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Solidarity and compassion will always produce better outcomes.

The Clinton Foundation was founded on the belief that everyone deserves a chance to succeed, everyone has a responsibility to act, and we all do better when we work together. Today, that belief has taken on even greater relevance as the world grapples with the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This global public health crisis has served as an important reminder that we truly are all in this together. So much has changed in recent months, but the Clinton Foundation’s mission to improve lives across America and around the world has not. The pandemic has exposed and exacerbated many of the challenges we have been working to address for years — food insecurity, educational inequities, the opioid epidemic, and the devastating impact of natural disasters, to name a few. We’re so proud of and thankful for our partners who are at the center of urgent response efforts and will be critical in the long-term recovery.

We have always believed in and relied on the power of partnerships in everything we do at the Clinton Foundation. Together with our partners, we have a long track record of addressing complex and pressing challenges. Our earliest efforts increased access to critical HIV/AIDS medications for millions of people around the globe. Today, our programs are helping Puerto Rico and our Caribbean neighbors rebuild from natural disasters and prepare for the intensifying impacts of climate change; distributing resources for parents and caregivers to promote early learning and school readiness; and providing meals and essential items for vulnerable populations in and around Little Rock.

Those are just a few examples of our work. The people, projects, and partnerships you’ll read about in this annual impact magazine demonstrate what can be accomplished when individuals wake up every morning determined to make a difference in the world.

You’ll also learn a little bit about how we have quickly expanded our programs to help those most impacted by COVID-19, including how our Foundation and its partners are working to address the varied domestic and international public health, economic, and educational implications of the pandemic.

As we all adapt to a new normal amid this period of uncertainty, we urge you to remember that solidarity and compassion will always produce better outcomes than division and hostility. It is better to serve other people than run away from them; better to support than to demean them; and it’s more important to build bridges than tear them down.

We hope that these stories will uplift and inspire you in these challenging times. Keep your spirits up and your hearts open. Thank you for your belief in and support of the Foundation’s mission to bring people together to build a safer, healthier, and more equitable future.

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“Putting People First” was more than a unifying slogan for President Clinton’s 1992 campaign. It was — and is — a guiding approach for understanding his lifetime of public service that continues to inspire countless others to serve their communities, country, and world today. And, it is what guides all of our work here at the Clinton Foundation.

As the world addresses the new complex realities and unique challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, we must quickly work together to find solutions and build a safer, healthier, and more equitable society. The Foundation has been remarkably proud to answer the call where we can — partnering with World Central Kitchen, the City of Little Rock, and other organizations to serve hundreds of thousands of meals to children and families in need in Central Arkansas; supporting hundreds of thousands of parents and caregivers with resources to keep up with their children’s learning at home with partners such as the National Diaper Bank Network and the Coin Laundry Association; and virtually bringing together hundreds of young student leaders from around the globe with influential voices at the forefront of this pandemic to discuss and develop solutions that will make a difference thanks to partners such as IBM and Peter G. Peterson Foundation.

In this 2019 Impact Report, we share 10 powerful stories and many other examples of how we can work together to improve the lives of others. You can read the stories of civic and community leaders, social entrepreneurs, educators, health professionals, Clinton administration alumni, supporters, and volunteers — all people who believe there’s no action too small to make a difference.

Among the people highlighted in these stories are the incredible volunteers in Little Rock who rolled up their sleeves to help provide free meals for the community during the government shutdown last year and in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic today; Jane and Scott Wolfe, laundromat owners in New Orleans, who formed a partnership with Too Small to Fail to transform a corner of their business into a learning and educational space for families in their community; Indra Echeverri, a physical education and health teacher at a New York City high school who partnered with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation to help her students learn about nutrition and fitness; and Donnel Baird, an entrepreneur and alumnus of the CGI University program who is teaming up with churches, schools, and small businesses in cities to help expand clean energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and lower utility bills.

We believe these stories demonstrate the power of “putting people first” through partnership and the common bonds and humanity we share. We hope you’re as inspired by them as we are — and we’re grateful that you choose to work with us to create this type of lasting impact.

There is important work ahead and you are a critical partner in what we have done and will continue to do. So, on behalf of President Clinton, Chelsea Clinton, the Board of Directors, and everyone at the Clinton Foundation, we thank you for your belief in our efforts, and your continued engagement, generosity, and support.

Kevin Thurm
Chief Executive Officer, Clinton Foundation
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Partnering to provide fresh meals and essential items to people in need.

BY MICHAEL BERGIN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CLINTON PRESIDENTIAL CENTER

World Central Kitchen, the Clinton Foundation, and partners have been working together to provide hundreds of thousands of meals for students, families, and others affected by the COVID-19 crisis (2020).

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. — In the early ‘90s, Chef José Andrés moved to Washington, D.C. to lead the kitchen at a local tapas restaurant. Despite long workdays, Andrés spent much of his spare time volunteering at DC Central Kitchen, an organization that provides culinary job training and placement for the unemployed as well as thousands of meals per day.

It was during one of his shifts at the community kitchen that Andrés met President Clinton. Speaking to a group of volunteers, President Clinton singled him out. “Every single year here, 5,000 volunteers roll up their sleeves and give something back,” he said. “People like José Andrés, one of the premier young chefs in America. Despite the literally crazy demands of his job, he comes here every single week to share his passion and his skills.”

It was this sense of community and service that led Andrés to form his own nonprofit, World Central Kitchen, in 2010. The organization’s mission is simple: “We make sure that where there are hungry people, especially under very difficult circumstances, that people are going to have a decent plate of hot food.”
A mission to serve.

In 2019, when a lengthy government shutdown affected civil service workers, World Central Kitchen teamed up with restaurants and other food providers across the country to provide meals for the furloughed government employees and their families — including at the Clinton Presidential Center in Little Rock, Arkansas. Together with local food truck owner Kyle Pounders, staff from the Clinton Foundation and World Central Kitchen helped provide 70,000 meals for those impacted in the central Arkansas region. The Clinton Foundation also quickly mobilized a Day of Action service project to help the Arkansas Food Bank and the Diaper Bank of the Ozarks, sorting and packing diapers and essential items to be distributed to impacted families.

Little did they know that thanks to this initial partnership in 2019, the Clinton Foundation and World Central Kitchen were better prepared to mobilize quickly when the COVID-19 crisis began to affect the Little Rock community. Along with the City of Little Rock, local school districts, and other partners, the Clinton Foundation and World Central Kitchen responded after local schools were closed to help prepare and distribute thousands of meals from the Clinton Center — more than 350,000 meals to date — to students, families, seniors, and other vulnerable people in need.

Through this effort, the Clinton Center has been transformed into the hub for cooking, packaging, and delivering meals for the community. Each day, a force of more than 60 volunteers works to make sure that nearly 7,000 meals are accessible. Meals are loaded and distributed to grab-and-go pick up points around the county with the help of local food trucks. For the elderly, meals are delivered directly to their residences. Lunch and dinner are available to anyone in need each weekday, as well as lunch on weekends.

Since its founding, the Clinton Center has been a resource for the central Arkansas region — a place to gather, learn, and engage with the community. From family-friendly cultural exhibits like “Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea” that promotes the importance of sustainable lifestyles, to one-of-a-kind educational programs with notable and even notorious speakers such as the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg — the Clinton Center applies the unique perspective of President Bill Clinton’s lifetime of public service to help us understand the world we live in today.

And hopefully to inspire countless others to share their passion, skills, and stories to better serve their communities. ♠

World Central Kitchen and the City of Little Rock have partnered with the Clinton Foundation to distribute meals to those in need (2020).
I give to the Clinton Presidential Center because I know their programs, like Curbside Couture, give kids all over Arkansas access to unique experiences that broaden their horizons and foster their creativity.

– MARTHA ALMAN

As lifelong residents of Arkansas my husband Mike and I are committed to supporting the thought-provoking programming that the Clinton Presidential Center provides for our community. We enjoy knowing that our sponsorship of Bridge Builders: Conversations with Interesting People allows the Clinton Center to enrich the lives of our neighbors by bringing change makers and thought leaders from across the country here to Central Arkansas.

– BETH COULSON

“At Bank of America, we’re focused on meeting needs for the well-being of the communities we serve. We’re proud to work with the Clinton Foundation on various initiatives, particularly in support of their heroic response to help provide meals to Little Rock students while schools are closed. On behalf of our local teammates, we want to thank the Clinton Foundation for its critical role in our community. The Clinton Presidential Center is a bright light for our state.”

– DONALD J. COOK, BANK OF AMERICA, ARKANSAS PRESIDENT

Since its founding, the Clinton Presidential Center has served as a resource for the central Arkansas community through educational and cultural resources, events, and more. Last spring, the Clinton Center hosted the ninth annual Curbside Couture event, Arkansas’ largest “green” fashion show. Through the program, 200 Arkansas students received mentorship from accomplished and professional designers as they created sustainable fashions which they presented during a live runway show (2019).
NEW YORK, N.Y. - Following the devastation of the 2017 hurricane season, local leaders in the Caribbean approached President Bill Clinton and asked him to help the region build back better. In response to this call, the Clinton Foundation launched the CGI Action Network on Post-Disaster Recovery, premised on the notion that everyone has a role to play and we all do better when we work together.

Through this network, leaders from government, business, and civil society come together around shared goals. They work to identify specific needs in the region and develop solutions that can address those needs. Together, these organizations are addressing topics ranging from water and food security to infrastructure and mental health care. The CGI Action Network’s approach is to regularly convene members to identify new projects, share support and resources, and broker unlikely partnerships that will improve response, recovery, and resiliency efforts across the Caribbean.

Meet just a few members of this community who are teaming up to expand hurricane response and build back better.

In 2019, members of the Clinton Global Initiative committed to support 30 home construction projects designed to help St. John’s residents, like Adele Thomas, return to stable living situations, and to help rebuild components of their homes better than their pre-storm conditions (2019).
Rebuilding homes in St. John that were damaged by Hurricanes Irma and Maria

When the hurricanes struck St. John, many families and communities lost their homes. Adele Thomas was among them — born and raised in the area, she lived in the house her grandfather built. During Hurricane Irma, much of her home was destroyed.

In 2019, Love City Strong and its partners committed to support 30 home construction projects designed to help St. John’s residents, like Thomas, return to stable living situations, and to help rebuild components of their homes better than their pre-storm conditions.

“It really means a lot to me because this family has been in this home for so many years, and people gave me the opportunity to leave,” says Thomas. “Even though I didn’t have anything, I stayed right here. I didn’t leave. That’s how much, you know, I want to keep what my grandfather put together. I want to keep that going for my kids because family is so important to me.”

Restoring medical facilities in Dominica — and providing training opportunities for nurses and emergency professionals

Medical Professionals on a Mission, Inc., in partnership with Direct Relief, has restored a medical training facility and provided equipment to train nursing students at Dominica State College. Courtesy: Medical Professionals on a Mission, Inc. [2019]
Two years after the storms, Dominica faced a critical need for more medical professionals and more training opportunities for nurses and emergency personnel. Prior to the disaster, a skills laboratory at Dominica State College was an integral part of nurses’ training, but the facility was badly damaged during Hurricane Maria.

To help address this challenge, Medical Professionals on a Mission, Inc. (MPOM), in partnership with Direct Relief, has restored a medical training facility and provided equipment to train nursing students at Dominica State College, including renovating the lab and equipping it with storage, library, and workspaces including CPR mannequins, lab supplies, hospital beds, a hands-free sink, and more.

“Prior to Hurricane Maria, there was a skills lab, but most of the equipment was destroyed,” says Professor Julie Frampton. “This effort has greatly improved the ability of the students to perform in the clinic area.”

Expanding access to nutritious food and reducing food waste in Puerto Rico

In Puerto Rico, malnutrition — which is predominately due to lack of access to nutritious food — is a significant cause of mortality. Many in the region struggle with food insecurity and a lack of sustainable options.

To meet this challenge, some believe a solution lies in mobile technology. “In all countries, there is a loss and waste of food,” explains Karina Campos, the co-founder and chief operating officer at Nilus, a mobile application that uses geographic data to rescue and distribute food. “In Latin America and the Caribbean, about 55% of fruits and vegetables go to waste. Puerto Rico is no exception.”

With this challenge in mind, the team at Nilus made a commitment to rescue 25 tons of food each month and deliver it to the Puerto Rican communities that need it most. This new collaboration with World Central Kitchen and Marriott marks an expansion of Nilus’ successful food rescue program in other communities.

As the commitment grows, the team is dedicated to helping the region. “The Nilus team is putting all of their energy and passion to help low-income Puerto Ricans have more vegetables, fruits, and more quality food in their dishes,” says Campos.
[Clinton Global Initiative] is one of the few organizations that is really looking at this problem in a holistic fashion, approaching the Caribbean as one. It is searching for solutions that can apply to all countries and different jurisdictions in the region. I really think it is a unique job that no one else is doing. So, for us, it is very important to support their efforts.

- IGNACIO ALVAREZ, CEO, POPULAR, INC.

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In 1999, President Bill Clinton announced a package of $1 billion in emergency relief to help Central American nations rebuild after Hurricane Mitch.

CURATING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO HELP DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS
The Clinton Global Initiative Action Network team has curated a number of ways you can support communities through virtual volunteering and make a meaningful difference during this global health crisis. The opportunities work across four areas — reaching out to isolated individuals, coordinating PPE distribution, providing translation support to first-responders, and tutoring or mentoring young people. [https://www.clintonfoundation.org/covid19/digital-volunteering](https://www.clintonfoundation.org/covid19/digital-volunteering)

AXIOS: THE CLINTON FOUNDATION AIDS PUERTO RICO
“This week, the Clintons brought together hundreds of corporate, NGO and government leaders for the Clinton Foundation’s CGI meeting in San Juan. The mission was to help Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the rest of the region continue to recover from last year’s hurricanes and build capacity to become more resilient.” (1/31/2019) [https://www.axios.com/clinton-foundation-bill-hillary-puerto-rico-hurricanes-2df82398-5a9e-4574-97e3-4a219257f112.html](https://www.axios.com/clinton-foundation-bill-hillary-puerto-rico-hurricanes-2df82398-5a9e-4574-97e3-4a219257f112.html)
NEW ORLEANS, LA. – It’s an overcast and humid October morning at the crossroads of the 7th, 8th, and 9th wards in New Orleans, where the founders and staff of Melba’s PoBoys and Wash World are bustling in anticipation of the arrival of some very important customers.

This isn’t an ordinary laundromat.

In fact, the owners, Jane and Scott Wolfe, like to think of it as a community center. On one side of the store, workers are frying up po’ boys and mixing ‘red beans and rice’; on the other — staff and family are tidying up and putting the finishing touches on the laundromat’s new “Talking is Teaching” learning space for kids and families. Jane and Scott created the space in partnership with Too Small to Fail so that families can talk, read, sing, play, learn, and generally come together while their loads of laundry are washing and drying.
Since 2013, Too Small to Fail has been at the forefront of meeting parents where they are in their busy lives to help them make the most out of everyday moments. In addition to working with more traditional spaces, such as pediatric clinics, diaper banks, Women Infant Children (WIC) clinics, playgrounds, and early child care centers, Too Small to Fail also focuses on reaching parents in places like laundromats, courtroom waiting areas, barber shops, beauty salons, and so many more.

Families spend an average of three hours a week doing laundry. This time creates a perfect engagement opportunity for parents and caregivers to talk, read, sing, and play with their children. A Clinton Global Initiative commitment between Too Small to Fail and the Coin Laundry Association in 2015 began to engage laundromat owners in this mission — offering member stores activities, posters, free resources, and the technical assistance of Too Small to Fail to help parents and caregivers use this time to engage in meaningful ways with their children.

Since then, Too Small to Fail and the Coin Laundry Association have come together to host free laundry days, connect laundromats with local librarians to arrange story times, and hand out free books, resources, and materials to parents and caregivers nationwide. The partnership has also expanded to include an annual “Laundry & Literacy Summit” — which in 2019 brought together industry and trade leaders, and a commitment to create and scale playful “Talking is Teaching” learning spaces in 600 laundromats across the country to support children’s early brain and language development. And, a study found that children engaged in 30 times more literacy activities in laundromats with a “Talking is Teaching” learning space compared to those without them. These activities are essential for school readiness.

As a member of the Coin Laundry Association and an entrepreneur who has always uniquely focused on social impact, Jane Wolfe’s laundromat routinely offers opportunities for the community by hosting authors, giving out books, and providing free laundry days. When she learned about the “Talking is Teaching” learning spaces, she knew immediately that she wanted to bring this concept to her family’s business. Within a matter of weeks, they had expanded construction on the laundromat that transformed a freight container connected to the store into a cozy, playful learning nook for kids and families.

In an interview that day with the New Orleans Times-Picayune, Secretary Hillary Clinton said, “In the world we’re living in now, a business has to go the extra mile to attract customers. That’s how this business becomes a magnet for the community, because there is so much happening here.”

For her part, Wolfe wants other laundromat and small business owners to know the vital role they can play in the well-being of their communities.

“This isn’t an ordinary approach to early learning.

As the laundromat filled up with its steady flow of families and customers around 10:00 a.m., the Wolfes welcomed President Clinton, Secretary Clinton, and Chelsea Clinton to unveil their new “Talking is Teaching” learning space and show how they integrate literacy, family, and community into the family business.

The Clintons met with local families, such as Dawnsha Frazier who was there with her young boys — reading new books and coloring pictures for Halloween. They saw how every washer and every dryer provides a learning opportunity for kids — with tips and ideas for how to talk about color, science, math, clothes, and even local heroes. And they had the opportunity to thank the Melba’s and Wash World staff who help the customers feel welcome and make the impact all possible.

In this particular day would not be your ordinary day.

“We hit a vein with this, literacy, community, and food,” said Wolfe. “A laundromat can be about so much more than an ordinary load of laundry. You’re there with your family, parents and kids spending time together, we want to make it as extraordinary and valuable as that time can be.”
We are proud to partner with Too Small to Fail — an important innovator in the field of early learning. This initiative has proven that it is possible to create family-friendly, language-rich environments in places such as laundromats, pediatric clinics, and beauty salons. Too Small to Fail has tested and developed a scalable model to support parents and children in everyday spaces, so parents can turn that almost every activity into an opportunity to learn.

– MEERA MANI, DIRECTOR, CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM, THE DAVID AND LUCILE PACKARD FOUNDATION

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The Clinton administration expanded Head Start and created Early Head Start to help prepare more young children for school.

PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS WHO ARE HOME WITH CHILDREN
Too Small to Fail is working with partners to help provide educational resources, like this toolkit, books, and essential items like food and diapers to families across the country. https://talkingisteaching.org/assets/illustrations/indoor-toolkit-v6.pdf

PBS NEWSHOUR: WHEN A LAUNDROMAT BECOMES A LIBRARY
“The first five years of a child’s life are critical for language exposure, but studies suggest children in lower-income families often don't experience the rich literary environment wealthier kids do. A New York City initiative trying to close that gap encourages reading in a spot families visit every week — but don't usually consider educational.” [4/2/2019]
https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/when-a-laundromat-becomes-a-library
“Our goal is to expand clean energy in all of America’s inner cities.”

Donnel Baird partners locally for a better future.

BY TYLER SCOTT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CGI UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Donnel Baird is a community organizer in every sense of the word. As a child growing up in the Bedford Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York, Baird witnessed firsthand the realities of not having reliable power at home. “I remember how inefficiently we would heat our one-bedroom apartment. When it got cold outside, we would turn on the stove and open the oven door,” says Baird.

It was this firsthand experience that inspired Baird to found BlocPower, an organization dedicated to reducing greenhouse gases and lowering utility rates for families in underserved communities across the country. Their goal is to expand clean energy in all of America’s inner cities.

As a student at Duke University in 2013, Baird applied to CGI University with his Commitment to Action to bring clean energy to communities in inner cities. He attended the annual CGI University student event at Washington University in St. Louis, where he met more than 1,000 student entrepreneurs and innovators committed to turning their ideas into action.

As part of the program, Baird participated in a service project led by President Bill Clinton, where he helped install solar panels at a local school in St. Louis, Missouri. This experience helped Baird formulate and implement a model for his company, BlocPower.

Baird saw immediately how the solar panels had the potential to be transformative. “The savings from the solar panels were going to pay for the upfront cost of the panels. That’s a really great idea, and we’ve tried to build a business around it,” explains Baird.

Last December, President Clinton traveled to Brooklyn to see how Donnel Baird and his organization, BlocPower, are working to implement energy efficiency upgrades in the Cornerstone Baptist Church (2019).
Retrofitting a building so that it can be powered efficiently by a renewable energy source is expensive. While these investments yield predictable and reliable returns, many churches, nonprofits, charter schools, and small businesses are too small to get approved for traditional loans. To help manage these challenges, BlocPower partners with these groups and assembles them into “blocs” of four or more potential retrofits.

Last December, President Clinton went to see BlocPower’s work in action at Cornerstone Baptist Church, one of the oldest churches in the Bedford Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn. There, he met with Baird and BlocPower and saw firsthand how they have helped implement energy efficiency upgrades, such as efficient lights and a new cooling system.

“This might seem like a small project,” President Clinton told administrators and church-goers during the visit, “but this is a picture through which you can see a better future for a church that is 102 years old.”

For his part, Baird believes that the CGI University community, which is predicated on the notion that we all do better when we work together, has helped to drive BlocPower’s growth. “The early advice from the Clinton Global Initiative University really allowed us to create a business model that we could grow to scale,” he explains.

To date, BlocPower has completed energy retrofits in nearly 1,000 schools, small businesses, nonprofits, and churches. The organization is well on its way to expanding outside of New York City. On Earth Day, BlocPower launched “Retrofit Milwaukee,” a campaign to help small businesses, faith institutions, schools, health clinics, and apartment buildings in Milwaukee transition to cleaner, healthier, and more cost-efficient heating and cooling equipment.

Years after he attended his first CGI University event, Baird continues to give back. In 2017, he was named to the CGI U “Honor Roll,” which recognizes extraordinary alumni who have made a significant impact through their CGI U Commitments to Action and careers. Through this and his continued participation over the years, Baird helps exemplify the extraordinary progress that can be achieved when young leaders work together to turn their ideas into action. ☆

President Clinton in Brooklyn, where BlocPower founder Donnel Baird talks about his work completing thousands of energy retrofits across the United States, following a commitment made at CGI University in 2013. [2019]
One of the main goals of IBM’s Call for Code global initiative is to use open source technology to tackle some of the world’s biggest challenges. I’m proud of our like-minded partnership with CGI U that equips students with the skills they need to be on the front lines of that endeavor.

— BOB LORD, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF COGNITIVE APPLICATIONS, BLOCKCHAIN AND ECOSYSTEMS, IBM

I support CGI University because we share a belief in empowering our next generation of leaders. CGI U students work hard and creatively to tackle global challenges — including the current COVID-19 pandemic. By investing in their talent and unleashing their ideas we will create a better world, together.

— KEVIN XU, CHAIRMAN, MEBO INTERNATIONAL

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The Clinton administration established AmeriCorps through which 1 million members have contributed over 1.4 billion service hours.

BRINGING TOGETHER STUDENT LEADERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD FOR A VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

In April 2020, President Clinton and Chelsea Clinton brought together leading voices in public health, government, and philanthropy for a virtual discussion about the COVID-19 crisis and how the student leaders of CGI U can build solutions that help communities respond to the pandemic.

https://events.clinton-foundation.org/cgiu2020/

FORBES: PURPOSE AT WORK: HOW IBM PARTNERS WITH DEVELOPERS TO SCALE IMPACT

“This collaborative model also means that you don’t necessarily have to start your own initiative. You can partner with another organization to scale your combined impact and showcase your value. A great example of this sort of purposeful collaboration is the partnership between IBM and the Clinton Global Initiative University.” [10/17/2019]

LUGANGA VILLAGE, KILOLO DISTRICT, TANZANIA —
In Tanzania, millions of families rely on agriculture for their livelihood. Traditional methods have supported families, but in the face of climate change, these methods are no longer viable to keep food on the table. The Clinton Development Initiative (CDI), along with a local partnership with the Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI), is working to help farmers transition to more sustainable ways of growing and marketing their crops.

For farmers like Nelson Luhwago in the Kilolo District of Tanzania, working with CDI has been transformative. Farmers in eastern and southern Africa face increasing threats to their livelihoods, including drought, insects, pests, and diseases. But thanks to a partnership with TOSCI, Luhwago and others are able to access and multiply drought-resistant, modern seeds that both improve quality and bolster opportunities to sell their produce.

On the road with Nelson Luhwago.

A farmer who’s sharing seeds, skills, and science with his community.

BY WALTER WILLIAMS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CLINTON DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE
Luhwago is a leader in the “CDI Seed Roadshows,” where, as a member of CDI’s “Hub Farmers” — a collective group in which farmers support each other, share data and best practices, and work to spread the word about CDI — he helps show his community the potential to increase outputs and profits. TOSCI is responsible for certification and promotion of quality agricultural seeds produced or imported into Tanzania, and focuses on safeguarding farming communities from poor quality seeds.

This partnership helps to give farmers a guarantee that the seeds they are accessing are of the highest quality, that they are purchasing from certified producers and resellers, and will help to give them better returns on their investments. Through expanded access to fertilizer and seeds, these farmers are increasing their yields and ability to invest back into their farms.

Using improved seeds, Luhwago was able to dramatically increase his output. He now produces and sells Quality Declared Seeds — and at the start was the only farmer in his village doing so. Since November of 2019, he has been able to increase sales — an impressive $1,685 to date. This new business opportunity is not only helping Luhwago, but also paying dividends in his community, too.

Going on the road to showcase the potential of these Quality Declared Seeds has helped other farmers to get behind them. Seeing is believing, and hearing directly from a member of your own community helps to increase faith and trust. It’s why the Seed Roadshows have had such a great impact in spreading the word about these better-quality crops.

Today, Luhwago has also expanded his crops to include avocados. This is a crop that will be paying dividends in the future. Luhwago explained, “Through [the] Clinton Foundation, I have learned a lot good techniques of managing crops. Now with the avocados, I see this as a farmer pension fund because when I get old and am not able to work in the farm, I will be able to employ people to harvest avocado fruits and earn money without working much.”

Across the board, farming communities are then able to benefit from the increased profits by investing directly back into their farms. The ability to purchase fertilizer, quality seeds, and even hire labor to help them harvest their increased crops is all a step in the right direction.

This is just one of many partnerships that are helping to improve food security and create more opportunities for these communities. Working together, CDI and partners provide farmers with heat- and drought-tolerant seeds to grow stronger, healthier crops and to help reduce the negative impacts of climate shocks. ✡

*Through expanded access to fertilizer, seeds, and labor during the harvest, CDI’s “Hub Farmers” are increasing their yields and ability to invest back into their farms (2019).*
CDI has made exceptional contributions to improve food security and nutritional health in east and southern Africa, with a strong focus on smallholder farmers in rural communities.”

– DR. AGNES KALIBATA, PRESIDENT, ALLIANCE FOR A GREEN REVOLUTION IN AFRICA

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In 2000, President Bill Clinton, as part of his ongoing effort to strengthen ties between the United States and Africa, signed into law the African Growth & Opportunity Act (AGOA), which provides preferential duty-free access to U.S. markets for nearly 6,400 product lines from sub-Saharan Africa. Designed to increase investment and trade, AGOA created an estimated 300,000 jobs on the continent and contributed to the region’s emergence as one of the world’s fastest growing markets.

PROVIDING ESSENTIAL MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

In Tanzania, Clinton Development Initiative farming partners in Iringa are working to protect health frontline service providers in the region by donating essential medical equipment to the community. In addition, local farming cooperatives in Iringa are connecting virtually through online training sessions.

STRENGTHENING FOOD SYSTEMS AND IMPROVING NUTRITION OUTCOMES

Floating solutions in the global fight against climate change.

Our interview with Tony Imanduwa, chief executive officer of the Seychelles Energy Commission.

BY LIZ RAFTERY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CLINTON CLIMATE INITIATIVE

PROVIDENCE ISLAND, SEYCHELLES — As part of the ongoing transition to renewable energy in the Seychelles, the local government and Public Utilities Corporation are implementing a marine floating solar power plant in Providence Lagoon on Mahé Island.

The Clinton Foundation operates under the belief that what works best in addressing the most pressing challenges of the 21st century is a partnership model that brings together the public and private sectors, as well as members of local communities to develop effective, affordable, and scalable solutions. Amid the growing threats posed by climate change, the Seychelles floating solar power plant aspires to be a model for what works in terms of addressing climate change and building economies that are resilient and sustainable in the face of natural disasters.

That’s why in 2019, our climate team partnered with the Seychelles Energy Commission and the Seychelles Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change to advance the project, which will be the first utility-scale, private sector-funded floating solar photovoltaic (FPV) project in Africa in a marine environment, and will have an estimated capacity of 4 MW.
What differentiates this floating solar project from other solar projects, and why is it important?

IMADUWA: It will be Seychelles’ first Independent Power Producer (IPP) project and the first to be implemented over water. It should be noted that the project is on course to be the first floating solar PV Plant in a marine environment in Africa. Seychelles has a huge solar potential and over the years, we have focused on rooftop grid-connected PV systems. Distributed generation alone will not allow us to achieve our energy policy target. We need to install a larger, utility-scale system. As one of many renewable projects being implemented to meet our 2020 target of 5% RE-storage-genset hybrid systems [a hybrid system that doesn't run solely on renewable energy or fossil fuels, but rather combines these two sources of energy as well as energy storage] penetration in our electricity mix, the floating solar project also addresses our space or land constraint for utility-scale PV projects.

Has the need for renewable energy become more urgent in recent years? Why?

IMADUWA: In our case, development of renewable energy became more of a priority when we had the oil crisis back in 2007-2008. Since then, Seychelles has taken numerous steps to develop its renewable energy sector. We are steadily and cautiously increasing the amount of renewable energy injected on our national grid. The outlying islands of the Seychelles are shifting to RE-storage-genset hybrid systems and on some of these islands, their entire electricity needs are being supplied from just the RE system and battery storage.

How is this project going to transform life/energy in your country?

IMADUWA: It will help meet our energy target for 2020. Also, being the first IPP project and the first floating PV in marine environment in Africa, it will provide the framework for future power procurement projects and present huge research opportunities, respectively.

What factors did you consider in selecting a site for the floating facility? Why is Providence Lagoon a good spot?

IMADUWA: Site selection was based on the available area for 4 MW, proximity to the grid and high voltage network, and protection from the open sea. Providence Lagoon provides all these, plus a high load demand center to facilitate integration.
Why is it important for places that are the most vulnerable to the effects of climate change to become global leaders in the transition to sustainable/renewable energy?

**IMADUWA:** From an island perspective, we are the most vulnerable to climate change, yet we are not the ones causing it. We are not emitters. Though we are doing our part to combat climate change, for us it is really about strengthening our energy security, becoming less dependent on imported fossil fuels, reducing our import costs and using that savings to support other sectors. We will continue to do our part and become a global leader in the transition to sustainable energy but if we really want to combat climate change, it is the bigger and most polluting countries that need to transform.

Is the project still on track to be completed and functional later in 2020?

**IMADUWA:** It was on track at the start of the year but the COVID-19 outbreak has slowed down the progress of the project. We will be pushing for it once the situation improves.

What lessons do you hope to share with other island states and larger countries globally?

**IMADUWA:** If any island state or larger country wish to develop floating PV project, we will be happy to share our experiences. Floating PV on marine environment is new and this project presents excellent research opportunities.
The Clinton Foundation is the reason why the African Legal Support Facility is involved in the Seychelles floating solar PV project. CCI has not only created an opportunity for the ALSF to support a ground breaking and innovative project but it has also amplified our impact and its chances of success. They understand the value of bringing along complementing partners. We deeply value this great relationship and hope it will serve as a model for future cooperation.”

– GADI TAJ NDAHUMBA, HEAD OF POWER SECTOR, AFRICAN LEGAL SUPPORT FACILITY

Island states, such as the Dutch ABC islands [Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao], are on the front lines of climate change and are disproportionately affected. Thanks to the participants of the Dutch Postcode Lottery, we can support the Clinton Foundation with their important and impactful work to reach these vulnerable communities. By creating solutions toward a more sustainable and carbon neutral environment, the Foundation helps islands become resilient toward future disasters. With the COVID–19 crisis, it has become even more apparent that these communities are hit harder than others. Thanks to the impactful work of the Clinton Foundation, these islands will become an inspiration to the rest of the world!“

– MARGRIET SCHREUDERS, HEAD OF CHARITIES, DUTCH POSTCODE LOTTERY

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PROTECTING OUR PLANET AND OUR HEALTH

In the context of the COVID-19 crisis, the Clinton Climate Initiative recently partnered with our Too Small to Fail team to share tips on celebrating Earth Day while also practicing social distancing. Learn about six simple actions to support the planet. https://stories.clintonfoundation.org/6-simple-actions-we-can-take-from-home-this-earth-day-89b62d879dd6

FORBES: THE SEYCHELLES MAY SOON BE POWERED BY FLOATING SOLAR PANELS COURTESY OF THE CLINTON FOUNDATION

“We at the Clinton Climate Initiative are thrilled to support this innovative project, which represents a groundbreaking step forward for island nations and other regions with limited land available for solar development,” says Fiona Wilson, Senior Regional Manager, Clinton Climate Initiative.” [6/18/2019] https://www.forbes.com/sites/priyashukla/2019/06/18/the-seychelles-may-soon-be-powered-by-floating-solar-panels-courtesy-of-the-clinton-foundation/
In this New York City high school it’s “cool” to be healthy.

Through a unique partnership, students are learning about fitness, nutrition, and life.

BY LIZ RAFTERY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ALLIANCE FOR A HEALTHIER GENERATION

NEW YORK, N.Y. — At Edward A. Reynolds West Side High School in Manhattan, Indra Echeverri is on a mission to help her students develop lifelong healthy habits. But first, she has to change their minds.

West Side High joined the Alliance for a Healthier Generation’s Healthy Schools Program in 2011. Since then, it has been recognized six times by Healthier Generation as one of “America’s Healthiest Schools,” and in 2019 it was one of only eight schools nationwide to earn the National Healthy Schools Gold Award, Healthier Generation’s highest distinction.

Echeverri, who teaches physical education and health and also serves as the school’s wellness coordinator, says one of the biggest obstacles her students face on their road to a healthier lifestyle is their own misconceptions about exercise and healthy eating.

“The struggle is real when you’re older and you haven’t gotten into healthy habits,” says Echeverri. “It’s not an easy road for them. The concept of ‘healthy’ is so foreign. It’s like, ‘I can’t do that. It’s impossible.’”
Students take health into their own hands.

Many of the students at West Side High begin the wellness program presenting with conditions including obesity, heart disease, and diabetes. Under Echeverri’s guidance and through the programs that have been implemented under the school’s partnership with Healthier Generation — including an on-site health clinic; a smoothie room, where students use fruits and vegetables to create healthful, tasty treats; and a spin studio, where teachers offer free spin classes for students and staff before school — the students at West Side High are learning how to take their physical well-being into their own hands.

In terms of eating, Echeverri says her students’ opinion of “healthy” foods mirrors that of typical teenagers — it’s a firm thumbs down. At least initially.

“It’s not knowing what healthy foods look like, thinking that all healthy foods are expensive, and truly believing that healthy foods just don’t taste good at all,” she says. “There’s a big misconception about the fact that if the food is healthy, it does not taste good.”

Enter the smoothie room and science-based cooking lessons on the benefits of nutritious ingredients, like quinoa. Echeverri recalls one student who started the trimester having recently been diagnosed with high cholesterol. Through the class, she began substituting a fruit and vegetable smoothie for her daily breakfast of a sandwich she would regularly pick up from a bodega on the way to school. As healthy choices like these became habitual, she went on to lose 27 pounds and brought her cholesterol into a normal range.

Exercise is another matter. Many of the students at West Side High don’t have safe access to parks, gyms, or other facilities where they can work out independently, and gym classes at their previous schools tended to be physical in name only.

“They don’t think that they are able to do it because they have never worked out in their lives,” Echeverri says. “They have no sense of what their bodies can do.”

By the end of the trimester, students discover that exercise is not only doable but can actually be fun. Echeverri says it’s not uncommon to see her students insisting on doing one more lap or set of reps rather than her having to push them.

Partnering to build a sustainable wellness program.

Echeverri credits West Side High’s partnership with Healthier Generation for helping to make the wellness program sustainable and consistently effective — and for empowering students to use their new knowledge to benefit other people in their families and communities.

“Our partnership with Healthier Generation has helped us at every single level,” Echeverri says. “Had it not been for them, our program wouldn’t be as strong as it is now. I think every school should have it.”

In recent years, Healthier Generation has adopted a broader approach to children’s health that focuses on meeting their physical, social, and emotional needs. The “Whole Child Model” is based on the theory that the aforementioned areas are all interconnected and equally important when considering a person’s overall health — and according to Echeverri, maintaining children’s physical health provides a crucial foundation for their mental and emotional well-being.

Echeverri and her colleagues at West Side High have noticed that emphasizing the importance of students’ physical well-being seems to set them up for success in other areas.
Last year, President Bill Clinton met with students and staff at Edward A. Reynolds West Side High School in Manhattan to learn how wellness is integrated into everyday life at one of America’s Healthiest Schools (2019).

“If you really think about what wellness is... it is such a wide spectrum,” Echeverri says. “And you don’t have to accomplish everything at once, but... when you accomplish one, it makes it so much easier to work on another.”

“Once these kids are eating healthier and working out more, their production at school and their grades go up,” she adds. “Ever since we started implementing all these wellness programs... our graduation rates have gone up a lot.”

But that’s not the only change, and neither is the occasional physical transformation her students undergo from the start of the trimester to the end.

“For the last few years, I have noticed a little bit of a shift,” Echeverri says. “Now it is cool to be healthy.”

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The Clinton administration provided health care to over five million low-income children through the Children’s Health Insurance Program.

PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH

To help address the COVID-19 crisis, Healthier Generation has developed a series of resources for people of all ages, including guides on how to talk to kids about the coronavirus, tips about physical and mental well-being, and more. [https://www.healthiergeneration.org/campaigns/covid-19](https://www.healthiergeneration.org/campaigns/covid-19)

PARADE: DO YOUR KIDS ATTEND ONE OF THE HEALTHIEST SCHOOLS IN AMERICA?

“What makes a school “healthy”? Does it mean offering nutritious school lunches and snacks, or providing physical activity throughout the day? It’s all of the above, and more, according to the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, which recently rounded up its latest list of ‘America’s Healthiest Schools.’” [9/16/2019]. [https://parade.com/922695/lindsaylowe/healthiest-schools-in-america/](https://parade.com/922695/lindsaylowe/healthiest-schools-in-america/)
Fagan Harris fights for economic equality.

How Clinton administration policies helped pave the way.

BY KELLEY MAGUIRE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CLINTON PRESIDENTIAL CENTER

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. — Fagan Harris founded Baltimore Corps with one goal: to find ways for talented people to go to work solving the world’s most important challenges. A nonprofit founded in 2013, Baltimore Corps aims to recruit talented young people to accelerate social innovation and advance a citywide agenda for equity and racial justice.

“The story of my life is really about connection — how to connect the brilliant genius that happens in our neighborhoods and our communities to the opportunities, to the structures, so that [individuals] can thrive and contribute,” says Harris.

Through programs like the Baltimore Corps Fellowship, Harris and his team recruit talented professionals and help place them in full-time social impact work in the nonprofit, public, and private sectors. Another program, Elevation Awards, provides $10,000 grants to social entrepreneurs of color in Baltimore.

“When you’re looking in neighborhoods like West Baltimore, there’s a lot of devastation,” explains Harris. “But there’s also extraordinary people — and they’re building apps, they’re doing hair in their living rooms, they’re running restaurants out of their kitchen. When we did our first RFP [Request for Proposal], we had almost 500 applications from three zip codes in West Baltimore, and a lot of these folks weren’t aspiring entrepreneurs — they’re already doing it.”
Last fall, Harris spoke about his work supporting these entrepreneurs during a conference on domestic economic policy in Little Rock, Arkansas, hosted by President Bill Clinton and Secretary Hillary Clinton. The conference brought together leading mayors, Community Development Finance Institutions (CDFIs), community organizations, banks, impact investors, and former Clinton administration officials to explore solutions that address support for entrepreneurs and small businesses, the income gap and racial wealth disparities and better support underserved communities.

The event was held in conjunction with the 25th anniversary of the creation of the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund, an important economic milestone from the Clinton administration, which helped expand support for more than 400 financial institutions that provided credit and financial services to underserved markets and populations.

At the conference, business and civic organizations announced new commitments designed to unlock economic opportunity in distressed and underserved areas, and promote entrepreneurship and small business growth. These efforts include commitments to help small business owners, provide financial expertise, and serve low-income communities.

“If you look at communities like Baltimore, the entrepreneurial hustle and behavior and spirit has never been more ascendant,” Harris told leaders gathered for the event. “A lot of people now see themselves as entrepreneurs, but they're unbanked or underbanked — and they don't get any of the technical assistance or support that they need.”

“This is the work that we’re doing [at Baltimore Corps],” Harris continues. “We’re trying to find entrepreneurs of color who are left out by virtue of their zip code and, yes, the color of their skin. We’re missing out on how to rebuild these neighborhoods and these communities. Main Street will rebuild itself if we invest in it.”

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The Clinton administration created over 22 million new jobs and moved from record deficits to record surpluses. Additionally, the Clinton administration grew the economy from the bottom up and middle out, lifting 7.7 million people out of poverty. [https://www.clintonfoundation.org/policy-alcoves#building-one-america](https://www.clintonfoundation.org/policy-alcoves#building-one-america)

5 INSPIRING QUOTES FROM JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG’S LECTURE IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg spoke to a crowd of more than 13,000 people at a Kumpuris Distinguished Lecture hosted by the Clinton Foundation and the Clinton School of Public Service.


NEW YORK DAILY NEWS: A CLINTON-ERA GEM TO REPOLISH

“That close attention to small business and family-level economic development is part of why 22.9 million jobs were created during the Clinton years – the most under any single administration – along with seven straight years of income growth and record-high homeownership.”

Dr. Adeeti Gupta is on a mission to make women’s health care a right, not a luxury.

How a first-of-its-kind leadership program is helping.

BY KELLEY MAGUIRE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS PROGRAM

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.; COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS; DALLAS, TEXAS; AUSTIN, TEXAS — For women in the United States, accessing comprehensive health care can be challenging. Wait times to schedule an appointment with an obstetrician-gynecologist can be lengthy, and when the visit does take place, a busy doctor may have limited time to spend with a patient.

As a practicing OB-GYN, this was Dr. Adeeti Gupta’s observation, and it’s what inspired her to found Walk In GYN Care in New York City in 2014, the nation’s first walk-in center dedicated solely to women’s health. Dr. Gupta was inspired to change the dialogue around health care and to help make women’s health a right, not a luxury. Her goal for the center is to provide accessible, efficient, and high-quality services to women so “they can get right back to being everyday superheroes.”

Just six months after opening, the clinic started seeing an average of dozens of women each day,
helping to provide critical health services and identify important medical conditions — some of which might have otherwise gone undetected for years, including breast, cervical, and ovarian cancers. Dr. Gupta quickly recognized the urgency of bringing practices like this to every city — and there was no question she needed help to do it. So, she applied to a unique leadership program.

The Presidential Leadership Scholars program is a partnership among the presidential centers of George W. Bush, William J. Clinton, George H.W. Bush, and Lyndon B. Johnson. Each year, a diverse group of mid-career professionals begins a journey, through the program, to hone their leadership abilities through interactions with former presidents, key administration officials, leading academics, and business and civic leaders.

As a member of the 2019 class of scholars, Dr. Gupta drew leadership lessons from programming, curriculum, and conversations led by prominent leaders and changemakers from all backgrounds — including former government officials, chief executive officers, social entrepreneurs, and more — each presenting a variety of perspectives.

During each of the sessions, Dr. Gupta also had the opportunity to connect with her fellow scholars. She met a group of leaders from varied backgrounds — from a lieutenant commander with the U.S. Coast Guard to an accomplished screenwriter and film director to a current state representative. Despite their differences, these leaders shared a sense of commitment to learning from new perspectives and making their world a better place.

With support from this growing community, Dr. Gupta has already begun conversations about the possibility of expanding the Walk In GYN model to additional states across the country, including Texas and Arkansas.

Dr. Gupta’s story is just one from a network of more than 290 current and graduated scholars who have participated in the program over the years — all with different expertise but the same enthusiasm for moving our country forward and for offering fellow scholars a helping hand.}

Through the Presidential Leadership Scholars program, Dr. Gupta is part of a community of leaders from diverse backgrounds committed to working together to make a difference (2019).
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The Clinton administration led the nation in an effort to become “One America,” a place where we respect others’ differences and embrace the common values that unite us. President Clinton also appointed the most diverse Cabinet at the White House staff and the most diverse judiciary, with the highest ratings from the American Bar Association in history.

A DIVERSE GROUP OF LEADERS WHO SHARE A COMMITMENT TO SOLVING PRESSING CHALLENGES — INCLUDING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

From working in hospitals around the country to providing messages of hope to health care workers on the front lines, Presidential Leadership Scholars are finding innovative ways to lead the way during this global health crisis. https://www.presidentialleadershipscholars.org/covid-19-updates-from-the-presidential-leadership-scholars-community/

ASSOCIATED PRESS: BUSH, CLINTON CELEBRATE THOSE IN THEIR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

“Former Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton attended a ceremony in Dallas to recognize those who are graduating from their leadership program this year. The graduation ceremony for the almost 60 people participating in the Presidential Leadership Scholars program was held late Thursday afternoon at the George W. Bush Presidential Center.” [6/27/2019] https://apnews.com/8752531f4d854efcbe204ad9753e1be83
Confronting the opioid crisis with the power of hope.

“Hope is what has given me the strength I needed to recover and allowed me to share my experience with others.”

BY CHRIS THRASHER, CLINTON HEALTH MATTERS INITIATIVE

ATLANTA, GA. — As the Senior Director of Substance Use Disorders and Recovery at the Clinton Foundation, I have seen the challenges and the progress firsthand. We've brought together faith leaders from across traditions in communities across the country to help reduce stigma and build support networks. We've worked to get people trained to administer the opioid overdose reversal drug naloxone and to have it readily available, accessible and affordable where people need it most.

This issue is personal to me. I know what it's like to live without hope and struggle with a substance use disorder, this past December I celebrated 30 years of long-term recovery. I am here to say that there is hope.

Thirty years ago, I was a 9th grade dropout, homeless and hopelessly addicted to drugs. I didn't think my life could change. My world came crashing down when I was arrested and charged with four felonies and three misdemeanors, and I was on the fast track to spending the rest of my life behind bars.

My family, with the support of my community, gave me the opportunity to change my life. I was given

Christian Thrasher (left), Senior Director of Substance Use Disorders and Recovery at the Clinton Foundation, participates in a Drug Take Back Day in Houston, collecting expired or unused medication (2019).

This story first appeared on Thrive Global: https://thriveglobal.com/stories/recovery-month-cause-for-hope-help-story/
the chance to have my case postponed for 90 days so I could go to a drug rehab in Montana. This was my last chance to try and regain control of my life. I made the decision to go and have never looked back.

While in rehab, I learned that addiction was a physical, mental and spiritual disease and as such, needed to be treated comprehensively. When I began this journey, I was asked early on what my wildest dream was – for me that was easy, I wanted to finish high school. There was a part of me that regretted dropping out of high school and at that point, the thought of having the opportunity to finish was beyond my wildest dreams.

My grandma used to tell me that God will move mountains for me, but I must bring the shovel. I enrolled in GED classes and started to do the work and quickly realized that I enjoyed learning. Six months later, I took the exam and I passed! I was now a high school graduate, which led to me enrolling in a junior college – then on to a four-year school, and eventually earning a master’s degree and studying for my doctorate.

When I graduated with my master’s degree, my father asked me to promise that no matter where I went in life, that I would always remember to remain teachable. Being teachable for me is about having hope – something that I try and prioritize each and every day in my recovery.

To define what hope means to me, I made it an acronym. The H is for my health; physical, mental, and spiritual. The O is for the opportunity to achieve anything I want to if I stay in recovery. The P is for having a higher power in my life to help shape and guide my efforts and to be the best person I can be each day. And the E is for education which means having the ability to educate others while always remembering to remain teachable.

Hope is what has given me the strength I needed to recover and allowed me to share my experience with others. I am grateful for the opportunity to raise awareness about addiction as a chronic disease rather than a moral failing. We all must constantly work at breaking down the stigma that keeps so many from getting the help they so desperately need.

In the event of a suspected opioid overdose, 911 should be called immediately to get emergency help. While waiting for help to arrive, knowing how to use NARCAN – an opioid reversal drug, can save someone’s life. In this video, the Clinton Foundation’s Megan Affrunti, Director of Substance Use Disorders & Recovery, shares an important instructional on how you can act quickly to administer NARCAN.

Remember, calling 911 is always the first course of action and administering NARCAN is not a substitute for getting the person emergency medical help. [2019]

Help create a community of hope. The Clinton Foundation fights the opioid epidemic by increasing education and awareness to decrease stigma and curb addiction while providing communities with the tools they need to combat the epidemic and save lives. Learn more, then act. [2019]
Too often, the stigma of addiction or substance use disorders keeps people from seeking help and I wanted to be a part of an interfaith dialogue to talk about how places of faith can be a part of the response. Not just reacting to the opioid epidemic, but actively engaging to be catalysts for awareness and change.

– REV. MELISSA MAHER, LEAD PASTOR, MERCY STREET IN HOUSTON

Through our partnership with the Clinton Health Matters Initiative, the Aetna Foundation can have a long-term impact on girls and young women currently involved in the juvenile justice system. We know these girls are more likely to struggle with serious health conditions for years to come, and the earlier we act, the better the outcomes can be. CHMI’s gender-responsive, trauma-informed approach to this work means that the girls themselves have a central role in setting the direction of program activities. That’s the unique feature of the work, and it is strongly aligned with the Aetna Foundation’s commitment to resident – and youth-led systems change.

– AMY APARICIO CLARK, MANAGING DIRECTOR, AETNA FOUNDATION

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The Clinton administration led the global fight against HIV/AIDS. In 1999, the administration established an interagency overseas effort to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS overseas. Under President Clinton, the U.S. tripled funding for international AIDS programs in just two years. Through the Clinton Health Access Initiative, President Clinton worked to increase access to critical HIV/AIDS medications for millions of people around the globe.

WORKING TOGETHER WITH FAITH LEADERS TO SUPPORT VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

To help address the COVID-19 crisis, the Clinton Foundation is working with faith and community leaders in cities across the United States. These leaders came together through the Opioid Response Network to address the opioid crisis in their communities. Now they’re helping to manage fear and stigma and provide additional support for those in need. https://www.clintonfoundation.org/sites/default/files/cf_covid-19_faith_leader_resources.pdf

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT GAZETTE: LITTLE ROCK FAITH LEADERS: FIGHTING ADDICTION

“We are participating in an interfaith process convened by the Clinton Foundation, the Clinton Presidential Center, Arkansas Department of Health, and Interfaith Arkansas. We are coming together across denominations and traditions to recognize that we can do together what none of us can do alone in defeating the opioid epidemic. We must act as a community and a nation.” https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2019/apr/21/from-place-of-faith-fighting-addiction/?opinion
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Global and national news outlets continue to recognize the Clinton Foundation’s impact on communities — from Little Rock to the Caribbean; from San Diego to southern Africa. Read some of the highlights below.

Food, chicken, laundry among the help offered federal workers in Arkansas
JANUARY 25, 2019

After feeding an island, José Andrés and his nonprofit now want to help Puerto Rico feed itself
JANUARY 29, 2019

Bill Clinton pledges to help for Caribbean after ’17 hurricanes
JANUARY 30, 2019
https://apnews.com/9e77f5af77e846d3891c21079b2c362c

The Clinton Foundation aids Puerto Rico
JANUARY 31, 2019

4 from Arkansas selected as Presidential Leadership Scholars; program begins this week in D.C.
FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Make Jamaica Green Again: 10 Powerful Women Leading The Sustainability Movement
FEBRUARY 7, 2019

Chelsea Clinton visits Balboa Park for panel on collaboration to help vulnerable children
FEBRUARY 7, 2019

Chelsea Clinton in San Diego for youth justice talk
FEBRUARY 7, 2019

Chelsea Clinton and Volunteers Team Up to Help Families That Can’t Afford Diapers
FEBRUARY 22, 2019
My Drug Overdose Saved My Life. Now I’m Saving Others
MARCH 15, 2019
https://www.marieclaire.com/health-fitness/a26676796/opioid-overdose-medication-assisted-treatment/

‘Laundromats and literacy are a weirdly perfect couple.’ Chelsea Clinton leads storytime in new Chicago learning space for kids
MARCH 20, 2019

When a laundromat becomes a library
APRIL 2, 2019
https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/when-a-laundromat-becomes-a-library

From a place of faith: Fighting addiction
APRIL 21, 2019

CIMMYT and Clinton Foundation Partner to Improve Access to Climate-Resilient Maize Seed
APRIL 23, 2019

The Clintons are getting into podcasting
MAY 2, 2019
https://www.cnn.com/2019/05/02/politics/bill-clinton-podcast/index.html

Bill & Chelsea Clinton Are Launching A Podcast About What Shapes The Work They Do
MAY 2, 2019

Bill and Chelsea Clinton Launch Podcast About Their Foundation
MAY 2, 2019

Bill and Chelsea Clinton launch a new podcast
MAY 2, 2019
https://www.axios.com/bill-chelsea-clintons-podcast-4b6637c2-6f8c-42f3-b310-4d1e6227db7f.html

Clintons Pivot to Podcasting With New Show ‘Why Am I Telling You This?’
MAY 7, 2019
https://cheddar.com/media/clintons-pivot-to-podasting-with-new-show-why-am-i-telling-you-this

Building Back Better in the Caribbean: The Clinton Foundation and Partnerships for Change
MAY 22, 2019

Bill and Hillary Clinton Tour St. Croix Nonprofits Ahead of Clinton Global Initiative Meeting in St. Thomas
JUNE 3, 2019
https://wiconsult.com/WC/?p=74961
Caribbean Leaders Reflect on Takeaways From Clinton Post Disaster Event
JUNE 5, 2019

Tim Duncan teams up with the Clintons to bring children's education initiative to Virgin Islands
JUNE 5, 2019
click here to read more

The Seychelles May Soon Be Powered By Floating Panels Courtesy Of The Clinton Foundation
JUNE 18, 2019

5 Reasons to Believe in Young People
JUNE 21, 2019
https://thriveglobal.com/stories/5-reasons-to-believe-in-young-people/

Bush, Clinton celebrate those in their leadership program
JUNE 27, 2019
https://apnews.com/8752531f4d85fedfe204df753b1be83

The Clinton Global Initiative University Is Building a Global Community of Social Entrepreneurs
JUNE 15, 2019

Clinton Center exhibit looks at trash polluting oceans
JULY 15, 2019

Katie Sgarro's AsylumConnect Helps LGBTQ Asylum Seekers Access Safe Services
AUGUST 14, 2019

With hurricane recovery still ongoing, Caribbean islands brace for more
AUGUST 20, 2019

Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Bill Clinton share the stage at Arkansas talk
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

Do Your Kids Attend One of the healthiest Schools in America? New Report Reveals the Nation’s Top 355 Schools
SEPTEMBER 16, 2019
https://parade.com/922695/lindsaylowe/healthiest-schools-in-america

Inside HP’s Investment and Commitment to Reducing Ocean-Bound Plastic in Haiti
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019
Clinton Foundation releases new PSA's to educate on opioid epidemic and support
SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

This Recovery Month, Cause For Hope
SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

How America’s Healthiest Schools List is Saving Kids
OCTOBER 21, 2019

The Clintons surprise visit to a literacy program at po-boy shop, laundry about to go big
OCTOBER 26, 2019

Clintons focus on economic inequality at Arkansas conference
NOVEMBER 20, 2019

Brooklyn church receives energy-efficient overhaul, thanks in part to President Clinton
DECEMBER 10, 2019

How’s America’s Healthiest Schools List is Saving Kids
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Hold on to your honey buns: American vending machines are getting healthier
OCTOBER 24, 2019

Clinton center shows staying power; giving, grants $24.2M in ’18, down from ’17 but still ongoing
NOVEMBER 14, 2019

One-on-One with the CEO of the Clinton Foundation
DECEMBER 10, 2019

Parents wash while Bill Clinton reads to their children in Deer Park
DECEMBER 10, 2019

President Bill Clinton Visits Bed-Stuy’s Cornerstone Baptist Church
DECEMBER 11, 2019

5 Million American Vending Machines Will Soon Offer More Healthy Snacks to Help Curb Obesity
OCTOBER 26, 2019
https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/5-million-us-vending- machines-will-soon-offer-more-healthy-snacks/

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### Consolidated Statement of Activities

#### REVENUE AND SUPPORT

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<td>21,305,219</td>
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<td>Grants</td>
<td>2,939,718</td>
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<td>Net investment return</td>
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<td>Other Revenue</td>
<td>4,805,384</td>
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#### OPERATING EXPENSES

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<td>Economic Opportunity</td>
<td>13,201,971</td>
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<td>Civic Engagement</td>
<td>17,797,750</td>
<td>(35.5%)</td>
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<td>Public Health</td>
<td>6,624,472</td>
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<td>Management and General</td>
<td>8,909,794</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
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<td>(7.1%)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Operating Expenses</strong></td>
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<td>Provision for Uncollectible Pledges</td>
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<td><strong>Total Expenses</strong></td>
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<td>Change in Net Assets</td>
<td>(31,077,824)</td>
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<td>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</td>
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#### ASSETS

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<td>Unrestricted</td>
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<td>Property and Equipment, Net</td>
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<td>Endowment</td>
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<td>Programmatic and Other Investments</td>
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<td>Inventory and Prepaid Expenses</td>
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<td>Multiyear Pledges Receivable</td>
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<td>Accounts Receivable</td>
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<td>Loan Receivable</td>
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