

# Mercy-USA

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*Mercy-USA for Aid and Development has a new look for the same vital work we've been doing around the world since we were founded in 1988!*



## A New Logo for Mercy-USA!

The old, familiar Mercy-USA logo has proliferated on everything from donor communications, trucks delivering aid, health workers' vests, sacks of life sustaining grain, and a myriad of other applications as we have grown our development projects around the world. Now, poised to expand and grow our relief and development projects into the future, a new logo has been developed to illustrate our motto of "helping people help themselves". We're proud to introduce this new symbol of our organization to our best supporters!

## Mercy-USA to Launch Development Projects in West Baltimore

As part of our new strategy to grow our reach into United States communities in need, Mercy-USA is launching development projects in West Baltimore. We're working hard and fast to spearhead several community projects to foster youth empowerment, and support

for small social entrepreneurs. We're looking forward to offering help to those in West Baltimore who are already doing great things to improve the lives of their neighbors. Look for updates this summer!

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Mercy-USA for Aid and Development is a nonprofit relief and development organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering and supporting individuals and their communities in their efforts to become more self-sufficient.

Incorporated in 1988, Mercy-USA's projects focus on improving health, nutrition and access to safe water, as well as promoting economic and educational growth around the world.

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## Mercy-USA's Mother and Child Health Clinic is Giving Babies, and Their Mothers a Fighting Chance to Survive

Life in besieged Aleppo, Syria today is filled with desperation from daily power outages, water shut-offs, severe food shortages and horrific shelling and barrel bombs. Women are widowed, and children are made orphans, and despite it all, babies are being born every day giving hope to their parents that some day it will all be over.

Mercy-USA has opened a health clinic in one of the hardest hit areas of Aleppo to serve the needs of the most vulnerable of the population—mothers and their little children and babies.

### Mercy-USA is Providing Hope and Experienced Medical Care to Aleppo's Most Vulnerable Citizens—Mothers and Children

Mercy-USA, with 20 years of experience in managing mother and child health clinics in some of the world's most dangerous war-zones, is now operating our most ambitious privately funded mother and child health clinic in Aleppo, Syria, where the need is critical.



Located in the Omar Ibn Abdel Aziz Hospital in the Al Ma'adi district of Aleppo, the health clinic is open and operating daily serving this district and surrounding districts. The staff of two physicians, two nurses, plus administrative personnel see an average of 600 women for free pre- and

postnatal care and birthing services each month. The clinic also sees an average of 750 newborns, infants and children each month for free pediatric care with special attention paid to the monitoring of their vaccination schedules and nutrition counseling. Our female OB/GYN physician is one of the very few women left to provide not only vital medical services to women but is there to offer woman-to-woman comfort during this desperate situation.



Above: Baby Hind when she was admitted to Mercy-USA supported Mother and Child Health Clinic very sick. Below: Ten days later and just about well enough to go home, Hind's eyes are bright and her parents are thankful to the doctor's who cared for her free of charge thanks to donors like you.



## A Happy Outcome for Baby Hind.

Imagine the feelings of panic and desperation little Hind's parents felt as they watched her sicken before their eyes because they had been unable to afford the treatment plan for her medical condition. Hind became critically ill before her first birthday.

Her family came to the Mercy-USA Mother and Child Health clinic for free medical treatment for their tiny child. She spent ten days in our clinic under the care of our pediatrician, and was discharged to the watchful eyes of her family, well enough to look into our camera lens with bright eyes and hope for a healthy childhood.

The Syrian health system is in crisis, but babies like Hind still need medical care. She and hundreds like her are now getting this vital care thanks to our generous donors.

## Hope Where Little is Found...

◀ Adham, three months old is now gaining weight and thriving after receiving a vitally necessary hernia operation. The surgery was performed free of charge at our pediatric health center. Before learning of our health clinic, Adham's mother didn't know where to turn; she and her husband had just lost their home to a barrel bomb, and had no means to afford medical care. They asked our field team to express their gratitude for the help they receive for Adham through the generous support of Mercy-USA donors.



▶ Baby Ahmad, was only six weeks old when this photo was taken in our clinic. Ahmad's father was killed by a barrel bomb, leaving him an orphan before birth. His mother visits the Mercy-USA Mother and Child Health clinic regularly where they both receive free follow-up care, as well as food baskets, hygiene products and formula.







# Spring Arrives in Bosnia with Vegetable Seedlings and the Prospect of a Bountiful Harvest for Elderly Internally Displaced Bosniaks in Need.



*Just a few of the small family farmers who purchase seedlings for a nominal charge from our Agricultural Education Center in Bosnia each spring.*

Mercy-USA for Aid and Development has an Agricultural Education Center and greenhouse in Brcko District of Bosnia that offers training to local farmers, and agriculture students while producing over 100,000 high quality

seedlings every year. 85% of the tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, cabbage, eggplant and other nutritious fruit and vegetable plants are sold for a nominal price to local small family farmers. Mercy-USA completes the circle of support by the free distribution of the remaining 15% of seedlings to poor beneficiaries, many of whom are residents of the collective centers that host internally displaced persons from Srebrenica. These folks are still not able to return to their homes in the city after the 1995 massacre of approximately 10,000 men and boys.

Beneficiaries of Mercy-USA's seedlings include women like 77-year old Sabra, (at left), a mother and grandmother from Srebrenica who lives in one of the collective centers. Sabra survives on \$175 per month in government assistance and the help she gets from Mercy-USA throughout the year. Sabra says she depends on the produce from her tiny garden to help her survive each year.

Rukija, (at right) is another beneficiary of our annual seedlings' distribution. Also, internally displaced from Srebrenica, she is a mother of five and grandmother of six and lives on the tiny government stipend like Sabra. Rukija says that besides the

obvious benefit of fresh produce, the garden gives her a great sense of purpose in her life.

These are just two stories of hundreds that we hear each spring with the seedlings distribution. Something as simple as vegetable and fruit plants can make the difference between eating healthy or eating just to survive another day. Your donations to Mercy-USA make these projects possible for Sabra and Rukija and all the other folks who—still after twenty years—suffer the effects of the war in Bosnia.





## Students at Salaam Learning Center in Tinley Park, IL Raise Nearly \$10,000 for Clean Water in Somalia with Mercy-USA's Every Drop Counts Program!



Students at Salaam Learning Center in Tinley Park, IL competed for good and raised enough money to sponsor three new wells in Somalia.

Mercy-USA recently launched a program for students to learn about Somalia's history, culture and need for safe access to clean water to inspire them to raise funds for a well in their school or club's name. Mrs. Hanan Eassa, the learning center's director and founder heard about the program and immediately requested our motivational posters, newsletters and donation envelopes and in less than two months the students, ages 3-13 raised the money to build the wells. The children made posters for their school and kept track of how much money was raised weekly.

Mercy-USA will be keeping in touch with the students to update them on the progress of their wells, and we'll send them photos of the Somali communities



enjoying the fresh, clean and safe water that the wells will bring.

Congratulations to the Salaam Learning Center students and their families for supporting such a vital cause!

If you'd like information on Mercy-USA's Every Drop Counts program for your school, club or youth group, please write to [safewater@mercyusa.org](mailto:safewater@mercyusa.org).



## Mercy-USA offers Emergency Relief to Hundreds of Rohingya from Myanmar



After being rejected by other countries, 620 Rohingya refugees from Myanmar were adrift at sea for an indeterminate time until the semi-autonomous Aceh Province in Indonesia allowed them refuge.

Mercy-USA's Aceh field team visited the camp and assessed the immediate needs of these desperate folks. Living in temporary shelters, they were in dire need of basic supplies to keep them comfortable, restore their

dignity and to prevent the spread of disease and illness in less than ideal circumstances. Thanks to the quick response of our donors, we distributed hygiene supplies, new clothing plus fresh milk and biscuits to the children. Mercy-USA will continue to monitor the situation for these folks as they adapt to a new life and country.

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## Albania

- English and computer skills training for orphans
- Read to Succeed program for school-age children and teens

## Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Vocational and career training for orphans, at-risk teens and young adults
- Agriculture Education Center to aid farmers, and local communities with sustainable farming methods

## The Gaza Strip

- School lunch program in Gaza serving approximately 1,500 students

## India

- Seasonal food aid

## Indonesia

- Aid farmers and local communities with sustainable farming methods. Also assist farmers in forming cooperatives
- English and computer skills training for orphans

## Kenya

- Nutritional support and health services for mothers and children
- Water and sanitation/hygiene program at 24 elementary and pre-schools to prevent infectious diseases

## Lebanon

- Syrian Refugee assistance in Wadi Khalid, Lebanon
- Mobile Health Clinic serves refugees four times a week providing vaccines, pre-and post-natal checks and regular medical exams

- Palestinian Refugee Assistance in Beddawi and Nahr-Al-Bared Palestinian Refugee Camps
- Vocational training courses

## Somalia

- To date over 400 new or rehabilitated wells for access to clean drinking water throughout Somalia
- Nutritional support and health services for mothers and children
- Hygiene and sanitation training and promotion

## Syria

- Monthly food baskets and infant formula for 1,000 vulnerable families in Aleppo, Syria
- Winter clothing for 10,000 vulnerable children
- Blankets, mattresses, mats for displaced families
- Hygiene packages for 1,000 vulnerable families
- Mother and Child Health Clinic



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- Monthly Donation**  \$10  \$25  \$50  \$100  \$250  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Check**
- Credit Card** (Fill out Credit Card Section)
- Pledge** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Credit Card Information (Charged in US Currency)**

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