

# VITAL SIGNS

## SPECIAL EDITION GIVING TUESDAY NEWSLETTER

### From Christine Squires, President and CEO

I am so grateful for your generous and compassionate support of Americares work, which for many, meant the difference between life and death, between hope and despair.

Together, we have faced challenges head-on from a third year of war in Ukraine, to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, to a growing number of floods, hurricanes, wildfires and heatwaves. And though the number of those needing urgent medical care only continues to grow, Americares will continue to be there, with your help.



Christine Squires, the President and CEO of Americares, interacts with one of the beneficiaries of MHC (Mobile Health Clinic) services during her program visit in Mumbai, India in March 17, 2023. (Photo/Debsuddha Banerjee)

It's your unwavering compassion that ensures we are ready to respond when needed. It's your compassion that allows us to rush medicine to communities in crisis. And it's your compassion that delivers better health and brighter futures to those who need it most.

Simply put, your support saves lives.

As you read this special Giving Tuesday newsletter, I hope you'll be touched by the work you make possible. And then, I hope that you will be inspired to make a gift, especially since your donation will be matched 5X up to \$520,000! This is a rare opportunity I hope you'll take advantage of today.

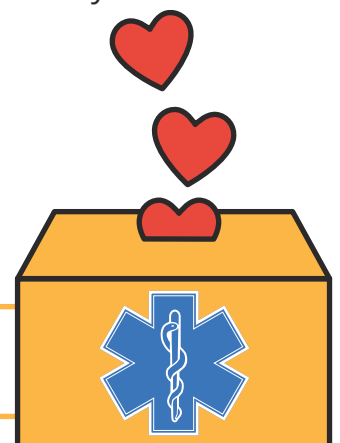
On behalf of the countless lives that you have saved, thank you for your generosity.

With warm regards this holiday season,



Christine Squires  
President and CEO

## 5X MATCH IN EFFECT





## Dawud's Journey to Recovery Amidst Crisis

*Four-year-old Dawud\* was like any other child. He loved to laugh, play and spend time with his family.* But in February 2024, Dawud's life was upended by a missile strike near his home in Gaza.

His mother Reem frantically searched through the rubble, screaming for someone to help find her son. When Dawud was finally pulled from the debris, he was alive but severely injured, with a deep leg wound and fractured femur that required immediate attention.

Dawud needed emergency surgery, but the hospitals in Gaza were overwhelmed—there weren't enough beds, and he couldn't stay. His cousin Ibrahim recalled the dire situation, saying, "He underwent surgery with a lack of everything, a lack of room, a lack of beds, a lack of doctors." The procedure was enough to save Dawud's leg, but he needed more help than the Gazan hospital could provide.

Thanks to an AmeriCares-funded local partner, Dawud was transferred to a hospital in Egypt. There, he received the specialized treatment he desperately needed, including further surgery to repair his broken leg, physical therapy and mental health support. None of this would have been possible without the generosity of supporters like you. His mother Reem expressed deep gratitude for the vital care her son received, saying, "They continue to help us in every need."

Dawud's recovery is ongoing, but his story is a powerful reminder of the countless children affected by the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Reem, who lost two brothers to the conflict, emphasized the importance of the support they received: "People need support after this war—moral, psychological, financial support. It's all necessary."

Your generous gift couldn't be timelier in helping innocent children like Dawud and all those around the world facing disaster and crisis, especially when it is matched 5X this Giving Tuesday. ❤️



# Emergency Response Snapshot

**The reason Americares is ready to respond when disasters strike is because of the support received from friends like you.** No matter the size or location of the disaster, your generosity allows Americares to send lifesaving medicines and aid to local communities in their time of crisis.



← **UKRAINE:** With the war now well into its third year, your generosity continues to allow Americares to support physical and mental health needs in Ukraine, where 40% of people are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance.

“Our ability to continue responding quickly and effectively to the ongoing needs of survivors in Ukraine hinges on the generosity of our donors,” said Americares Senior Vice President and Chief Development Officer Jenny Goldstein.



← **COLOMBIA FLOOD:** In early May, the Caregato Dam in northern Colombia ruptured, flooding communities and crops throughout the region.

Because of your support, Americares responded with emergency funding for local health facilities, a water purification system, hygiene kits and educational outreach to promote health and safety.



← **CHOLERA:** For decades, Americares has been at the forefront of the fight against this deadly disease. Your support enables Americares to respond to cholera outbreaks in both Tanzania and Zambia. Our efforts to deliver medicine, water, sanitation and hygiene necessities have helped over 81,000 people amid the outbreak.

**WE STAND READY TO RESPOND. And it's because of YOU! ❤️**

## Giving Tuesday Saves Lives Like No Other Day

The support we receive from generous friends like you leading up to Giving Tuesday is critical for our emergency response efforts around the world.

And during this special giving season, your Giving Tuesday gift will go even further thanks to our 5X matching gift opportunity.

Think about the difference you can make in the lives of those in need around the world – especially when your gift goes 5X as far!

YOU can do all this and more with your Giving Tuesday gift by visiting [americares.org/givingtuesday24](https://americares.org/givingtuesday24).

### AMERICARES GIVING TUESDAY CHECKLIST

- PROVIDE LIFESAVING MEDICINES
- DELIVER CRITICAL SUPPLIES
- TRAIN FRONTLINE HEALTH WORKERS
- SUPPORT MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

# Your Gift in Action

You aspire to uplift the world's most vulnerable families and communities. And we honor your commitment by putting your hard-earned dollars to the best use. *That's why Charity Navigator has awarded AmeriCares a four-star rating — its most prestigious accolade.* →

When you stand with AmeriCares, rest assured that your support delivers medicines and aid wherever the need is the greatest. Your compassion *and* generosity are truly appreciated! ❤️



## Other Ways to Give

*Did you know? You can lower your overall tax bill while supporting a cause that is close to your hearts. Here are a few ways you can make a tax-smart gift that expresses your charitable values:*

✓ **APPRECIATED SECURITIES:** Transfer stocks, mutual funds or real estate, and deduct the fair market value, rather than the amount paid. Added bonus: you pay no capital gains tax on the donated securities.

✓ **IRA DONATIONS:** Fulfill your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for 2024 and reduce taxable income. Get started with our online IRA donation tool by visiting the link below.

✓ **DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS:** Support AmeriCares and deduct the amount you invest this year, earn income in the coming years and use the funds to have an immediate impact on our lifesaving work.

✓ **VEHICLE DONATIONS:** By donating your car, truck, or even boat to AmeriCares, you can lower your tax bill and simplify your life. It's an easy way to show your support!

For more information on any of the above giving options, visit [americares.org/waystogive](https://americares.org/waystogive). ❤️

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