Since 2004, IMHO has been serving communities in need globally as an international humanitarian organization focused on developing and improving health care services & infrastructure and promoting the well being of all persons. The year 2012 continued to be a trying one for many communities in Sri Lanka still working to recover and rebuild in a post-conflict society. Working with our ever committed and thoughtful local partners, IMHO was able to positively impact thousands of lives this year in Sri Lanka, Haiti, Ethiopia, India, and the U.S. Incredibly, more than $350,000 in funds and supplies were committed in 2012 to these efforts! We are happy to provide an overview of our activities in this Annual Report and share in these achievements with you—the compassionate and generous supporters who enable our work. The true beauty of your service lies in knowing that you will likely never meet or know those who benefit from your actions, but you do so anyway knowing that it is making a difference. We honor you for your contribution and service, and thank you for making our work possible. We look forward to continuing our journey with you in making a positive difference in the lives of others in Sri Lanka and globally in the year 2013 and beyond!
Global Emergency Relief

Responding to natural and manmade disasters worldwide as they occur and investing in important development efforts has been an ongoing commitment of IMHO since its inception. IMHO USA and IMHO Canada have collectively contributed to such relief & development efforts in 14 countries across 3 continents. Living true to our name, the IMHO family of organizations has taken a genuinely international approach to our work, viewing human suffering as intolerable, no matter what corner of the world in which it exists. During times of such distress, these efforts not only help keep people fed, clothed, sheltered, and healthy/alive, they also help to bring a sense of comfort and security in knowing that they are not alone.

In 2012, IMHO offered assistance to community development partners in Sri Lanka, India, Haiti, Ethiopia, and the United States, including the following:

* $5,000 for emergency relief for victims of Cyclone Thane in Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry, South India, particularly agricultural and fishing communities

* $3,050 in medicines and ongoing nutritional support for impoverished youth at a school in Petit-Goave, Haiti

* $7,205 to support the development of a surgical textbook at Gondar Teaching Hospital, and a deaf education and empowerment project to benefit deaf youth and their teachers and families in Bahir Dar, Northwest Ethiopia

* $2,500 for emergency relief efforts to benefit victims of Hurricane Sandy in New York City

* And dozens of relief & development efforts throughout the island of Sri Lanka, especially areas deeply affected by conflict, natural disaster, and poverty...

IMHO maintained its firm commitment in 2012 to communities in Sri Lanka still working diligently to rebuild in the wake of years of conflict and devastation. From Jaffna to Kalmunai to Mullaitivu to Mannar to Up Country...IMHO supported dozens of local partners throughout the island, including nonprofits, hospitals, schools, and associations in helping to fill the gaps. With more than $330K in funds and supplies channeled to efforts in Sri Lanka this year alone, IMHO has now directed more than $3M in assistance since our birth as an organization! Thousands of lives have been forever changed, the health and medical infrastructure has been strengthened, and local organizations and leaders have been empowered to do meaningful work in their own communities.

As an organization, we remain committed to the belief that health is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being. Driven by this ethos, our approach to serving and rebuilding communities in Sri Lanka since the official end of conflict several years ago continues to focus on the development of livelihoods; the promotion of mental health and improved psychiatric care; nutritional support for children, elders, and pregnant mothers; rehabilitation services and support for amputees and the disabled; education; water & sanitation; and the development of hospitals and other service providers. Those hospitals that benefited from our assistance this year included those in Batticaloa ($23,500 + $70,000 in medical equipment), Tellipalai ($25,200), Jaffna ($19,246), Vavuniya ($17,600), and Kilinochchi ($5,000). Thanks to your generous contributions we were able to bring dozens of families to their feet again through the establishment of income-generating activities. We provided tube wells for communities lacking regular access to clean water, and toilets for disabled persons and amputees. We provided hundreds of schoolchildren with opportunities to study and access a higher quality education. We dispatched mental health and social workers throughout struggling communities. We provided crucial ongoing support to the Jaffna Diabetic Center, Kalmunai Mental Health Unit, and many more high-impact programs that are making all the difference in the lives of those they serve.
Do you aspire to make difference in the lives of others? Aside from making a donation, there are many ways in which you can join us realizing our mission better tomorrow. We at IMHO are always looking for thoughtful, committed, and motivated volunteers step up and join our team. You can offer your professional skills, host a fundraiser, volunteer us domestically or abroad, or...we're open to new ideas and are eager to hear from you! Send us an email at contact@theimho.org today and be a part the change.

Make a Contribution

Your generous contributions make our work possible. Please support us in our mission to create healthier and more productive societies globally by making a donation today. You can make a single or recurring donation online at www.TheIMHO.org or simply send a check made out to “IMHO” to the following address. All donations are tax-deductible (tax ID#59-3779465). A tax receipt will be promptly issued to you.

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Join us in Celebrating a Decade of IMHO this May 2013!
www.IMHOAnnualConvention.com

WHAT: 10th Annual IMHO Convention
WHEN: Friday, May 3rd & Saturday, May 4th, 2013
WHERE: Doubletree Hotel Somerset, 200 Atrium Drive, Somerset, New Jersey 08873
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Please save the date as we celebrate this important milestone! We will be joined by visiting physicians from Sri Lanka, as well as other experts and professionals with insights into the communities that IMHO serves globally. Please visit our special event website for all the details.