

SEEDS TO THE WORLD

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WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU:

Let us know what you think of our progress report or what we've been up to.

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PROGRESS REPORT 2017

What has Seeds to the World been up to?

Seeds to the World has been busy collecting seed and toys and we wanted to take the time to provide an update on our progress over the last year:

The global need for seed is greater than ever. As you know, natural disasters have taken a toll this year on many rural parts of the world from Haiti, to Puerto Rico, to Jamaica and across the gulf to the US and Mexico. We are continually responding to issues such as crop failure, food shortages, and other life threatening devastation, and are proud to supply such a basic and all-important resource: Seed.

While seed does not provide immediate hunger relief, it should be noted that it can prove to be revitalizing to a community in many ways. It gives empowerment to community members who produce food through their own hard work; it provides hands on education for the community and perpetuates lifelong learning; it provides a renewable source of nutrition with the proper seed saving techniques employed; and it stabilizes a community by reducing their reliance on outside sources of food.

In the last year we have filled suitcases, loaded over a dozen containers, and have continued connecting our partners with useful items that serve communities in need. We hope that you enjoy following our progress as we continue striving to make a difference!

Sincerely,
Grant Baglietto,
Gatherer





A delicious and nutritious tomato harvest.

Our Progress this Year in Numbers:

- ◆ Pounds of seeds shipped: **176,741**
- ◆ Number of seed packets delivered: **950,000**
- ◆ Total estimated value of donations shipped: **\$1,268,534.00**
- ◆ Pounds of toys delivered through Toys to the World: **21,000**
- ◆ Of the 176,741 pounds of seeds donated, even if only fifty percent production resulted, that would still be around **147,284 tons** of food produced!

With activity and outreach beginning to increase, we expect these number to only improve as the organization evolves. We are in the process of extending involvement across several platforms and can't wait to see what the limitless future will bring.

Continue reading to find out more about what we've been up to, where we plan to go, and how you can play a role in our *Seeds to the World* mission.

"Give a man a vegetable and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to cultivate, and you feed him for a lifetime."

Where in the World...

...have our seeds gone since our last newsletter?



Expanding the Goodwill



Children in the Philippines receiving a very special gift from *Toys to the World*.

While the concept of what it is we do can pretty much be summed up in our name itself, *Seeds to the World* is always looking for more ways to give.

In 2005, *Seeds to the World* founder Ray Baglietto observed a lack of toys in developing countries while transporting seeds, and hence the *Toys to the*

World extension was born.

Since then we have included several bins of toys with most shipments, in addition to clothes, furniture, medical supplies, blankets, and any other bulk commodities that come out way.

If you, an organization, or a company you know would like to donate items such as those listed above in large quantities, please contact us.



Educational Outreach



This year, *Seeds to the World* will be taking part in the local San Joaquin County educational program known as AgVenture.

We will have the opportunity to talk with hundreds of third graders

AgVenture kids learning about the importance of seeds. about how the world's food is grown, and exactly how much seed it takes to do that. They will get to explore what exactly it is that *Seeds to the*

World does to help combat global hunger, while learning first hand the amazing qualities of a seed with hands-on planting activities.

The dates for this year's AgVenture are November 2nd in Manteca, January 17th in Stockton, and

February 27th in Lodi. We are looking forward to getting the next generation educated and interested in seeds and our *Seeds to the World* mission.

Beyond AgVenture, we are looking to expand the scope of our community outreach through future events, targeted towards both kids and adults.

Seeds to the World is available for educational assemblies, field trips, volunteer projects, and other such related activities. Ask us about our outreach opportunities.

EVERYONE CAN LEND A HAND:

We are always looking for seed donors and organizations to help coordinate donation placements. In addition, all monetary donations go directly towards helping us to reach these goals.

What does it take to feed the world?

In short— lots and lots of help, and *Seeds to the World* relies on the goodwill and hard work of volunteers and other organizations every step of the way:

Step 1) Acquire seeds and other items to ship. We collect donations from seed producers, other non-profits, companies, and humanitarian programs all over the country.

Step 2) Organize a shipment. We

next put together a shipping container's worth of supplies, including a wide variety of seed types and toys.

Step 3) Find a country in need. We utilize third party organizations specializing in global outreach to find a location where the seeds are most needed.

Step 4) And off they go! Seeds are perfect for shipping long distances since they are light, compact, and

can handle adverse conditions.

Step 5) Arrival and dispersal. The shipment arrives at its final destination and is distributed to the local community. Nothing but seeds and smiles all around!

We are always grateful for and in need of contributing partners to help make Seeds to the World possible. If you or someone you know might be interested in getting involved, don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are always looking to expand our seed-loving family!

What's next for STTW?

We are constantly working on receiving, organizing, and facilitating new shipments.

Our most recent offer being put together includes over 10,000 pounds of spinach seed, 6,000 pounds of lettuce seed, 5,000 pounds of various seed packets, and 3,000 pounds of toys.

This pending donation holds an estimated value of \$481,605.00 in supplies, and will surely bring much joy and production wherever it gets placed.

We have well over 50,000 additional pounds of seed stored in our warehouse, with more donations coming in.

Seeds to the World is in the process of forming more partnerships and finding additional avenues in which to help facilitate our increasing seed demands.

Stay tuned for our next newsletter and more exciting news to come!





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Just how valuable are seeds?

The 100 seeds shown to the right
weigh in at just **1/3 ounce**, but can
produce **400 pounds** of food!

That means **100 pounds** of seeds
comes out to **960 TONS** of food!

READ ON to find out more about
the huge impact seeds can make,
and how **Seeds to the World** is
helping to do just that.

