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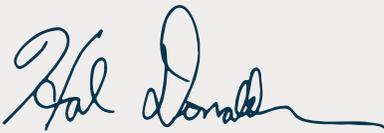
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# Restoring Hope After Disasters



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*At Convoy of Hope, we are passionate about feeding the hungry and bringing hope to families. One of the ways that's accomplished is through disaster response. When families have lost everything they own to a hurricane, fire, earthquake or tornado, our tractor-trailers and response teams rush in to deliver emergency supplies.*

With tears in her eyes, one young mother said, “My house was almost destroyed, and I didn’t know where to find help to feed my children. Then I saw the Convoy of Hope truck park across the street. You kept us going for weeks until we could put our lives back together.”

This year, thousands of disaster survivors — just like this young mother — received help because of your generosity. Corporations, churches and friends like you made it possible to restore the hope of families in need. From the California fires to the hurricanes in Florida and North Carolina, you showed families they were not alone.

Globally, in places like Indonesia and Myanmar, our response teams arrived on location to offer hope. In addition, we continued to work in places like Puerto Rico, where families still fight to recover from the hurricanes of 2017.

Convoy of Hope’s response teams are committed to the mission of providing help and offering hope to disaster survivors. They spend long days in the trenches, away from home, in difficult conditions. Why? Because, like you, they don’t want to see people suffer. When you combine their passion with your compassion, it results in thousands of families receiving help and hope.

On behalf of the people who received food, water and supplies — at just the right time — thank you for giving and caring. May God honor your kindness to them and your ongoing support of Convoy of Hope. It’s an honor and a privilege to partner with you to make the world a better place.

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On the cover: A young girl receives assistance from Convoy of Hope during a disaster response.

Photographer: Rachel Helling





**A Charlotte-based Elevation Church continues generously supporting Convoy of Hope's work**

For the fourth year in a row, Elevation Church compiled cleanup kits for Convoy of Hope to distribute to families who have suffered from disasters. The church also gifted the Disaster Services team with a much-needed shower trailer in 2017 to support them during deployment.

**B Hope grows with Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company**

In 2011, Ozarks-native business Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company began providing seeds for Convoy of Hope's Community Events. Event guests are provided with multiple seed packets and gardening instructions called "Gardens in a Bag." This offers our guests at these events sustainable nutritious food assistance.

**C Washington Redskins host back-to-school event**

The Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation — one of Convoy of Hope's newest partners — hosted a Back To School Fair for children in need this fall. Dozens of families received free goods and services during the event, including groceries provided by Convoy of Hope.

**D Midwest-based synergy: Meals from the Heartland partners with Convoy of Hope**

Convoy of Hope is currently providing school meals for more than 177,000 children around the world, and Meals from the Heartland (MFTH) is a key partner helping to make that work possible. In 2017, MFTH donated more than 20 million meals to help children and disaster survivors around the world. Convoy of Hope has partnered with MFTH since 2011.

**E International Relief Teams provide help around the world**

After hurricanes Harvey and Maria devastated Texas and Puerto Rico in 2017, International Relief Teams (IRT) stepped in, providing essential items like food, cleaning supplies, tarps and building materials to families in need. In 2018, they teamed up with Convoy of Hope yet again to provide meals-ready-to-eat to those affected by Hurricane Florence. To date, IRT has donated more than \$1 million worth of supplies to disaster survivors.

**F Walmart, Sam's Club support disaster relief work**

Walmart, Sam's Club and the Walmart Foundation continue to support Convoy of Hope's work during times of disasters. In 2018, they provided multiple loads of donated product, the use of one of their store's parking lots for distribution set up and significant cash funding.



## Overcoming the Hunger Obstacle

*A call to action from “American Ninja Warrior” Maggi Thorne*

We’re hot and sweaty, but our smiles stretch for miles. As I reach for her shaky hand, we walk step-by-step through a small obstacle course at an orphanage in El Salvador. Every so often, I can tell she’s considering turning back ... but when our eyes meet, she finds the courage to keep going.

After completing the course, the children watching us erupt in cheers. We celebrate her accomplishment with a big hug, and I hear her say, “I can’t believe I did it.”

Lily\* had watched me play with other kids on the course for more than an hour until she finally built up the courage to try it herself. She feared she wasn’t strong enough to take on the challenge and didn’t

want to fall in front of everyone. We talked for a few moments, and I told Lily she shouldn’t be afraid — that the best thing she can do in life is to simply try.

A few tears of joy (that I conveniently played off as sweat) rolled down my face as we finished the course together. The moment Lily truly believed in herself and felt like anything was possible is one I’ll cherish forever. As time passes, it’s tricky to keep that feeling with me. But, the truth is, I believe anything is possible for Lily and others like her who are facing adversity.

The door to encouraging Lily that day was opened by one thing: a meal. Just a few hours earlier, a room full of boys and girls received a nutritious meal and took steps to overcoming one of

their greatest obstacles — hunger. Thanks to feedONE, and the generosity of people who give just \$10 a month, these children have the opportunity to overcome one of life’s toughest challenges.

My trip to El Salvador reminded me that, in one moment, we can make an impact on someone’s life in the simplest of ways. Whether it’s taking 60 seconds to encourage someone, helping children overcome obstacles, or — the easiest of all — donating \$10 a month to feedONE ... our kindness makes a huge difference.

Mother Teresa is famous for many sayings. But, the one that’s still so real to me and drives me to help children overcome the Hunger Obstacle is this: “If you can’t feed a hundred, then feed just one.”

\*Name changed



## *Justin Thomas' pledge supports Hurricane Florence survivors*

Golf pro Justin Thomas partnered with Convoy of Hope during this year's PGA Tour Championship to raise money for hurricane relief efforts. Justin pledged to donate \$1,000 for every birdie and \$5,000 for every eagle he made to Convoy of Hope's Hurricane Florence disaster response. By the end of the tournament, Justin had raised \$17,000.

This is the third year Justin has partnered with Convoy of Hope to raise money and awareness to support disaster response after a hurricane. Justin, his sponsors and fans have raised more than \$110,000 in all.

Justin is currently ranked fourth on the PGA's Official World Golf Ranking and has had nine PGA Tour wins.

## Driver Michael McDowell & K-LOVE team up to support Convoy of Hope

K-LOVE Radio and NASCAR Driver Michael McDowell came together to support Convoy of Hope during the NASCAR Bank of America ROVAL 400 at Charlotte Motor Speedway. The No. 34 Ford displayed a Convoy of Hope decal, and McDowell — along with K-LOVE — encouraged fans to text-to-give during the race. Funds were raised to support Convoy of Hope's response to Hurricane Florence.

In 2017, McDowell also raised awareness and funds to support Convoy of Hope's response to Hurricane Harvey.



## Jonathan & Natalie Stewart help survivors of Hurricane Florence

The Stewarts, who reside in Charlotte, North Carolina, used their social media platforms and personal network to raise nearly \$20,000 for Convoy of Hope's disaster response work after Hurricane Florence slammed communities in North Carolina. Jonathan is a running back for the New York Giants.



**Jonathan Stewart**   
@Jonathanstewart1

I've partnered with Convoy of Hope to send emergency relief supplies to survivors affected by Hurricane Florence. I WILL MATCH EVERY \$1 up to 10k!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Welcome back to Watts

It was nearly 7 a.m. on December 1, and guests were already lining up at Ted Watkins Park in Watts, a southern Los Angeles neighborhood. As the Convoy of Hope and volunteer teams unloaded three tractor-trailers of product, the line just kept growing.

By the time the gates opened at 10 a.m., more than 1,000 Guests of Honor were ready to be a part of the Community Event. From the free haircuts and family portraits to the children’s games and grocery distribution, these events are designed to bring communities together for meaningful and fun-filled experiences for the entire family.

That day in Watts, 333 volunteers distributed an astounding 10,000

bags of groceries; 2,712 pairs of children’s shoes; 5,000 pairs of Bombas socks and 1,600 Gardens in a Bag. A week after the event, 400 people received prescription glasses. And the amazing generosity of volunteers isn’t all that made the event so incredible. An impressive 49 agencies from the area came together to serve 2,500 community members in health, community, veterans, job and career services.

According to Steve Pulis, Convoy of Hope’s signature events director, the day was “all about the value of working together and benefitting the community.” When all was said and done, Convoy of Hope had the privilege of serving 4,300 guests as part of the Los Angeles Community Event.

**TOP:** For the second year in a row, Convoy of Hope’s Community Events team served the residents of Watts, California. More than 300 people from local churches, businesses and health organizations volunteered to make the day a success.

**BOTTOM:** Many chose to make the Watts Community Event a family affair. Kids could play in our kids’ carnival and even get a new pair of shoes.



AGRICULTURE

## “Honest” Work

Thanks to the generosity of people like you, thousands of lives are transformed the world over through Convoy of Hope’s Agriculture program. Lives like that of Honest — a man who has stayed true to his name.

Honest is a part of the Maasai culture in Kenya. The Maasai have raised cattle for generations, but frequent droughts make their work difficult. When waters dry up, so does the cattle business.

Honest recognized his community needed a new way to earn money. So, when Convoy of Hope offered him agricultural training, he quickly took advantage. Honest



learned farming techniques that enable him to conserve water — stabilizing his income even when nature doesn’t cooperate.

Switching from raising cattle to growing crops was a big change. Some of the Maasai didn’t like it at first, but his success is changing minds ... and his work speaks a powerful truth. Honest nearly doubled his investment the first year alone.

After doing so well with his initial crop of cabbages, Honest dedicated an acre of land to grow carrots for Convoy of Hope. The harvest from that field is used in our local Children’s Feeding

program — another resource in our mission to eliminate global hunger.

“I am delighted to help Convoy because I see the great work they do in Kenya,” Honest says. “They give us skills for things we never knew. Through that, we see God really cares for us all.”

**TOP:** Honest used the knowledge he gained through Convoy of Hope’s Agriculture program to grow crops.

**MIDDLE:** After finding success with growing cabbages, Honest decided to grow an acre of carrots — all of which he gave to Convoy’s Children’s Feeding initiative.

**BOTTOM:** Traditionally, the Maasai culture depends on cattle farming. However, constant drought makes it a difficult source of income.

## Become a Volunteer Driver



Last year, our incredible driving team drove the equivalent of 16 times around the Earth to deliver supplies to people in need. If you have a Class A CDL, you may be the perfect fit for our volunteer driving team. Apply today!

[convoy.org/drivingteam](http://convoy.org/drivingteam)

## Volunteer at World Headquarters



Hands of Hope volunteer night happens every Tuesday at our World Distribution Center in Springfield, Missouri. Volunteers pack food for our international feeding programs and bag groceries for our Community Events.

**Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.\***

World Distribution Center  
330 S. Patterson Ave.  
Springfield, MO 65802

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## Volunteer at a Community Event



**February 16**

Jacksonville, Florida  
Middleburg, Florida  
Callahan, Florida

**March 30**

Winnsboro, Louisiana  
La Porte, Texas  
League City, Texas  
Puerto Rico

**April 13**

Rosenberg, Texas  
Wharton, Texas

**April 27**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**May 18**

Greenville, Mississippi  
Houston, Texas  
Highlands, Texas

**June 1**

Woodbridge, Virginia

**June 8**

Dermott, Arkansas

**June 15**

Northwest Arkansas

**June 29**

Puerto Rico

**July 13**

Dover, Delaware

**July 20**

Wichita, Kansas

**July 27**

Orlando, Florida

To view more upcoming events, visit [convoy.org/events](http://convoy.org/events)

\*See website for a detailed schedule.

## Feed a Child for \$10 per Month



Did you know you can provide food and care for a child in one of our program countries for the cost of a movie ticket or lunch? Just \$10 a month is all it takes to change a child's life through feedONE. Visit [feedone.com](http://feedone.com) and join us as we change the world one child at a time.

[feedone.com](http://feedone.com)

## Join Convoy:Women



Like-minded supporters of Convoy of Hope mission unite as Convoy:Women. This group exists to advocate for the poor and suffering while bringing strength and dignity to women and girls around the world.

Visit [convoy.org/women](http://convoy.org/women) to join the movement.

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## Send a Team to Serve



Your group can serve as a Field Team to show the world hope works. Email [teams@convoyofhope.org](mailto:teams@convoyofhope.org) to learn more about how you can make a lasting impact in Puerto Rico by working with Convoy of Hope. Be sure to check out [convoyofhope.org/teams](http://convoyofhope.org/teams) for more opportunities to serve.

**Other service opportunities include:**

- Slovakia
- Moldova
- El Salvador
- Honduras
- The Philippines
- Haiti
- Tanzania
- Kenya
- Rockaway Beach, Missouri
- Mississippi Delta Region
- Appalachia Region

## Field Teams serve alongside staff and locals worldwide

Field Teams provide people with the unique opportunity to work alongside Convoy of Hope while also helping communities around the world. From the U.S. to Tanzania, Field Teams work to create change — and memories — that will last a lifetime.

Since 2013, Field Teams have served those in our program countries through a variety of projects. The ultimate goal of these trips is to serve and empower local leadership. Teams support communities through hands-on projects, such as building kitchens, remodeling structures and engaging with children through local churches.

Many Field Teams have recently traveled to Puerto Rico to assist families devastated in 2017 by Hurricane Maria. These teams have worked to renovate and



rebuild houses for those who lost everything ... and restore hope after the disaster.

Even though it's been more than a year since Hurricane Maria devastated the island, there's still work to be done. Seize the opportunity to join Convoy of Hope's mission by volunteering to serve on a Field Team in Puerto Rico today!

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# resilience & hope

*Storm survivors  
defy their  
circumstances  
and help their  
communities  
recover after  
disaster strikes.*

*By Jess Heugel & Wes Sconce*



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## resilience & hope

The port-city of Palu was in chaos after an earthquake and tsunami battered the Indonesian island of Sulawesi in late September. Its coastline was an unrecognizable tangle of debris, forcing military members to wear face masks, protecting against disease and diffusing the overwhelming stench of death as they combed through the mud and rubble in search of remains.

“Entire sections of the town were buried in mud, and other areas were erased by the tsunami,” says Jeremy Williamson, Convoy of Hope’s international deployment manager. “I could hardly breathe watching a woman try and keep her

composure. She was standing next to body bags and gazing out over absolute destruction.”

Despite the incredible need, the island’s plight was quickly lost in the western news cycle. But that didn’t stop Convoy of Hope’s International Disaster Response team from responding. We immediately partnered with volunteers, local organizations and churches to provide emergency water filtration, food, hygiene products and diapers.

The tsunami was just one of three major responses Convoy of Hope initiated during September and October. On the Eastern seaboard and in the Florida Panhandle, our Disaster Services teams also responded to communities devastated by Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

“Our teams are well-equipped, determined and highly trained for such situations,” says Hal Donaldson, president of Convoy of Hope. “But their ability to respond so swiftly and effectively — especially when there are multiple disasters — is due to the support of our donors, volunteers and partners. They are all heroes!”



**ABOVE:** Citizens in Indonesia wade through wreckage after an earthquake and tsunami hit.

**RIGHT:** Volunteers provide clean water to neighbors using Sawyer water filters.



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# resilience & hope



“...  
*neighbors*  
*helping*  
*neighbors.*”

LEFT: Volunteers unload supplies to help resilient survivors following a disaster.

## CONVOY OF HOPE RESPONSE TEAM



## The importance of partners

Hurricanes Florence and Michael caused billions of dollars worth of damage and left nearly 100 people dead. For Convoy of Hope personnel and volunteers, each survivor represented an opportunity to share hope and kindness by offering words of encouragement, serving unconditionally and simply being present.

“When responding to disasters, Convoy of Hope focuses on two things: empowering communities and serving those who are generally forgotten,” says Nick Wiersma, Convoy of Hope’s senior director of Disaster Services engagement. “It’s our goal that local churches, partners and residents are seen as the heroes when all is said and done. They are the ones who will make a lasting difference — neighbors helping neighbors.”



LEFT: A volunteer loads a pickup truck for mobile distribution.

BELOW: Local volunteers assemble relief kits in our Florida response warehouse.

BOTTOM: Volunteers and a National Guard member provide relief supplies to a family.



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***“I thank God I had the chance to come here and knock [on] doors with all of you and help these people.”***

repairing her own home. Instead, she chose to volunteer with Convoy of Hope. As she walked the streets of her neighborhood with other volunteers, doors opened for Iris that may not have opened for strangers. No one turned down a hug from her as she passed out food, water, brooms and shovels.

“I thank God I had the chance to come here and knock [on] doors with all of you and help these people,” said Iris. “People are happy and glad someone came and provided them with what they need.”

## Florence

In terms of wind speed, Florence was only a Category 2 storm when it struck North Carolina’s shores. However, the storm dropped 18 trillion gallons of rain — enough to cover the entire state of Texas with nearly four inches of water — and brought 10-foot storm surges that doused coastal cities and raised river levels to dangerous heights.

Iris Castro lives in a trailer park devastated by the storm. The once peaceful lots of Royal Palms in Wilmington, North Carolina, were surrounded by fallen tree limbs and stagnant pools of floodwater after Florence finally dissipated.

Waters rose to such perilous levels in Wilmington that the city was cut off from the mainland for several

days. Fortunately, Convoy of Hope deployed to Wilmington before the storm ever struck.

“With the hurricane, lots of people had to evacuate, mainly for the children’s safety,” said Iris. “And many are still out of Wilmington because they couldn’t come back due to the road.”

Given the circumstances, Iris had every excuse to immediately start



**ABOVE:** Iris, a volunteer, delivers groceries to her neighbors.

**RIGHT:** Patricia smiles after receiving supplies from Convoy of Hope.

**1.7M**

Pounds of relief supplies delivered.

**90K**

Individuals served.

**2K**

Volunteers empowered.



**Indonesia**

**147K**

Meals provided.



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**\$4.7M**

Worth of relief supplies provided to survivors.

**4.5M**

Pounds of relief supplies delivered.

**240K**

Individuals served.

Note: Statistics as of 12/1/18.

## Michael

Just weeks after Florence, Hurricane Michael began brewing in the south Atlantic. It approached Florida's coast as a weaker Category 2 storm that didn't seem like it would strengthen much.

Then, in roughly 24 hours, Michael grew into a Category 4 monster. When it eventually struck the Florida Panhandle, its winds topped out at 155 mph — just 2 mph short of Category 5 status.

Convoy of Hope's Disaster Response teams and volunteers were wrapping up the initial phases of recovery for Florence as Michael approached. From our World Distribution Center in Springfield, Missouri, we quickly mobilized team members, volunteers and supplies to respond, some of which came directly from North Carolina.

## We arrived just in time

As soon as the storm passed, our teams headed to Marianna, one of the communities in Florida that fell directly in Michael's path. They soon found that entrance to any of the hardest-hit areas would come only by clearing the road of debris.

Once in the disaster zones, our teams saw storefronts and commercial offices laid out in mountains of exposed two-by-fours, rust-colored rubble and broken glass. Downed power lines halted the rush of traffic as residents searched for loved ones or relief from the oppressive Florida heat.

As survivors picked up the pieces after Michael's devastation, volunteers like Rachel Catalano stepped up. Rachel, a local resident and full-time nurse, and her son came to Convoy of Hope's distribution site to help hand out supplies.

***“My cheeks are sore from smiling.”***

Residents arrived by the carload — hour after hour — to pick up relief supplies, food and bottled water. As the line got longer, Rachel's smile got bigger as she distributed bags of groceries.

“This is a great thing; it's a great thing to help people,” Rachel said, “And the people have been so, so thankful. My cheeks are sore from smiling.”

## Neighborhood heroes

As the survivors of these three disasters begin to put the pieces of their lives back together, they can find hope in the little things: a bag of groceries, a bottle of water or a warm meal. And Convoy of Hope remains unwavering in our commitment to enrich communities while providing hope for a better tomorrow as we help with long-term recoveries.

Our Disaster Service team members, volunteers, donors, and corporate and ministry partners are all heroes. They are proof that — together — we are stronger.

And that's just the way Convoy of Hope intends it to be.

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*Levi Costello, Jeremy Williamson, Hailey Rutledge and Jeff Nene also contributed to this article.*



# Tax Break Double Dip

By Gay Byrom



In the world of planned giving, sometimes the best strategies are also the easiest.

Do you own any publicly traded stock? Did you know that the S&P 500 is up nearly 70 percent over the past five years? Many tech stocks like Facebook, Google, Amazon and Apple are up 200 percent or more for that same timeframe. One of the ways you can give to Convoy of Hope is by donating shares of stock, which will give you a double dip tax benefit.

Consider this example:

Let's say you want to give \$5,000 worth of Amazon stock. You'll still receive a \$5,000 tax receipt from Convoy of Hope, but you also avoid realizing any capital gains taxes on the shares of stock you gave.

Additionally, if you bought the Amazon stock five years ago, you would avoid taxes on \$4,165 of realized capital gains. If you live in California and are in one of the upper tax brackets, that's a

tax savings of more than \$1,200 on top of the tax deduction you already received for your \$5,000 donation.

For more information on how to easily donate your shares of stock, contact:

**Gay Byrom**  
**[gbyrom@convoyofhope.org](mailto:gbyrom@convoyofhope.org)**

Note: As you would with any tax-related strategy, please consult your tax advisor regarding your specific situation.

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## Convoy launches Hope Education Network

In response to requests from numerous universities, Convoy of Hope has launched the Hope Education Network. This program will enable students to learn best practices in the areas of humanitarian relief, field experience and theological education.

The Network will provide a compassion-focused curriculum that universities and other institutions can use for accredited degrees, certification programs and other specialized trainings. Students will receive coaching to help them develop organizational leadership skills.

Students will have the option of earning both baccalaureate and graduate degrees. In addition, they can receive non-credit training through churches and seminars to earn badges or certificates in areas of compassion leadership. Because the Network will be highly collegial and collaborative, Convoy of Hope anticipates there will be opportunities to develop subject-matter experts and participate in scholarly research.

Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri, is the first participating university.

Dr. Wayde Goodall is serving as executive director of the Hope Education Network. He has served as a university professor, dean, pastor and missionary. In addition, he is a prominent speaker and author.

"We have the opportunity to train and mobilize thousands of students to impact their world," said Goodall. "I'm pleased to be part of an effort that will change so many lives."

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## Calvary Church hosts “Week of Hope”

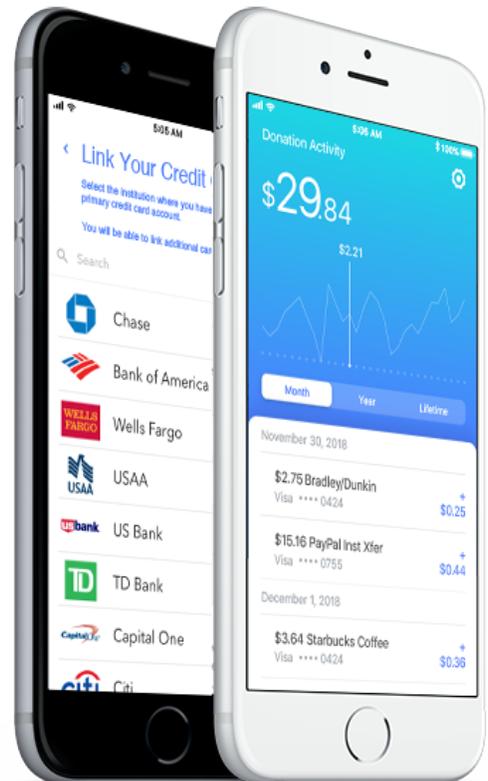
In 1997, Calvary Church of Naperville gave its first gift to Convoy of Hope. More than 20 years later, they decided to try something new with the first official “Week of Hope.”

Calvary gathered its diverse church family for a hygiene kit packing event that blew projections out of the water — more than 1,300 volunteers turned up to pack over 9,000 hygiene kits in one night! In the days that followed, students at Calvary Christian School learned about disaster preparedness and had their own chance to get hands-on experience packing another 100 kits.

Students also learned from the enthusiastic Dr. Dirt, aka Jason Streubel, Convoy of Hope’s senior director of program effectiveness and global training. “I was honored,” he said, “to share with students about how Convoy, Jesus and science can work together.”

On Saturday, women of all ages gathered for the “Hope for Every Woman” brunch. “I could sense their hearts of compassion for the vulnerable women Convoy serves,” shared Doree Donaldson, director of Convoy:Women.

The “Week of Hope” concluded on Sunday with a celebration of how far we’ve come — and just how far we can go — when we embrace partnership.



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## Field update from Honduras and El Salvador

Convoy of Hope has long partnered with communities in Central America. We've worked in El Salvador and Honduras for twenty years and both are countries where we implement our Children's Feeding, Women's Empowerment and Agriculture programs. With incredible determination, our expert staff are "committed to having integral programs that seek to break the cycle of poverty," said Winny Menendez, Convoy of Hope's national director for El Salvador.

Her sentiments were echoed by Pablo Gomez, the regional field operations director for Latin America, as he described his desire to expand operations. "Convoy is exploring opportunities near Copán, San Pedro Sula and Ocotepeque in Honduras," he said, "that seek to expand agriculture initiatives through school gardens and projects, as well as bring greater focus to young mothers through clubs for new and young mothers."





A young girl smiles while enjoying lunch at a program center in El Salvador.

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