



SIMPLE ACT

A quarterly report from Matter

A letter from the President



Matter is on a mission to expand access to health for 10 million people next door and around the world by the end of 2018. Our four primary objectives to achieve this are:

1) Internationally, through the Hospital and Clinic program, we aim to reach 6 million people.

2) Nationally, we will work to provide healthy meals and education to 4 million people through the MATTERbox program.

3) Engage 100 “Companies that Matter”. These are companies that not only give financially, but volunteer their time as well.

4) Matter’s development team will raise more than 5 million dollars to accomplish this work.

We are excited that the objectives of this plan are measurable and will allow us to help you see the impact of your support. However, the heart of Matter is captured in the stories of those we support and those who support us.

Steve Brehm owns Berry Coffee Company and has been a long time supporter of Matter. This year he launched “MATTERblend Coffee” as a cause marketing effort. Companies across the Twin Cities can serve this to make their daily cup of coffee ‘matter’. Steve generously donates a portion of proceeds to Matter.

These are the stories that allow the work of Matter to flourish. Thanks to so many of you; we are making tremendous progress toward the accomplishment of our strategic plan.

Q1 PROGRESS TO 2016 GOALS



131,216
people
8.7%
to 2016 Goal



2
companies that matter
8.0%
to 2016 Goal



169,894
people
17.0%
to 2016 Goal



\$462,932
cash contributions
30.9%
to 2016 Goal

Reflecting on Matter’s donors, I am humbled that many not only give financially, but are personally invested and true inspirations of how to create a world where we all matter.

With joy and thanks,

Quenton Marty, President



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HOSPITAL & CLINIC



Expanding Access to Health in Somalia

Matter and 'Minnesota Community of African People with Disabilities' have joined forces with the Somali government and the Somali Ministry of Health to source and ship the essential medical equipment needed to supply a 60-bed public hospital. Throughout the Somali Civil War, the country's healthcare system was largely destroyed, leaving the current state of health care facilities beneath human dignity. Preventable diseases go untreated, hospitals lack basic equipment, and due to overcrowding in hospitals, prisons have been converted into makeshift clinics.

In March, Matter shipped four 40-foot shipping containers filled with medical equipment ranging from hospital beds to a full x-ray room, along with life-saving medical supplies. This shipment completed phase one of a multi-phase project to restore access to healthcare in Mogadishu, Somalia.



HEALTHY FOOD



Community Impact Across Generations

MATTERbox distribution partner Oak Meadows Senior Citizen Home partnered with Tartan High School's speech team for a cross-generational Saturday of fun and community impact. Twelve students opted to spend their morning with a group of local senior citizens to decorate MATTERboxes benefiting local seniors in need. Lexie Vang who attends Tartan High School said this about her experience: "I wanted to participate in this project because I knew that there are families and individuals struggling to provide a hot meal for themselves almost every day. My goal was to connect with the senior citizens of my community and help make a difference by decorating my MATTERbox with encouraging words, phrases and fun stickers. This project has really helped students like me reach out to the surrounding public. I plan to continue participating in activities like this in the future". One hundred and fifty inspirational MATTERboxes were distributed to senior homes in the east Twin Cities Metro.



SERVICE



A MATTERbox Scavenger Hunt

In February, Matter was the charity partner at the Minnesota Leading Age Conference, kicking off MATTERbox packing for 2016. Over seventy corporate vendors participated with booths filling the St. Paul River Centre Community Hall which attendees could peruse during lecture breaks. Attendees were provided the opportunity to experience MATTERbox packing with a unique twist: 'scavenger hunt style'. Equipped with an empty MATTERbox and 'scavenger hunt checklist' upon entry, conference goers weaved through different vendor booths collecting all nine shelf-stable food items on their checklist to fill a MATTERbox. Throughout the two-day conference, 650 dinner-style MATTERboxes were packed, providing 13,000 healthy meals benefiting local seniors experiencing food insecurity and demonstrating the profound impact our own two hands can have within the community.

Thank you for being a part of #teamMATTER!

