

We Can Be Heroes Nonprofit Partner Overviews



Save the Children www.savethechildren.org

Save the Children is the world's leading independent organization for children. Its vision is a world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation. Its mission is to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children, and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.

Save the Children has helped 2.5 million people affected by the hunger crisis in East Africa, with a primary focus on children. Many of the children walked for days or weeks across Somalia and into Kenya or Ethiopia. When they arrived at the refugee camps, Save the Children fed them and helped find foster families for those who had been separated from their families. In Somalia, the country hardest hit by the drought, the organization tripled the size of its emergency response, increasing its long-standing programs and expanding to new areas to reach the worst affected population.

The funds raised by the We Can Be Heroes campaign will help Save the Children increase the number of children we reach with food, clean water and healthcare.



International Rescue Committee www.rescue.org

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises and helps people to survive and rebuild their lives. Founded in 1933 at the request of Albert Einstein, the IRC offers lifesaving care and life-changing assistance to refugees forced to flee from war or disaster. At work today in over 40 countries and 22 U.S. cities, we restore safety, dignity and hope to millions who are uprooted and struggling to endure. The IRC leads the way from harm to home.

In response to the worst drought to hit the East Africa region in six decades, the IRC is advancing a multi-faceted aid program across Somalia, Kenya, and Ethiopia. Staff experts are providing fortified food and medical care to save the lives of malnourished children and pregnant women. The IRC is digging wells, providing clean water, and working on several fronts to make conditions safer for women and girls. Even as it addresses these emergency needs, the IRC's teams are helping to rebuild livelihoods lost to the drought by distributing livestock and providing economic support to families whose herds have been decimated.

With support from the “We Can Be Heroes” campaign, the IRC will help give thousands of refugees a new chance at life as we continue to address the longer term effects of the crisis.



Mercy Corps
www.mercycorps.org

Mercy Corps is a global humanitarian organization that helps families in the world’s toughest places overcome poverty and disaster to build a better future. In 41 countries around the world, where people meet hardship with energy and hope, Mercy Corps is there. The organization helps people meet their own needs now and in the future -- and become better able to withstand the next crisis.

In the Horn of Africa, Mercy Corps is bringing decades of expertise in disaster response to help more than 1.5 million people survive drought and famine. In Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia, Mercy Corps is on the ground with clean drinking water, nutritious food and medicine for severely malnourished children and better sanitation systems to prevent the spread of deadly diseases. Mercy Corps also provides emergency financial assistance and short-term jobs to help families in crisis purchase the food and medicine they need to stay alive.

The funds raised through the We Can Be Heroes campaign will be used to save the lives of people in the most desperate need: orphans and other children, widows, the elderly and ordinary people who have lost everything. Mercy Corps is also working to help communities better cope with future cycles of drought and food shortages. Our goal is to help people stand on their own two feet -- and support their families with dignity in the years to come.