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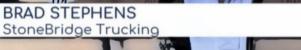
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We live in the greatest country on earth. While it certainly has its issues, the majority of the people who make up this country believe that it sets the standard in many ways. One of those ways is that the United States of America is the most charitable. According to the World Population Review released its 2022 version of the world's most charitable countries, it stated "When data from all ten years was compiled, the United States emerged as the most charitable country, with a score of 58%. Of those surveyed in the U.S. over the ten-year period, 72% reported helping a stranger, 61% reported donating to a charity, and 42% reported having volunteered their time to an organization."

The United States has been the most generous country in the world over the past decade. That's the conclusion of the World Giving Index, a ranking that measured how likely residents of 128 countries were to practice acts of generosity. The index, from the U.K.based nonprofit Charities Aid Foundation, is based on Gallup's World Poll surveys of 1.3 million people. Between 2009 and 2018, interviewers asked respondents whether they had done the following in the last month: helped a stranger or someone they didn't know who needed help, donated money to charity, or volunteered their time to an organization. At the top of the list were the U.S., Myanmar and New Zealand. The countries that scored the lowest were Yemen. Greece and China. (Albrecht, 2019).

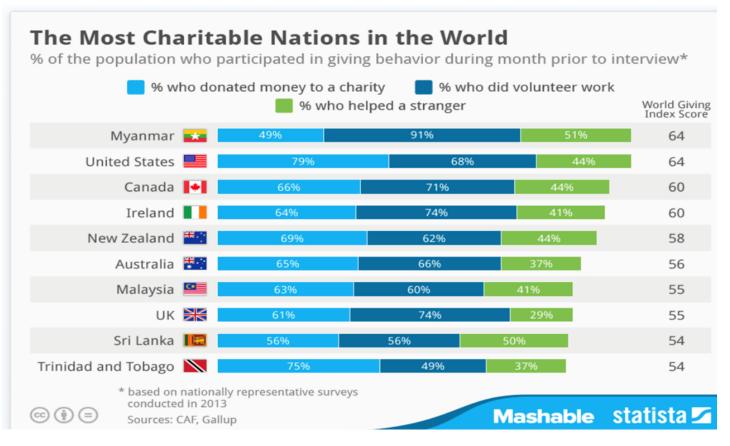


Quite often, when we think of Charity, the first thing that comes to mind is donating money. But helping your neighbor can come in a myriad of ways; not just cutting a check. Along with this, when considering who is your neighbor, sometimes the word "**neighbor**" can transcend our historical norms and boundaries of "the **people down the street**". In the

United States of America, events occur, and the country mobilizes.



StoneBridge Dispatcher Brock Bayless oversees the delivery to Decatur County donations in Paducha, Kentucky.



While many of us show discontent with forecasts and the rain that is going

to ruin our weekend vacations, we must admit that we are very blessed to have the technology in place that helps know when terrible things are on the horizon. In the South and East Coast, these mostly come in the form of hurricanes and tropical storms, which can be forecasted sometimes weeks in advance. But in the Midwest, the forecasts aren't as time friendly, mostly due to the unpredictable nature of tornados.

The unpredictable nature of a tornado was on full display in mid-December. Weather patterns were causing much concern for many meteorologists, specifically in the Mid-West. For Western Kentucky, an unpredictable tornado would wreak havoc on much of the region and many communities were forever changed.

This event is the worst, most devastating tornado event in Kentucky's history," ~ Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear

On a morning in mid-December, StoneBridge CEO Shane Kennedy was about to start his vacation when StoneBridge Operations Manager Brad Stephens approached him with an idea. "*Shane, we need to help those people. I thought about it all night long and its weighing on me. I feel like StoneBridge can do something to help*".

It was discussed and decided that StoneBridge could be a staging area for donations. We knew the community would step up with the donations, we had the trucks to get it there. From that moment, the effort began.

Gerald "Jerry" Meadows was in the middle of orientation on his first day and overheard the conversation. Jerry immediately offered help. "Guys, I know of a company that is in Oldenburg today collecting donations, they could use another truck. Brad Stephens grabbed a truck and went. Two hours later, he was being interviewed on "*The 812*". StoneBridge Operator and Management Consultant Ken Inscho also helped out by connecting Shane with Greensburg Radio Station WTRE to get the word out. Brad Stephens also spoke with The Greensburg Daily News, Channel 13 News, and the Kentucky Governor's Office.

Over the next 6 days, the community had an outpour of support and StoneBridge became ground zero for donations. We witnessed so many amazing stories, and what became a 1 truck initial effort quickly evolved into 5 straight trucks and a sprinter van. Many a StoneBridge raised their hands to transport the material down while asking nothing in return.

Many at StoneBridge were happy to share their story:



Why did I Volunteer?

You watch and hear all the devastation that happened down in Western KY families with out anything and those that lost their lives coupled with the Holiday's. I wanted to try and be a small part of the bigger picture and bring some smiles and hope back to our neighbors in Kentucky.

In what ways did you Contribute?

I had the privilege of organizing, communicating with our customers and communities on getting the word out that StoneBridge was donating trucks and drivers to haul what ever we could get collected at our facility as well as other drop off locations in the community. Was also able to get a donation of skids and plastic wrap from Oldenburg Pallets so we could palatize all of the donations which the Stone Bridge team and myself did at our facility. Then coordinated with one of the drop off points in Paducah KY so we can get the loads to the right place so it could get distributed to the right things to the right people who needed them.

What was your experience and do you have any special stories to share.

It was overwhelming the out pour of support from not only our customers but our communities, we had 5 full box trucks and a sprinter van full of donations. Not only did we have out local communities showing up but we had people from Madison, Indianapolis, West Harrison and Cincinnati, the drove over and donated. I knew since I was a young kid how great the communities around here are, but seeing our communities step up to help people they did not know well lets just say it left me speechless!

We had a young couple show up to drop off donations they had a trunk full of goods, their 5 year old daughter walked up to me and said she wanted to donate too.



Her parents handed her a bag which she gave to me and said:

"Here is my Christmas presents. There is kids in Kentucky that need these more then I do."

I looked in the bag and there where about 20 wrapped gifts. I did not know what to say to the little girl but thank you and she gave me a big hug and said thank you for being Santa for so many people in Kentucky.

What did I learn?

I learned that there is no doubt of the love, compassion and the giving spirit of our Customers, communities and our Team here at StoneBridge. I am just so proud to work and live in such a fantastic area that is not afraid to step up when they are needed and go the extra mile to do the right thing.

Would you do it again?

Hell Yes! In a Heartbeat!!



Why did I Volunteer?

I volunteered because I couldn't imagine my family going through something like this and losing all my possessions or my house. I always think it's important to help other people in need whenever possible.

In what ways did you Contribute?

I volunteered to go to all local companies/service organizations to pick up donated items. My wife spearheaded getting donations from Margaret Mary Health. I was able to contact the local radio station (media release) and local civic groups to solicit donations. I also contacted the Kentucky Governor's office to inquire about urgently needed relief items and get contact info for people running "ground zero" activities. While volunteering to pack/consolidate items at the shop. After helping to load trucks to take donations to Kentucky, I drove one of the box trucks.

What was your experience and do you have any

special stories to share.

I was completely overwhelmed by the amount of support that came from local businesses and individuals in both Decatur and Ripley county. There were multiple times I teared up due the outpouring of generosity, support, and empathy our local communities showed for the people in Western Kentucky. I have never experienced anything like this before. A special story....one lady saw me loading items into the truck at the local hospital and rolled down her window to give me \$200 to help with the relief effort. She was so worried she wouldn't be able to contribute due to her availability and was elated that she ran into me in the parking lot.

What did I learn?

I learned that no matter how someone contributes, it truly makes a difference for the people affected by this disaster. The impact these local folks/businesses had on these people will be remembered for years to come. It is my hope that all involved will continue to pay it forward for others who will experience some type of hardship during their lifetime. It also gave me an opportunity to learn more about the drivers I work with not to mention their generosity as well.

Would you do it again?



StoneBridge Operator **Patti Pleak**

I volunteered because I care about people and wanted to help in anyway I could, even if it was just to be there for support of the community that was affected by tornadoes. I contributed \$20 and my time helping unload a truck of household supplies, clothing, toys, games, blankets, and all kinds of things to help the families. It was a satisfying feeling knowing that I helped a little bit & to be a part of Great Company I work for that treats others with Compassion and like we are part of their family. What I learned from this experience is that we are all in this world together and that it's a wonderful feeling to be able to help others in need. I met some really good people and will treasure all the memories of my experience.

I would absolutely be honored to do this again.



StoneBridge Founder Butch Kennedy:

I enjoyed getting all of the donations skidded and wrapped. Thanks to Brad, it turned out great. The outpouring of support from the community and local businesses was phenomenal and inspiring. People not just giving but money, but what they had to contribute. It was very special . I will never forget it.





5 box trucks and 1 sprinter van were completely filled with donations from the community.



StoneBridge Founder Butch Kennedy works with Ken Inscho as donations start arriving from the public.

Why did you volunteer?

... I felt that if I was in need of assistance, I would hope somebody would do what they could to help contribute to the recovery of our community

In what ways did you contribute?

... I drove to the donation facilities and helped unload trucks at both locations.

What was your experience and do you have any special stories to share?

... The donation acceptance team was great with amazing personalities, on the way to Kentucky I was on the phone with Brock and as we came across certain areas of the storms path we were astonished to see clothing and other house hold debris flung into the trees 2-3 stories high.

What did you learn?

... I learned that no matter how well off you can be in life mother nature is an unforgivable force that will affect the rich and the less fortunate, but no matter what walks of life your in when you need help the community will come together.

Would you do it again?

... Absolutely, I've always been the type of person to pull over and help if somebody is on the side of the road. Helping us just in my nature.



StoneBridge Operator **Ryan "Rico" Rouse**



Over a 5 day period, donations poured in from all over the community.





StoneBridge Maintenance Manager

JD McClintic

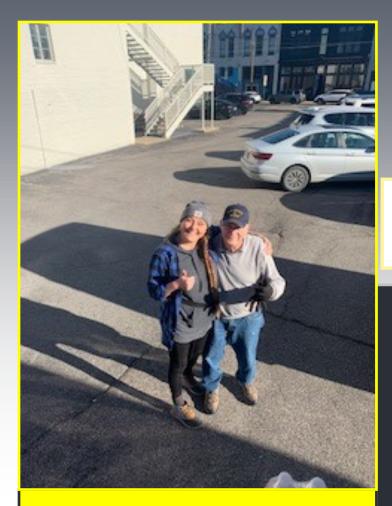
My part of the Kentucky Disaster relief was driving the CDL truck loaded from Oldenburg grocery store that carried about 13,000lbs of nonperishable food and other donations. I volunteered because it was the right thing to do. I would happily do other relief programs if need be. I learned that even small companies like ourselves and the people we worked with could make quite an impact.



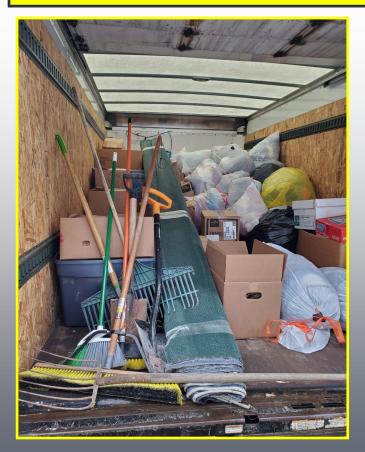
communities were responsible for.

StoneBridge Dispatcher Brock Bayless I volunteered to do my part to help people in need. My contribution was to help unload and drive the supplies. My experience was great. It's a good feeling knowing your helping in even a small way. I learned that there are many people willing to help in a time of need at a moments notice.

I would absolutely do this again!!



Buzz Holcomb posed for a photo with anoth-





StoneBridge Operator
Boyd "Buzz" Holcomb

I just wanted to help any way I could. StoneBridge Trucking gave me a way. I drove a van filled with things given by people and businesses. I would absolutely do this again if given the opportunity.

I, like most, wanted to help in some small way, I think it's in our DNA. If it isn't it should be; also, I had three previous experiences which triggered my interest. I had been an Aerographers Mate in the US Navy (that's a weather man), additionally I had been a victim of the Good Friday tornado of 1974 and finally I had spent thirty years as a law enforcement officer and first responder.

I had been unable to help the previous week when StoneBridge Trucking solicited and delivered five or six truckloads of help to Mayfield. The following week I was available and we had accumulated enough new donated materials to fill the last truckload. I was asked and had previously offered to assist, so took a completely filled truck to Mayfield, Kentucky.

Upon arrival at the warehouse receiving the donated goods I met a young man, in his thirties maybe, who seemed to be in charge and indicated he could unload the truck for me. This young man whose name I've long forgotten unloaded the truck by himself and wheeled all the pallets of items some distance into a warehouse with a simple hydraulic pallet lift, no forklift was ever seen.

During the offloading I discovered he was the person who'd initiated this entire relief effort; he would not volunteer this information, I had to drag it out of him. He further stated that the public response had been massive and overwhelming. He looked tired! During our conversation he indicated that the tornado had been on the ground a great distance and had come at night and the loss of life and injuries had been far less than anticipated for a tornado of this magnitude, truly a blessing!

I learned that, despite the belief by some that humanity is lost and aimless, most of us are more than willing to step up to the plate and offer any assistance we can. On my return trip to our terminal I puffed up a little with the feeling I'd contributed, in some small way, in lessening the suffering of folks who I did not know and would never know. Really, that's the way it's supposed to work!





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