



SIMPLE ACT

A quarterly report from Matter

A letter from the President



I recently received a phone call from Gorgui Dieng, our very tall friend who plays for the Minnesota Timberwolves and comes from Senegal, Africa. He began telling me the story of a boy who was badly hurt while riding his bike on a dusty Senegalese road. Gorgui explained that there was no ambulance to take the boy to the hospital so he helped him into his car and they raced to get care. The doctor met them and began mending the boy's injuries. While doing so, he looked at Gorgui and said, "I'm using the supplies and equipment from your friends at Matter. I would not have been able to help this boy without these tools!" Gorgui told me the doctor looked at him and simply said, "Thank you!"

Health is a gift. When our health deteriorates we lose our ability to thrive. The dreams we have for our families, our friends, and our world are jeopardized when we lack access to health. Too many people in our world lack access to the food and healthcare they need to be fully alive.

This Thanksgiving and Christmas season I am extremely thankful for the health I enjoy. And, I'm reminded that there are people in our community and around the world that don't have access to be cared for like the boy Gorgui helped in his home country. From the time I was a young boy I was taught, for those to whom much is given, much is required. May I encourage you to consider joining me in giving back as we near the end of 2015?

Your generosity has lifted Matter to serve people not only in Minnesota, but 27 countries. From Senegal to Somalia, Cuba to Costa Rica, and Nicaragua to Nepal. Thank you for helping many thousands of people to now have access to the food and healthcare they need to thrive in their families and communities.

Please consider a year end donation to Matter so that together we can continue providing solutions to those who currently lack access to healthy food and the healthcare they need,


Quenton Marty
President

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We're on a mission to expand access to health and food, next door and around the world.



FOOD



MatterBox: Minnesota Transitions Charter School

Matter has continued to provide Minnesota Transitions Charter Schools with MATTERboxes. This school district is the largest in Minnesota and offers a variety of unique and flexible learning environments, designed for students who face the volatility and uncertainty which often goes hand in hand with food insecurity or homelessness. According to Courtney Stenseth, School Social Worker at MTCS, more than 40% of the students at the school are experiencing homelessness at a given time and most of the MATTERboxes given out by the school have gone to homeless youth. "People don't realize that it happens," Courtney says. "Nobody is talking about it. There's no news stories that say 'There's youth riding the bus all night long in Minneapolis.'"



HEALTH



Mission: Cuba Project

As diplomatic relations between the US and Cuba have resumed for the first time in more than 50 years, Matter is poised to respond and expand access to health for our southern neighbor. Through a partnership with Pittsburgh-based nonprofit Global Links and community members Roberto Fonts and Franklin Curbelo, Matter shipped a container of medical supplies including hospital beds, laboratory equipment and training supplies to Escuela Latinoamericana de Medicina in Havana. The current US Embargo has made many medicines, materials, supplies, equipment and parts inaccessible to the Cuban market and Matter is excited to announce this unique opportunity to expand access to health around the world.



SERVICE



Companies That Matter: Lube Tech

This September, our most recent "Company that Matters", Lube Tech, hosted their first Race Against hunger, MATTERbox packing competition. This event pitted packing teams of employees against one another, and over the course of just an hour and a half the 60 participants packaged 840 MATTERboxes – that's 4,200 meals which Matter is distributing through our partners across the Twin Cities community!

It's through events like this and local "Companies That Matter", that Matter is achieving our mission to expand access to health and food right here in our own community.

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