

# MERCY IN ACTION

MERCY-USA FOR AID AND DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

**Every act of generosity has the power to change a life.**

Thanks to the compassion of Mercy-USA supporters, families facing hunger, hardship, and uncertainty have received critical support in recent months. From providing nourishing meals during Ramadan to ensuring communities have access to safe, clean water, your generosity continues to bring relief and hope to those who need it most.

The stories that follow are a reflection of what your support makes possible. Together, we are helping families meet their most basic needs, restoring dignity, and building a path toward a more stable future.

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# WELLS OF HOPE IN SOMALIA

For many families in rural Somalia, access to clean water has long been a daily struggle. Years of severe drought and environmental challenges have forced communities to travel long distances in search of water—often from unsafe sources that put their health at risk.



In many villages, the responsibility of collecting water falls to women and young girls. Each day, they walk for miles under the harsh sun, carrying heavy containers back to their homes. These long journeys mean that girls often miss school, while families are left vulnerable to waterborne illnesses caused by contaminated water sources.

Through Mercy-USA's Safe Water project, that reality is beginning to change. With the support of generous donors, Mercy-USA has constructed and repaired wells that bring clean, reliable water directly into communities that once struggled to access it. Today, these wells are providing safe drinking water to communities with a combined population of more than 750,000 people.

The impact reaches far beyond a single water source. Children are healthier, families no longer have to spend precious income purchasing water, and women and girls are gaining back valuable hours in their day, time that can now be spent in school, at work, or caring for their families.

What was once a daily struggle has become a source of relief and hope. With clean water, families no longer have to choose between safety, health, or opportunity.

# NEIGHBORS KEEPING NEIGHBORS WARM

On cold winter days in Southeast Michigan, even the simplest necessities can make a life-changing difference. This past December and January, Mercy-USA brought together volunteers, community partners, and faith-based organizations to support neighbors facing homelessness and housing insecurity.

At two Winter Warmth Packaging Events, volunteers assembled hundreds of kits filled with thermal socks, gloves, hats, scarves, fleece blankets, and more. Distributed in the late winter months—when shelters often begin to run low on cold-weather supplies—these kits helped ensure that individuals and families continued to stay warm during Michigan's harshest days.

For those receiving them, these kits provided more than warmth—they offered comfort, dignity, and a reminder that they are not alone.



# FEEDING FASTS AROUND THE WORLD

As the sun set each evening during the blessed month of Ramadan, families gathered to break their fast. But for many facing conflict, displacement, and rising food prices, preparing the evening meal was not always certain.

Through Mercy-USA's Ramadan Iftar Food Basket program, vulnerable families across Gaza, Somalia, Yemen, and more received essential food items to help them prepare nourishing meals throughout the month. For parents struggling to make ends meet, these baskets brought more than food—they brought peace of mind.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, "Whoever feeds a fasting person will have a reward like that of the fasting person, without any reduction in his reward." Thanks to the generosity of Mercy-USA supporters, countless fasting families were able to observe Ramadan with dignity, nourishment, and hope.

# YOUR IMPACT AROUND THE WORLD

Reaching families across 8 countries with life-saving support.



**Mercy-USA**

Mercy-USA for Aid and Development



Mercy-USA 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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