2017 Annual Report

Sustainability for the world you want
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INTRODUCTION

World Care’s mission is to provide humanitarian aid by recycling surplus supply to create usable resources for health, education and sustainable communities worldwide.

A Letter from our Executive Director

Dear friends,

What a year 2017 has been! We have seen amazing acts of kindness this year, ranging from the outpouring of support from the community for our disaster relief efforts, to the hundreds of hours volunteers dedicated to our other programs!

This year brought us many new partnerships in the community, our first full year at the new Gardner Lane location, and new employees. World Care has continued to grow and expand over the past year due to the generous support of both the local and international community.

With your help, we managed to expand each of our programs and help over 500 Tucsonans and 180 agencies through the Tools for Schools, Tools for Health and Tools for Earth programs. Additionally, the community rose to the Jim Click Challenge to raise $50,000 for our disaster relief efforts!

The support that we have seen this year is truly inspiring. Southern Arizona has provided a wonderful home and we are so thankful for this community. Let’s continue to push boundaries and make innovative strides in the coming year!

Sincerely,

Courtney Slanaker, Executive Director
A Hurricane Year

2017 had its ups and downs, and unfortunately in late August, we experienced many more downs than ups. The Tucson community displayed empathy and generosity in their response to the many hurricanes that hit Texas, our eastern coast, and the Caribbean. Shortly after the hurricanes slammed our shores, an earthquake hit Mexico. With the help of the community, World Care was able to respond to all of these natural disasters. We are grateful for this community that constantly reminds us of the human capacity for kindness even through disaster recovery.

Distribution of Supplies Sent for Relief

Texas: 40,302 pounds
Mexico: 20,012 pounds
Florida: 18,955 pounds
Puerto Rico/Caribbean: 725 water filtration systems distributed
Our world

Today, World Care is known for its involvement in sustainability in the Tucson Community. If you have any type of electronics that you want to recycle, World Care can be trusted to divert materials from landfills and recycle them properly.

World Care has partnered with other local organizations to ensure that the resources are being recycled properly, such as HVF West, Suburban Miners and Desert Metals. Other large Tucson organizations know that when it comes to recycling electronics, World Care is the go-to.

You can make a difference in our world by donating
Financial Position

Annual operating expenses

- Fundraising (4.52%) - $8,250.70
- Administration (19.20%) - $35,052.30
- Program (76.29%) - $139,306.13

Annual operating revenues

- Contributions (58.14%) - $133,403.98
- Retail Sales (41.86%) - $96,034.13
Each year, countless students fall behind their peers in school without access to technology and the internet. World Care recognizes this need in the community and has supplied low-income students K-12, job seeking adults and other under-served populations in Southern Arizona with the tools they need to succeed.

### By the numbers:
- **17** wheelchairs
- **11** shower chairs
- **37** walkers
- **20** bedside commodes
- **175+** pieces of medical equipment loaned out

### Tools for Schools

Each year, hundreds of people call World Care seeking durable medical equipment. Often these community members don't have access to insurance that will cover these items, or simply don't have enough funds. Through the Tools for Health program, these individuals have the opportunity to heal with the help of various durable pieces of medical equipment.

- **100+** Computers provided to community members and organizations
- **15,000** pounds of medical supply sent internationally

Included with each Tools for Schools Pack:
- 1 Refurbished Computer Tower
- 1 Computer Monitor
- 1 Computer Mouse
- 1 Keyboard
All the necessary wires to complete the computer
Tools for Health
Community Highlight

World Care was able to provide many community members with durable medical equipment. Check out this moving story of what mobility means to this individual.

"I was happy to bring an old television to World Care, so it could be safely recycled. But as I was leaving Debbie noticed my difficulty walking and said, "If you ever need medical equipment, let us know." I use two canes and can only walk about 1/2 block. I'd hoped some day I could use a motorized scooter, but they were beyond my means. Still, she wrote down the request and shortly after the call came that Don remembered a scooter buried somewhere in the dark recesses of the warehouse.

He not only found it, he checked it out and made sure it was safe. He went above and beyond--made certain I could use it, guided me about what parts needed replacing and how to find them, installed the batteries & more--all of which made it possible for me to have this precious mobility.

I can't express my appreciation enough about what this means to me! Recently my niece came from out of town and everyone went to the zoo. Thanks to you at World Care, I could go along too and join in!!

I got to watch her 2 1/2-year-old see those animals for the first time, run and jump and laugh like crazy. It was something I'd never be able to do without your help. I'm so grateful.

It seems like there's one emergency disaster after another these days and it heartening to know how much you help so many. I can only imagine how busy you all are at World Care helping those in need. Just want you to know the big things and small things are BIG blessings in each and every person's life."
Staff

Courtney Slanaker, Executive Director
Ray Jennings, Director of Operations
Sam Matz, Office Manager
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Benjamin McCord, IT Director
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Russ Hanbey, Lead Volunteer
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Goals for 2018

- Loan out over 350 pieces of medical equipment to local and international communities
- Increase the amount of supply diverted from landfills to 250,000 pounds
- Provide over 200 refurbished computers to community members
- Aid in international relief efforts when called upon

Key Partners 2017