



Dear Friend,

You may not know me, but I hope you'll take a moment to read my story. A friend of mine went to work for Mercy Corps in Somalia in 1992. I admired her desire to give back in a real way — and I wanted to give back, too. However, the realities of life meant that I couldn't pack up and go to Somalia — so I started giving to Mercy Corps instead, and I've been a Partner In Mercy monthly giver for many years.

You don't have to leave home. You can start transforming lives today by making a monthly gift.

Over the years, I've heard from my friend and others about the impact my support as a monthly giver has made. From providing emergency relief to people in crisis, to empowering people to build stronger and more sustainable communities, it is so fulfilling to know that I've had a part in helping people around

**Make a gift that will change lives
— today and all year round**



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September 27. Your first
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If you're like I am, and you want to make a real difference, I hope you'll become part of the Partners In Mercy community. I've found that it's the easiest and most convenient way to support Mercy Corps' work, and I'm proud that my monthly gift helps them respond to sudden emergencies quickly and effectively. **This is a great time to join, because when you sign up today, your first month's gift will be matched!**

Over the last three decades, Mercy Corps has helped more than 220 million people. As a former teacher, I've been impressed with the innovative approaches that Mercy Corps brings to communities in need. Whether it's teaching sustainable farming, helping small businesses get access to the loans they need or providing activities and counseling for refugee youth who've been in camps for years, Mercy Corps doesn't just provide a quick fix — they help communities create lasting change, from the inside out.

I'm just one person, but I'm really proud to be a part of that change, and to know that every month, I'm helping make the world a better place. I also know that there are many more people in need, and that it will take the support of all of us — you and I together — to make a difference for all of them.

You can help. Become a Partner In Mercy before September 27 and make ongoing gifts that will change someone's life. Your first monthly gift will be matched, going twice as far to help refugees and others in need.

I believe that we all have a responsibility to help people who are less fortunate, and as disasters take place around the world, I'm happy that I can do my part by being a Partner In Mercy. You don't have to move to Somalia or any other place to make a difference — you can do it from right where you are.

I hope you'll join me today. Together, we really can make the world a better place.

Sincerely,



Carol Montgomery

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Mercy Corps donor since 1992

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