

# 2022

## ANNUAL REPORT





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Dear Friends,

In 2022, we once again saw seemingly endless disasters—both natural and man-made—devastate communities here at home in the U.S. and all around the globe. As Operation USA responded to war, the continued effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, earthquakes, storms, fires and floods, I'm once again proud of our capacity to help the world's most overlooked and under-served communities, and grateful for your support in making that work possible.

Here in the United States this year, our domestic disaster response efforts once again centered on pandemic mitigation and recovery. We are fortunate to have the support of corporate partners in this endeavor. In particular, Reckitt, maker of Lysol, has been extremely generous in providing millions of disinfecting wipes to our local Southern California community. Mitigating the spread of COVID-19 is now a priority in all of our disaster responses, and we've delivered PPE and cleaning products to disaster zones as much as we are able as we also respond to major domestic disasters such as Hurricanes Ian and Fiona in the Southeast, and storm systems in the Midwest and West.

Our international response efforts in 2022 were dominated by war relief in Eastern Europe following the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Our staff has worked diligently to identify opportunities to support displaced Ukrainians, and we have funneled significant funding to community-based organizations aiding refugees, in addition to supporting ongoing relief within the country and delivering much-needed material aid. As war rages on, we will remain committed to providing relief, and more importantly, hope to Ukrainians by all possible means—even as we shift our attention to new urgent response efforts, such as earthquake relief in Turkey.

As disasters continue to grow more intense and occur more frequently, and as conflict and violence continue to rise in communities near and far, we at Operation USA—with your support—remain optimistic that we can do our part to improve the human condition. I hope you'll join us.

Read on for details on how your continued generosity improved lives in 2022, then visit us online at [opusa.org](https://opusa.org) to give and get involved in the year ahead.

Thank you.

Richard Walden  
President & CEO

Michael Mahdesian  
Board Chair

# WAR IN UKRAINE



Photos by Tom Remp

## Operation USA's Impact:

**\$10,000**

### RAZOM

- Emergency relief

**\$75,000**

### HELP AGE

- Assistance for vulnerable seniors

**\$345,000**

### BROOK OF HOPE

- Moving supplies into and people out of Ukraine
- Aiding re-entry and resettlement
- Providing critical winterization supplies

**\$100,000**

### PEOPLE IN NEED

- Emergency food, water & supplies

**\$50,000**

### NOVA UKRAINE

- Building a network of volunteers
- Providing dedicated assistance for Ukrainians
- Legal aid

**\$20,000**

### OUTRIGHT INTERNATIONAL

- Supporting LGBTQ+ communities

On February 24, 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine. In the months since, tens of thousands of people have died, millions of people have been displaced, and entire communities have been destroyed. Today, conflict continues, and we at Operation USA—though inspired by the resilience of the Ukrainian people—remain saddened by the effects of war and violence on Ukrainian communities.

We are proud to have delivered emergency funding and supplies to varied community-based organizations meeting urgent needs and serving the most marginalized war-impacted groups. To date, we have **distributed \$600,000 in grants to six worthy groups** supporting children and families, the elderly and members of the LGBTQI+ community with access to food and water, psychological support, health and hygiene supplies, dedicated support services and winterization aid.

We have also sent shipments of material aid including medical kits and shelter supplies to groups working on the ground with impacted Ukrainians.

Sadly, we expect the situation in Ukraine to remain volatile for the foreseeable future. Our thoughts are with all those who must continue to grapple with the effects of ongoing war in their own communities. In the year ahead, we will continue to assess any/all opportunities to provide relief—primarily via emergency cash grants to community-based partners on the ground supporting refugees and the internally displaced. Your donations empower us to help where it's needed most.

## COMICS FOR UKRAINE



In 2022, the global comics community came together in support of Operation USA's Ukrainian relief efforts, raising more than \$150,000 with a special benefit anthology featuring an all-star lineup of comic book creators. The inspiration for the project came from a video captured in the early days of the war, when a Ukrainian woman offered sunflower seeds (the national flower of Ukraine) to a Russian soldier to put in his pocket so that "something good would grow from his death." This vision, driven by Scott Dunbier at IDW Publishing, helped bring in a wide slate of contributors from different corners of the comics industry—all willing and ready to leverage their characters and stories in support of the Ukrainian

people. We are so grateful for the contributions of this wonderful community of artists and enthusiasts.

Learn more and get your copy at: [zoop.gg/c/comicsforukraine](https://zoop.gg/c/comicsforukraine)



# PROGRAMS 2022

## SUPPORTING SRI LANKA

In April 2022, Operation USA—thanks to funding from a supporter with a special interest in Sri Lanka—delivered a \$14,000 grant to the Jaffna Diocesan Centre for Fishing Industry Workers to aid home reconstruction in communities still grappling with the long-lasting impact of the Sri Lankan Civil War. In May, thanks to a generous corporate match from Disney, we delivered an additional \$14,000 grant. The Jaffna Diocesan Centre has already allocated land to 225 families and constructed 148 houses, made possible by generous private donors, and with this gift and matching grant will construct at least four more. OpUSA is proud to contribute to this worthy effort.

## HURRICANE FIONA RESPONSE: PUERTO RICO

In September 2022, Puerto Rico was slammed yet again by another devastating Category 4 hurricane, causing widespread damage and destruction across the island. Most island residents lost power, while one third—nearly one million people—were without access to clean water in the storm’s aftermath. Hurricane Fiona was especially damaging to the island because ongoing challenges from 2017’s Hurricane Maria remain, and mental health effects persist for people who have been impacted by continuous storms for years. Operation USA is committed to aiding recovery and will deliver cash grants and material aid to Puerto Rico as much as opportunities allow in the coming year.

## MIDWEST STORM RESPONSE

Late in 2021, major storms swept the midwestern United States, wreaking havoc on vulnerable communities and causing devastating floods. In Kentucky, where damage was greatest, Operation USA quickly committed to aiding recovery. In January 2022, in collaboration with our longtime partner Honeywell, we sent a shipment of much-needed PPE and cleanup supplies to storm survivors. In February, thanks to the generosity of longtime partner Pelican Products, we sent a \$10,000 emergency grant to the Appalachia Service Project to aid home reconstruction for impacted families. We’re so grateful for the support of the corporate partners who power our projects.

In August 2022, Kentucky was once again devastated by storms and subsequent flooding. With the support of our donors, we quickly delivered an additional \$10,000 to Appalachia Service Project to aid in relief and recovery work, and remain committed to providing aid to the hardest-hit communities as much as funding and opportunities allow.

## HURRICANE IAN RESPONSE: FLORIDA

In October 2022, Hurricane Ian slammed into Florida as a Category 4 storm—one of the deadliest ever to hit the state. Devastating 155+ mph winds and an intense storm surge caused major flooding and destruction, and impacted millions of people across the southwestern area of the state.

In November, thanks to the support of corporate partners, Operation USA delivered a shipment of clothing, shoes, hand sanitizer, disposable PPE, travel blankets and work gloves to the Children’s Service Foundation of Southwest Florida at the Apostolic House of God in Ft. Myers. In the months ahead, we will continue to assess opportunities to aid impacted communities with grants, supplies and long-term support. Thank you to all donors who have made this possible.

## CALIFORNIA STORM RECOVERY

In December, a major storm system hit California, bringing heavy rains, high winds, and flash floods—triggering mudslides in many burn areas. This weather pattern is expected to continue into 2023, and is anticipated to be a harsh and destructive winter season in our home state, which typically doesn’t experience precipitation at this level. Operation USA is already mobilizing supplies for shipment to hard-hit communities in Northern California, and remains committed to helping in the months to come however we are able. Donations to California relief will empower us to provide emergency cash grants and much-needed supplies to worthy partners.

ONGOING

# COVID-19

## MITIGATION, RESPONSE & RECOVERY

In February 2022, Operation USA partnered with Reckitt, maker of Lysol, and USC's Institute on Inequalities in Global Health and Keck Medicine, to provide much-needed disinfecting wipes to hard-hit Southern California communities. Reckitt donated more than four million packs of Lysol wipes to Operation USA and other local organizations in support of worthy groups serving youths and families and helping those in need gain access to important health care, education, childcare, food security, housing and other vital services. We have since distributed wipes to:

Nearly three years after COVID-19 swept the globe, the pandemic continues to impact communities everywhere—disproportionately affecting already-marginalized groups. Despite the prevalence of effective vaccines, and a “new normal” for living with endemic COVID-19, many people continue to grapple with long term effects of the deadly disease and its socioeconomic fallout.

Operation USA has been committed to aiding COVID-19 recovery since the earliest days of the pandemic, and is proud to have delivered millions of masks and other PPE, tens of thousands of dollars in relief funding, and thousands of gallons of hand sanitizer to partners across the U.S. and around the world. COVID-19 mitigation has since become a major factor in all disaster relief efforts, and we continue to prioritize the distribution of protective masks and cleaning supplies alongside more typical relief and recovery material aid when responding to disasters. We are so grateful for the generosity of our supporters and our corporate partners in this effort.

**Delancey Street Foundation**

**Corazon Healdsburg**

**El Salvador Foundation**

**City of West Hollywood**

**RJC Foundation**

**Casa De Migrante**

**Gang Alternative Program**

**Homeless Health Care Los Angeles**

**Amity Foundation**

**Culver City School District**

**El Piche Foundation**

**Feeding San Diego**

**ILWU**

**LA Works**

**Nuestra Comunidad**

**Port of Los Angeles**

**The ROADS Foundation**

**Universal Health Foundation**



During this time of continued uncertainty, as the pandemic continues to disproportionately impact our community's most vulnerable groups, these disinfecting wipes are providing an important resource which many families and service providers may not otherwise have access to. We thank all our partners at Reckitt and USC for their commitment to aiding Southern California.

In 2023, Operation USA will continue to assess any and all opportunities to provide ongoing COVID-19 relief.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

through June 30, 2022

	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTION	WITH DONOR RESTRICTION	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<i>Current Assets</i>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	397,396	2,249,140	2,646,536
Inventory	3,753,523	-	3,753,523
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	4,150,919	2,249,140	6,400,059
Other Assets	6,895	-	6,895
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	\$4,157,814	\$2,249,140	\$6,406,954
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<i>Current Liabilities</i>			
Accounts Payable	13,520	-	13,520
Accrued Expenses	-	-	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	13,520	-	13,520
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	\$13,520	-	\$13,520
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
Without Donor Restrictions	4,144,294	-	4,144,294
With Donor Restrictions	-	2,249,140	2,249,140
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	\$4,144,294	\$2,249,140	\$6,393,434
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	\$4,157,814	\$2,249,140	\$6,406,954

A complete audited financial statement is available upon request.  
Operation USA is d.b.a of Operation California, Inc.

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

for the year ended June 30, 2022

	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTION	WITH DONOR RESTRICTION	TOTAL
<b>SUPPORT &amp; REVENUES</b>			
<i>Support</i>			
Contributions	446,749	1,926,453	2,373,202
Grants	-	-	-
In-Kind Donations	360,000	9,531,654	9,891,654
<b>Total Support</b>	806,749	11,458,107	12,264,856
<i>Investment Return</i>	573	-	573
<i>Net Assets released from Donor Restriction</i>			
Satisfaction of program restrictions	10,719,198	(10,719,198)	-
<b>Total Net Assets released from Donor Restriction</b>	10,719,198	(10,719,198)	-
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT &amp; REVENUES</b>	\$11,526,520	\$738,909	\$12,265,429
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
<i>Program Services</i>			
Philanthropy	12,347,187	-	12,347,187
<i>Supporting Services</i>			
Management & General	181,898	-	181,898
Fund Raising	87,032	-	87,032
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	268,930	-	268,930
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$12,616,117	-	\$12,616,117
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	(\$1,089,597)	\$738,909	(\$350,688)
<b>NET ASSETS, Beginning of Year</b>	\$5,233,891	\$1,510,231	\$6,744,122
<b>NET ASSETS, End of Year</b>	\$4,144,294	\$2,249,140	\$6,393,434

NOTE: These figures and all activities included in this statement cover Operation USA's fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Please visit [opusa.org/financials-annual-reports](http://opusa.org/financials-annual-reports) for a full copy of our audited financials and Form 990.

# 2022

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# OUR MISSION

Operation USA supports health and education programs in order to help children and families at home and abroad recover from disasters and endemic poverty.





## OUR COMMITMENT TO HUMANITARIAN AID

Every day, we strive to meet the needs of under-served and overlooked populations. Working with partners around the world, we empower communities to recover, build resiliency and thrive in the face of pervasive obstacles during a time of unprecedented global need.

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