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SEEING  
JESUS  
AMONG  
US



MDS  
ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2019





# 2019

AT A GLANCE

5,569 volunteers

from churches across Canada and the U.S.  
gave their time, skills and compassion  
to build

68 new homes,

complete

313 repairs,

finish

352 cleanups,

and build

5 new bridges

for households who experienced a disaster.

This volunteer labor is a value\* of nearly

\$9.8 million USD.

Statistics from Jan. 1, 2019 through Dec. 31, 2019.

\* Based on a volunteer rate of \$25.43 USD/hour — [www.independentsector.org](http://www.independentsector.org)

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER

### Seeing Jesus among us

I could try to share how our volunteers are seen by disaster survivors and community leaders when their houses are restored. Instead, I will share in their own words as heard over the past year. These are only a sampling of what comes across my desk.

"I had never felt so lost, then God put you guys in my path to assure me that things were going to be ok. MDS made a believer out of me ... gave us HOPE when we had none." (Danny Garcia, County Commissioner, Victoria County, Texas)

When MDS "showed up to repair my home my burdens were suddenly removed ... I felt I could start to imagine a future again." (Grand Forks, British Columbia, resident as told by Jim Lehman)

"This is the first time I smiled since the hurricane." (Homeowner in the panhandle of Florida struck by Hurricane Michael in 2018 as told by Darin Bontrager)

Throughout this past year we were reminded of God's provision for us despite

not being able to see into the future of what and where the next disaster will be. Despite the uncertainty, our hardworking volunteers and donors responded and demonstrated their trust in God's abundant resources by giving of their time, talent and resources.

As a binational organization, I am grateful for the collaboration we have between Canada and the U.S. visibly demonstrating God's love. For example, 23% of the volunteers came from Canada.

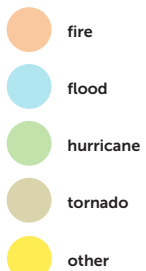
In all of our work this past year in bringing people back home, I am grateful to God for the many volunteers and donors that make this mission possible. May we walk with confidence that all might see Jesus among us. ■

Kevin King  
Executive Director

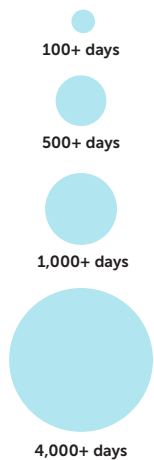




#### TYPE OF DISASTER

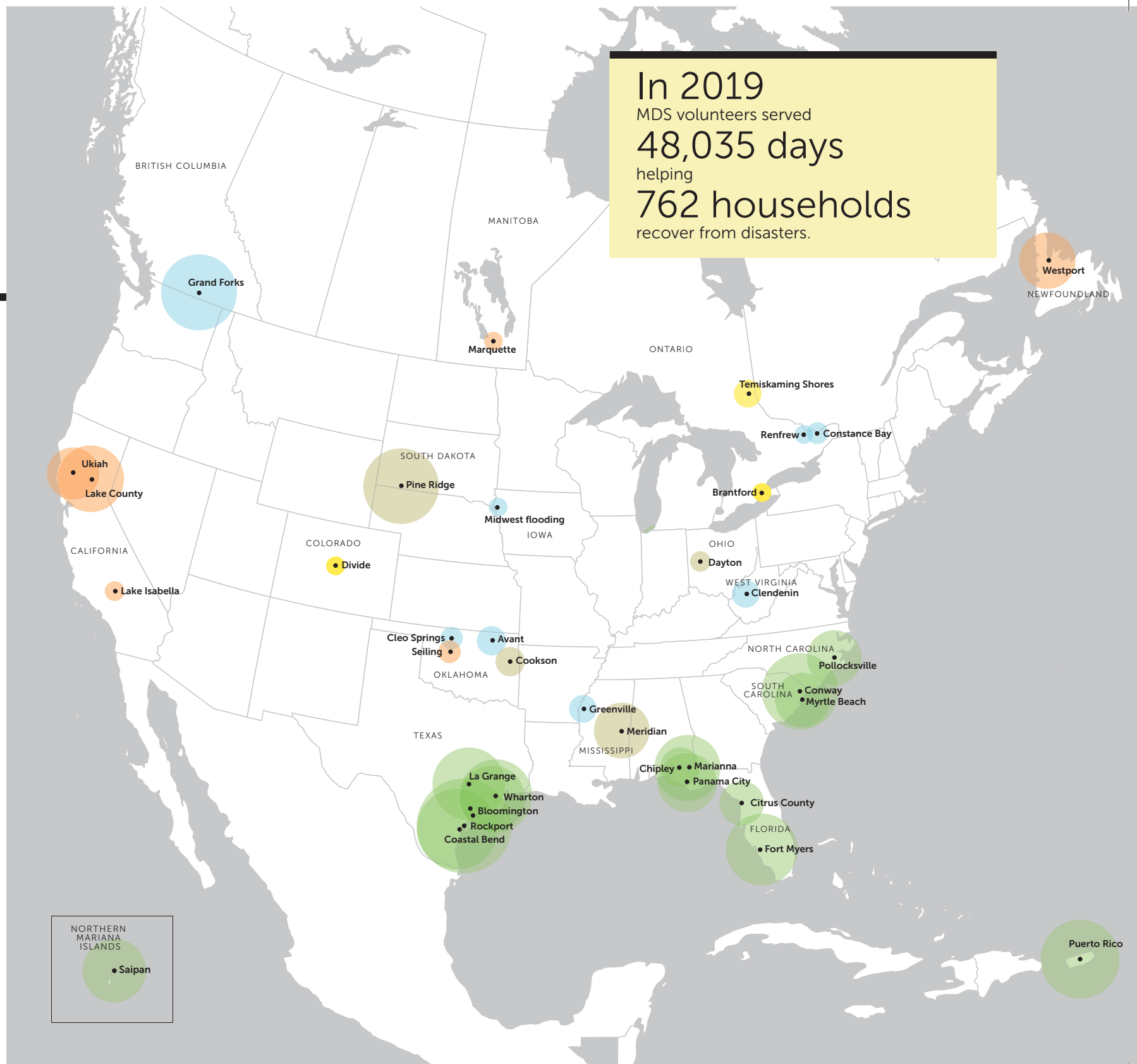


#### NUMBER OF DAYS SERVED BY VOLUNTEERS



Statistics from Jan. 1, 2019 through Dec. 31, 2019

In 2019  
MDS volunteers served  
**48,035 days**  
helping  
**762 households**  
recover from disasters.



## 2019 FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

Fiscal year 2018 runs from Dec 1, 2017 through Nov 30, 2018  
Fiscal year 2019 runs from Dec 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019

	CANADA (CAD dollars)		UNITED STATES (US dollars)	
	2019 (8 months)	2018 (12 months)	2019 (8 months)	2018 (12 months)
<b>Beginning Net Assets</b>	<b>\$2,393,000</b>	<b>\$2,631,000</b>	<b>\$20,805,000</b>	<b>\$19,153,000</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>964,407</b>	<b>1,157,000</b>	<b>8,535,678</b>	<b>9,970,000</b>
Contributions & Grants	926,128	1,080,000	7,525,608	9,997,000
Other Revenue	38,279	77,000	1,010,070	(27,000)
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>960,695</b>	<b>1,395,000</b>	<b>5,888,488</b>	<b>8,318,000</b>
Program/Project	732,431	1,027,000	3,754,008	6,899,000
Supporting Activities	223,458	355,000	1,943,788	1,147,000
Fundraising	4,806	13,000	190,692	272,000
<b>Ending Net Assets</b>	<b>\$2,396,712</b>	<b>\$2,393,000</b>	<b>\$23,452,190</b>	<b>\$20,805,000</b>
Program/Project %	76.2%	73.6%	63.8%	82.9%
Support %	23.8%	26.4%	36.2%	17.1%

## 2019 CANADA EXPENDITURES

Program and supporting activities (CAD dollars)

Volunteer Support	<b>\$169,819</b>	18%	<div></div>
Project: Vehicles and Equipment	<b>\$69,297</b>	7%	<div></div>
Project: Setup and Occupancy	<b>\$85,195</b>	9%	<div></div>
Client Material Funds	<b>\$195,602</b>	20%	<div></div>
Program: Staffing, Training, Dev.	<b>\$212,517</b>	22%	<div></div>
Supporting Activities	<b>\$223,458</b>	23%	<div></div>
Fundraising	<b>\$4,807</b>	1%	<div></div>
	<b>\$960,695</b>		

## 2019 U.S. EXPENDITURES

Program and supporting activities (US dollars)

Volunteer Support	<b>\$903,606</b>	15%	<div></div>
Project: Vehicles and Equipment	<b>\$1,024,205</b>	17%	<div></div>
Project: Setup and Occupancy	<b>\$448,352</b>	8%	<div></div>
Client Material Funds	<b>\$1,512,331</b>	26%	<div></div>
Program: Staffing, Training, Dev.	<b>\$909,459</b>	15%	<div></div>
Supporting Activities	<b>\$902,408</b>	15%	<div></div>
Fundraising	<b>\$188,127</b>	3%	<div></div>
	<b>\$5,888,488</b>		

## MDS STAFF 2019

<b>Gabby Bomberger</b>	Program Administrative Assistant
<b>Darin Bontrager</b>	Regional Operations Coordinator (U.S. Region 2)
<b>Josh Carson</b>	Volunteer Coordinator for Leadership
<b>Nancy Chapman</b>	Volunteer Training Specialist
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<b>Christle Gehman</b>	Public Relations/Social Media Coordinator
<b>Becky Gochbauer</b>	Volunteer Manager
<b>Lyndell Good</b>	Receptionist / Administrative Assistant
<b>Jerry Grosh</b>	Field Operations Manager
<b>Ron Guenther</b>	Director of Operations
<b>Phil Helmuth</b>	Volunteer Development Coordinator
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<b>Alicia Hurst</b>	Volunteer Administrative Assistant
<b>Jesse Huxman</b>	Communications Manager
<b>Kevin King</b>	Executive Director
<b>Jeff Koller</b>	Regional Operations Coordinator (U.S. Region 3)
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<b>Steve Wiest</b>	Regional Operations Coordinator (U.S. Region 4)
<b>Darrin Yoder</b>	Fleet and Logistics Manager

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