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GlobalMedic is an operational arm of the David McAntony Gibson Foundation (DMGF), which was created in 1998 and received charitable status on June 1, 2002. DMGF is a Canadian organization with headquarters in Etobicoke, Ontario. DMGF's business number is 882588619RR0001.

GlobalMedic runs capacity building programs in post conflict nations and provides disaster relief services to large scale catastrophes around the globe. GlobalMedic members form a Rapid Response Team comprised of three units: a Search and Rescue unit that provides immediate life saving rescue services; a Water Purification Unit that provides disaster victims with access to clean drinking water, and an Emergency Medical Unit that deploys Canadian made inflatable field hospitals to provide primary healthcare services to disaster victims. Our members are generally emergency workers from across Canada, including paramedics, police officers and firefighters who volunteer their time to help GlobalMedic save lives around the world.

To date, GlobalMedic has completed over 90 missions worldwide. Be it flooding in Pakistan, earthquakes in Haiti, cyclones in Burma or conflict in Gaza, the men and women of GlobalMedic have continuously left home and family to cross oceans and help others. To view our work please visit us at www.globalmedic.ca.

Most recently, GlobalMedic volunteers made Toronto and Canada proud by responding to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Our teams made international headlines providing families access to emergency medical service, clean drinking water and shelter.

Barrie resident Richard Forward is a member of our team who deployed to the Philippines to support our mission this year. We would greatly appreciate the assistance of your office in recognizing the work done by this valuable volunteer by sending a letter of thanks and appreciation from the City of Barrie. This letter would mean a great deal to Mr. Forward as a hardworking volunteer of GlobalMedic. For your reference, I have attached a sample of the type of letter we have received from the City of Toronto in the past below, as well as the volunteer's full address. If you would like to further recognize Mr. Forward in person we would be very grateful and happy to set up a time and date, and invite media to be present.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rahul Singh".

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Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Response 2013/14

In the early hours of November 8, Super Typhoon Haiyan made landfall in Eastern Samar province in the Philippines. The Typhoon smashed into coastal communities on the central island of Samar, about 600 kilometres southeast of Manila, before dawn on Friday with maximum sustained winds of about 315 km/hr, and gusts reaching 379 km/hr. Flash floods, landslides and high winds devastated parts of Eastern Samar and Leyte provinces. Super Typhoon Haiyan was one of the four most powerful storms ever recorded and the most powerful storm to make landfall.

By November 11, 2013 a five person Rapid Response Team (RRT) from Canada was on the ground in the Philippines. Within a week, 15 additional Canadian rescuers were deployed and to date GlobalMedic has had 50 Canadian volunteers working in the Philippines. The purpose of this emergency program was to provide those affected by Super Typhoon Haiyan with access to clean drinking water through the provision of large water purification units, Aquatab water purification tablets and household water purification units. Moreover, to support the emergency health care needs of the affected population, GlobalMedic dispatched mobile health clinics and provided hospital support.

Since November 2013 GlobalMedics teams have distributed over 4 million litres of clean drinking water through the use of large water purification units and distributed over 3.5 million Aquatab water purification tablets. Within two months of the disaster GlobalMedic began distributing Rainfresh household water purification units to individual families affected by the typhoon, to date GlobalMedic has distributed over 8,000 of these water units serving close 50,000 people.

To address Health and Hygiene concerns, GlobalMedic installed three Field Hospitals where over 11,000 patients received care, and distributed over 3,000 Hygiene Kits to families in remote areas outside of the city.

Currently GlobalMedic has started a Housing Program and is building permanent brick homes for people in Tacloban, Leyte. To date the first six homes have been completed and another 13 are already under construction. In addition to the homes, GlobalMedic has rehabilitated ground wells in villages that are located outside of the municipal water zones and do not have access to any water sources. To date GlobalMedic has rehabilitated 50 wells.

For more detailed information on GlobalMedics response and work in the Philippines please visit: <http://globalmedic.ca/programs/view/super-typhoon-haiyan-philippines-response>