SAMARITAN’S PURSE FACT SHEET

President and CEO: William “Franklin” Graham III, son of the late Billy Graham

Founded: 1970, by Bob Pierce

Purpose: Samaritan’s Purse is a nondenominational Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to victims of war, natural disasters, disease, famine, poverty, and persecution in more than 100 countries, with the purpose of sharing God’s love through His son, Jesus Christ.

Budget: $665 million (2018)

Offices: Headquartered in Boone, North Carolina, Samaritan’s Purse has affiliate offices in Canada, the U.K., and Australia; field offices in 17 countries; and ministry partners in more than 100 countries, including Germany.

PROJECTS

Crisis and Disaster Response—

- **International Relief**: Samaritan’s Purse specializes in meeting critical needs for victims of war, disaster, and famine in the world’s most troubled regions, often working through local churches and ministry partners. Recent efforts include responding to refugees fleeing war-ravaged Mosul, Iraq by providing food, shelter, and other supplies; and operating an emergency field hospital to treat patients injured by gunfire, mines, and other explosives. Samaritan’s Purse also distributed emergency shelter materials, generators, and critical supplies to victims of Hurricanes Irma and Maria on five Caribbean islands as well as established a medical clinic in Bangladesh to aid thousands of refugees affected by a diphtheria outbreak.

- **U.S. Disaster Relief**: Since 1998, when Samaritan’s Purse equipped its first tractor-trailer Disaster Relief Unit, staff and volunteers have helped more than 39,000 families impacted by U.S. natural disasters—hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, floods, and ice storms—by quickly providing emergency supplies and cleaning, repairing and rebuilding homes. In 2017, the organization responded to Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Hurricane Irma in Florida, providing emergency relief to more than 3,600 families who were displaced by the storms. Now, Samaritan’s Purse has begun helping 1,000 Texas families get back into their homes through rebuilds, repairs, and a material assistance program.

**Feeding Programs**—Samaritan’s Purse has specialized programs to treat severely malnourished children and runs large-scale distributions to feed victims of disaster, famine, and war.

**Health and Medical**—

- **Emergency Field Hospital**: Ready to deploy at a moment’s notice, the emergency field hospital provides medical relief in disaster-stricken areas where the medical infrastructure is either damaged, overwhelmed, or nonexistent. Each unit is customizable depending on the needs of the response and can include an emergency room, two operating theatres, a critical care unit, and more than 50 inpatient beds. This resource has enabled Samaritan’s Purse medical staff to provide relief to earthquake survivors in Ecuador and life-saving care to more than 4,000 victims of war in Mosul, Iraq.

- **World Medical Mission**: Each year, the medical arm of Samaritan’s Purse places hundreds of doctors, dentists, and other medical professionals in voluntary, short-term service with hospitals
and clinics in the world's least-developed countries. World Medical Mission also supports remote mission hospitals by providing critical medical equipment and supplies.

- **Children's Heart Project:** This project brings children to North America to receive life-saving surgery not available in their home countries. To date, Samaritan's Purse has arranged surgery for more than 1,200 children with heart defects, in partnership with 66 hospitals.

- **Diseases:** Samaritan's Purse fights malaria, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, diphtheria, and other epidemic diseases through medical care, health services, hygiene projects, preventative education, and compassionate care. At the height of the Ebola crisis, the organization operated the only Ebola treatment centers in Liberia and educated millions on how to protect themselves from the disease. Currently, Samaritan's Purse has multiple programs to support Ebola survivors in Liberia. The organization also treated diphtheria victims among Rohingya Muslim refugees in Bangladesh and operated a cholera treatment clinic in Haiti following Hurricane Matthew.

**Operation Christmas Child**—The global Christmas project, Operation Christmas Child uses gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 157 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 160 countries and territories. Each year, the project mobilizes more than 150,000 volunteers in the United States. Since 2010, more than 14 million children who received a shoebox gift have participated in the follow-up program, The Greatest Journey. This 12-lesson discipleship program teaches children about God's amazing love and guides them through what it means to faithfully follow Jesus Christ.

**Operation Heal Our Patriots**—This program is designed to strengthen the marriages of members of the U.S. Military who have been wounded or injured since 9/11. The primary component of Operation Heal Our Patriots takes place at Samaritan Lodge Alaska, a wilderness retreat offering outdoor activities and Biblically-based marriage enrichment classes.

**Animals, Agriculture and Livelihoods**—Samaritan's Purse enables families in third-world countries to meet their daily food and nutritional needs by providing seeds, tools, and livestock. Samaritan's Purse also trains beneficiaries and communities to transition from subsistence living to sustainability.

**Construction Projects**—Samaritan's Purse constructs houses, schools, hospitals, and churches for families and communities affected by disaster, poverty, and war around the world. In Iraq, Samaritan's Purse has already helped hundreds of Christian families repair houses that were shelled, burned, or looted by ISIS; and construction teams continue to work in the Nineveh Plains to help more families return home.

**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**—In 2016, Samaritan's Purse clean water programs provided safe drinking water for approximately 400,000 people worldwide in impoverished communities, refugee camps, and schools. This included wells, water storage, and filtration for households and communities, coupled with health and hygiene education.

**Women’s Programs**—Samaritan’s Purse works to reach vulnerable women by meeting their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs through programs focused on maternal and child health, eliminating gender-based violence, job skills training, education, and human trafficking prevention.