more specific increments that met their operational needs. Matthew 25 provided products ranging from food to personal care items to medical supplies, household items, school supplies, cleaning supplies, blankets, clothing, and more for distribution to those in need throughout the Greater Cincinnati area. Part of this work included our annual Hunger 5K Food Drive, through which Matthew 25 distributed more than 67,000 pounds of food to 40 local pantries and shelters.



### FRESH FOOD PROGRAM

2021 was the first full year of operation for Matthew 25's Fresh Food Program. When we started the Fresh Food Program in 2020, we knew it would meet a great need for fresh, nutritionally-dense food, especially with the rising cost of groceries and other living expenses. We were very pleased to see it expand even more than expected in 2021, helping serve the nutritional needs of the hungry throughout our community. The Fresh Food Program provided approximately 1 million pounds of fresh and nonperishable food items to local partners in 2021.



### HOLIDAY PARTY

Matthew 25 hosted a Holiday Party at our facility for local children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. The event featured a candy forest, Santa's workshop, photo stations, crafts, gifts, and more. Matthew 25 implemented many additional safeguards to help protect the health and safety of the families, staff, and volunteers. Approximately 850 children and family members attended the event.

### KIRKWOOD ADVENTURE PARK

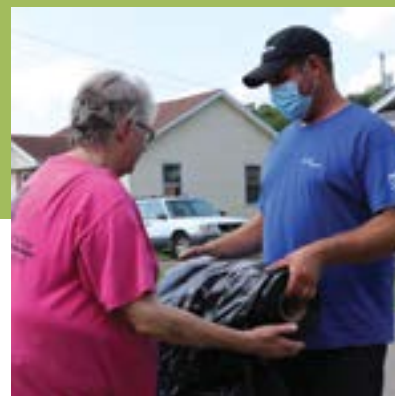
In 2021, Matthew 25: Ministries transformed our Kirkwood Camp and Conference Center into Kirkwood Adventure Park, finding new and exciting ways to grow during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our soft opening was in June, with a grand opening scheduled for May 2022. We were happy to be open for the public to enjoy many of our outdoor amenities in a safe environment. Kirkwood Adventure Park offered free admission to pre-scheduled groups in 2021 as a way of serving the local community and providing opportunities for people to connect with others, enrich relationships, and share adventures together. More fun adventures will be coming in 2022! We look forward to continuing to provide a safe, memorable place for our guests.



## NATIONAL PROGRAMS

Humanitarian crises often disproportionately affect marginalized populations already struggling with social, economic, nutritional, and other daily challenges. As economic repercussions from the pandemic persist, many non-profits are struggling to serve their increasing clientele. In 2021, approximately 60% of Matthew 25: Ministries' distributions (over 12 million pounds) stayed here in the United States, helping our partners to

continue caring for those in most urgent need. Many low-income families must make painful decisions regarding how to spend their limited resources. Matthew 25's donations of necessities like food, clothing, personal care items, and more allow these families to reallocate critically needed funds for other expenses, helping to provide a more stable lifestyle for beneficiaries.



We also continued supporting children in rural Appalachia through the distribution of winter coats, hats, scarves, and gloves. Children who lack access to warm, well-fitting winter wear may suffer more illness, fall behind in school, and be less engaged in outdoor play and social interactions during colder months. This warm clothing helps provide protection from the cold winter weather and helps meet the basic needs of the children in this community.

In 2021, Matthew 25 worked with partners throughout the United States whose inclusive services provide help to people in need within their communities, including at-risk youth, the homeless, the hungry, military veterans and active duty service members, refugees, Native Americans, and more.



## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

In 2021, Matthew 25: Ministries provided nearly 7 million pounds of desperately needed supplies to partners in 27 countries around the world, helping to mitigate challenging circumstances and provide resources for recipients to take steps toward self-sufficiency. In addition to these shipments of aid, Matthew 25 helped care for those in need through these special programs:



### HAITI

Matthew 25's core programs in Haiti include Bel Fle Missions Hotel and Belvi: The Nancy Oppito Center for Family Health. In 2021, these two facilities continued to offer community support through health, nutrition, and hygiene support for a large urban orphanage and other partners; clean water and community improvement programs; healthcare and health education; and pop-up clinics for organizations in the surrounding area. Bel Fle donated approximately 1,500 gallons of clean water a month to residents in their surrounding community. Clean water can reduce illness, prevent deaths, improve quality of life, and enhance the community. Belvi provided medical care and affordable access to medications to more than 500 member patients in the Port-au-Prince area. Access to medical care in Haiti is limited and unaffordable for many people, so Belvi's services and resources are truly life-changing for the people we serve. Belvi's pop-up clinics also provided preventive or early intervention care to approximately 500 students at area schools as well as providing a nutritious lunch for each child.



Additionally, Matthew 25 responded to a massive earthquake that struck Haiti in August. More information about our response can be found in the Disaster Response section of this report.

### NICARAGUA

In 2021, Matthew 25 supported educational, agricultural, micro-enterprise, and community development programs in Nicaragua. The educational enrichment programs—which include computer training, English tutoring, and an e-library program—benefit approximately 50 students, coming from more than a dozen villages. The hub village also is a model of sustainable agriculture and animal husbandry, with an irrigation system; a worm farm for fertilization and aeration; cisterns for water capture; and a flourishing farm that supports food needs and small business start-ups. The hub community also distributes food baskets and other basic supplies to homebound, disabled, or elderly community members and their families throughout as many as 30 villages. The village sewing center continued to provide masks to organizations in the surrounding communities to protect against the spread of COVID-19 (over 30,000 masks to date) as well as making and distributing items like blankets and sheets to hospitals in the area. Additionally, Matthew 25: Ministries supported disaster response for communities affected by back-to-back earthquakes in November.



# DISASTER RESPONSE

In 2021, amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Matthew 25: Ministries continued to support communities affected by natural disasters and hardship. Matthew 25 distributed aid internationally and nationally to victims of severe storms, earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, flooding, and more.

## ONGOING COVID-19 RESPONSE

In 2021, Matthew 25 continued to provide COVID-19 relief supplies to partners across the U.S. to assist them with safely serving the needs of their communities. We also shipped COVID-related supplies to partners in India in response to a devastatingly large surge in late spring. In 2021, Matthew 25: Ministries provided almost 2 million pounds of COVID-19 relief products to partners, including hospitals, first responders, assisted living facilities, schools, businesses, shelters, and more, bringing our overall pandemic distribution numbers to almost 9 million pounds of supplies.

## HURRICANE IDA & TROPICAL STORM HENRI

Matthew 25: Ministries responded to Hurricane Ida, which made landfall near Port Fourchon, Louisiana as a Category 4 hurricane on the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. Ida was one of the strongest storms to ever make landfall in Louisiana, with an extreme wind speed of 150 mph. Matthew 25's Disaster Response Team deployed for approximately 3 weeks and provided services and aid in more than 15 affected communities. The team washed more than 2,700 loads of laundry and distributed over 50,000 batteries, nearly 1,500 personal care kits, over 10,000 rolls of paper products, and more. Additionally, Matthew 25 shipped approximately 600,000 pounds of aid to partners throughout the widespread disaster region, including to the Caribbean, Gulf Coast, and Northeastern United States.

Matthew 25: Ministries also responded to Tropical Storm Henri, which made landfall near Westerly, Rhode Island. The storm brought heavy rain and flooding to southern New England and parts of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Matthew 25 shipped nearly 30,000 pounds of aid to partner organizations throughout areas impacted by the storm.

## TORNADO OUTBREAK

In December, an outbreak of tornadoes ripped through at least 6 states, including the rare Quad-state tornado that swept along a 200-mile path through Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, and Arkansas.

We deployed our Disaster Response Team to provide laundry and charging services and distribute relief supplies including personal care kits, first aid and safety kits, paper products, and more. Matthew 25 shipped over 280,000 pounds of supplies to the disaster region by the end of the year. We will continue shipping aid throughout 2022 and are planning long-term relief efforts to help with recovery.

Additionally, Matthew 25 distributed gift kits, toys, and other holiday items as part of our Christmas Giveaway to help bring much needed holiday cheer to residents in the disaster region. Staff and volunteer teams distributed approximately 1,850 gift boxes, 1,350 toys and 350 tools to families affected by the disaster.

## HAITI EARTHQUAKE

A 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti and resulted in over 2,000 deaths, more than 12,000 people injured, and approximately 130,000 homes damaged or destroyed. Then Tropical Depression Grace moved through Haiti just days after the earthquake. The devastation was truly heartbreaking. Thankfully we have staff and long-term partners on the ground, so we were able to initiate our response immediately. Our team of Haitian staff members delivered supplies throughout the impacted areas and provided mobile medical clinics, helping to meet Haiti's immediate healthcare needs and alleviate strain on local resources. We also shipped additional containers of aid to help with ongoing recovery needs.

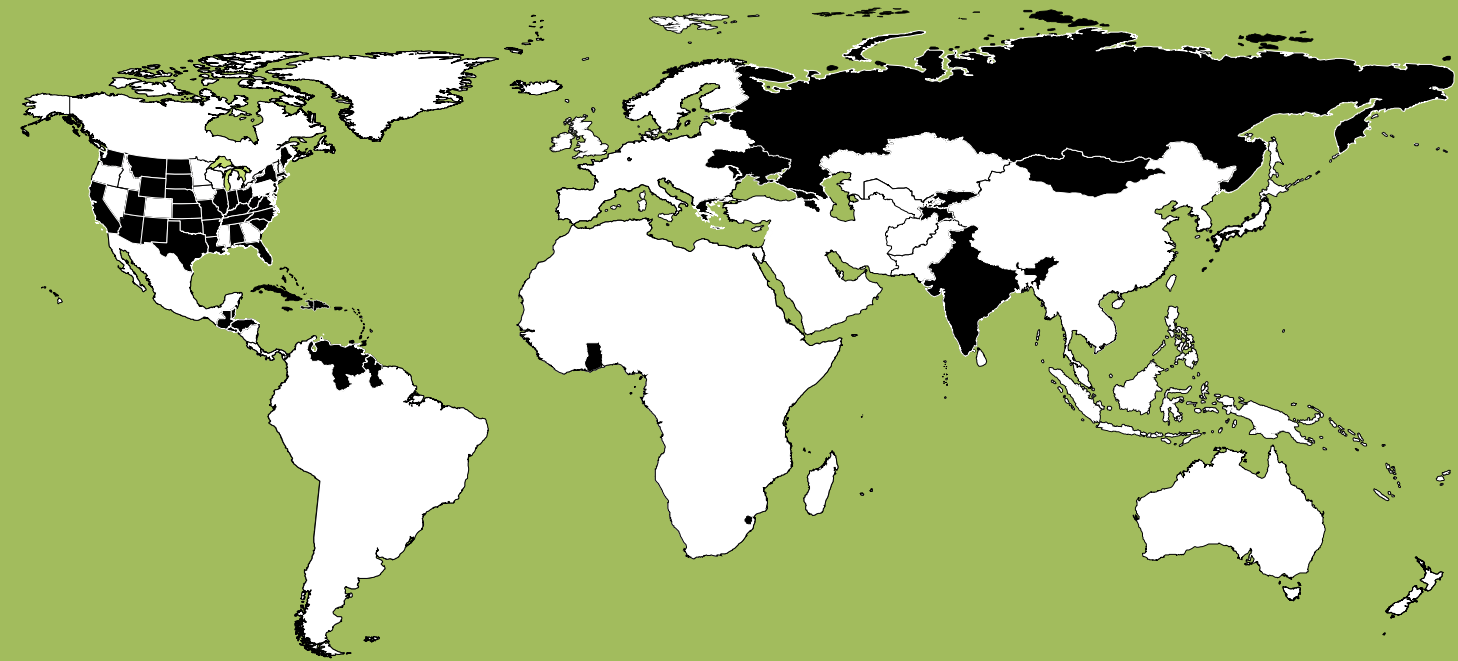
## ADDITIONAL RESPONSE

Additionally, Matthew 25: Ministries responded to the severe winter storm that swept across the South, causing heavy snowfall and freezing temperatures across Texas and other southern states; major flooding events that occurred in Kentucky and Tennessee; the La Soufrière volcanic eruptions on the Caribbean Island of St. Vincent; the West Coast wildfires; and more.

# SHIPMENTS



DESTINATION	TRUCKLOADS	DESTINATION	TRUCKLOADS
Alabama   USA	8.5	Massachusetts   USA	1.5
Arizona   USA	7.5	Missouri   USA	1.5
Arkansas   USA	1.5	Moldova	3
Armenia	0.1	Mongolia	0.25
Bahamas	1	Montana   USA	2.5
Belize	5	Nebraska   USA	1.5
California   USA	29.5	New Jersey   USA	1.5
Cuba	3.75	New Mexico   USA	6
Dominican Republic	16.25	New York   USA	2.25
El Salvador	11.75	North Carolina   USA	2.75
Estonia	0.75	North Dakota   USA	1.5
Eswatini	0.75	Ohio (outside of Greater Cincinnati)   USA	19.75
Florida   USA	12	Oklahoma   USA	13
Georgia (country)	2.25	Puerto Rico   USA	2
Ghana	3.5	Russia	0.75
Greater Cincinnati   USA	296.25	South Carolina   USA	23
Greece	0.1	South Dakota   USA	7
Grenada	15.75	St. Vincent	1
Guatemala	87	Tajikistan	8.5
Guyana	25	Tennessee   USA	4.5
Haiti	104	Texas   USA	72
Honduras	43.5	Trinidad	9
Illinois   USA	4.25	Ukraine	8.75
India	0.5	Utah   USA	1.75
Indiana   USA	5.75	Venezuela	2
Jamaica	30.25	Virginia   USA	3
Kansas   USA	4.25	Washington   USA	0.1
Kentucky   USA	20	West Virginia   USA	0.1
Kyrgyzstan	4	Wyoming   USA	0.1
Louisiana   USA	32		
Maine   USA	0.25		
Maryland   USA	1.5		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>979</b>



OVER

975

TRUCKLOADS SHIPPED

THE MOST EVER SHIPPED IN A SINGLE YEAR



## LEADERSHIP



## KEY LEADERSHIP

### FOUNDER

**Rev. Wendell E. Mettey**  
Montgomery, OH

### CEO

**Tim Mettey**  
Mason, OH

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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



2021 was an outstanding year for Matthew 25: Ministries in many ways. Matthew 25 added a 100,000 square-foot warehouse with 16 additional loading docks to our Blue Ash campus, with a focus on consolidating our disaster response activities so that we could respond more efficiently to future disasters. As happens so often with Matthew 25: Ministries, God provides for the needs of the ministry and our beneficiaries before the needs appear. The capabilities of this warehouse and the activities it supports were called into service almost immediately for devastating disasters including Hurricane Ida and the December tornadoes, greatly enhancing our response capabilities. Overall in 2021, Matthew 25 shipped out more than 6 million pounds of disaster relief, much of it from this new facility.

These disasters brought out the best not only in Matthew 25: Ministries, but also in the Greater Cincinnati community and beyond. It is always so inspiring to see the support Matthew 25 receives from our many corporate and individual donors, who step up to assist Matthew 25's efforts with donations of product, finances, and time. In a year made challenging by the persistent presence and ongoing effects of the pandemic, Matthew 25 continued doing what we do every day, providing basic necessities, disaster response, and other supplies and services to partners who care for those in need. I am grateful for Tim Mettey's leadership of the ministry and all of the hardworking staff who helped make this year another record year.

We also celebrated a significant milestone in 2021, commemorating 30 years of serving the poorest of the poor and disaster victims. It has been my honor to serve as Matthew 25's Chairman of the Board since 2001. I have watched with great pride and occasional amazement over the years as Matthew 25 has continued to meet and exceed expectations over and over again. I am confident that we will continue to grow and to help more and more people during our next 30 years of service.

Thank you for your commitment and generosity to Matthew 25: Ministries. We could not do what we do without the incredible support we receive every day from our volunteers, donors, and partners.

Michael Brandy, Jr.  
Chairman of the Board

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year ended 12/31/21 subject to final audit

## REVENUES

Donations - In-Kind (Product)	\$ 301,971,000	94.7%
Donations - Cash & Equivalents	\$ 9,834,000	3.1%
Donations - Restricted	\$ 4,316,000	1.4%
Container Fees	\$ 1,387,000	0.4%
Other Revenue (Net)	\$ 1,383,000	0.4%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 318,891,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## EXPENSES

Clothing Shipments	\$ 118,059,000	
Personal Care Shipments	\$ 88,112,000	
Household & Cleaning Items Shipments	\$ 36,453,000	
Medical Supplies Shipments	\$ 21,869,000	
School Supplies Shipments	\$ 7,106,000	
Food Shipments	\$ 3,499,000	
Sewing Supplies Shipments	\$ 3,048,000	
Other Program Expenses	\$ 20,622,000	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 298,768,000</b>	<b>99.4%</b>
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 617,000</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>Management Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,226,000</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 300,611,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Increase in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 18,280,000</b>	

PERCENTAGES ARE BASED ON CASH AND IN-KIND (PRODUCT) DONATIONS. FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR CHARITY NAVIGATOR PROFILE.

# FINANCIAL POSITION

Year ended 12/31/21 subject to final audit

## ASSETS

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 5,199,000
Receivables	\$ 379,000
Investments	\$ 6,101,000
Donated Inventory	\$ 118,313,000
Property & Equipment, Net	\$ 16,548,000
Other Assets	\$ 291,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 146,831,000</b>

## LIABILITIES

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 2,480,000</b>
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## NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$ 141,855,000
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 2,496,000
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 144,351,000</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 146,831,000</b>

## FACILITY UPDATE

In 2021, Matthew 25: Ministries acquired a 100,000 square-foot warehouse across the street from our main facility, bringing our total space to more than 300,000 square feet. The new building has 16 loading docks, which help increase our inbound and outbound shipping capabilities. The facility will primarily be used as a centralized hub for our Disaster Response Fleet and supplies, donation drop offs, and some volunteer tasks. This additional space has already been incredibly useful!

We also expanded our on-site food service facility, Mrs. Yeaggy's Kitchen, into a full-service restaurant. This facility provides a welcoming place for our volunteers and staff to gather and eat nourishing food. This has been a dream of ours for a long time and we were happy to see it come to fruition.





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