My friend,

Eight years ago, my wife Patricia and I had a big dream to start World Central Kitchen. We envisioned an organization that would create smart solutions to hunger and poverty, and for many years we saw an amazing impact through our clean cookstoves initiative, culinary training programs, and social enterprise ventures that empower communities and strengthen economies. But we had no idea we would one day be answering the call in Puerto Rico, Houston, California, and beyond - “food first responders” serving over 4 million meals last year. In the process, we learned that a small NGO can change the world through the power of food. It is a new era for WCK!

All of this is made possible by having you on our team. With your help, we have shown what’s possible when we don’t accept the status quo and aren’t afraid to disrupt the system. Your support allows us to act with the urgency of now, to come together and just start cooking while others are paralyzed by inaction.

There are even bigger things ahead! Your support will help us use food as a tool for solving our most pressing challenges, a beacon of hope for those in need. We look forward to continuing working with you to nourish, uplift, and inspire. Join me in fulfilling the inspiring words of John Steinbeck: “Wherever there’s a fight so hungry people can eat, we will be there.”

We must be there.

José
ACTIVATE

No meetings. No planning. We just started COOKING.
Puerto Rico

- 3.6 million meals served
- 26 emergency kitchens activated
- 20,000 volunteers activated

Houston

- 1 million pounds of donated food mobilized by WCK
- 10,000 meals served

California

- 50,000 meals served
- 2,000 volunteers activated

Peru

- 10 community kitchens activated
- 3,000 flood victims fed
People like Pastor Eliumar are the reason Puerto Rico will be stronger than ever.
# Chefs For Puerto Rico

**RECOVERY ACTION PLAN**

**SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS**

These grants — awarded to restaurants and food trucks that enabled us to cook and deliver relief meals — helped to rebuild and expand businesses that support the local economy.

[Image of two people]

**Puerto Rico is open for business!**

One of our #ChefsForPuertoRico, Eva Bolivar, reopened her restaurant this year thanks to WCK’s help!

**FARM GRANTS**

We are revitalizing family-owned farms destroyed by Hurricane Maria to increase the availability of locally grown food across the island and create a more food-secure economy.

[Image of greenhouses]
EMPOWER

Chefs always have something to give to the next generation. This is our LEGACY.
JOBS
WCK’s Culinary School finished construction in October and continues a strong track record of providing 40 aspiring chefs each year with the skills they need to succeed in the hospitality industry.

HEALTH
Through clean cookstoves and food safety training, WCK has helped to improve the health of 60,000 students and 600 school cooks in six countries worldwide.

EDUCATION
Over 10 million meals have been served from 121 school kitchens that have been built or renovated by World Central Kitchen.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE
World Central Kitchen’s five food ventures are using the power of food to create jobs, elevate economies, and uplift communities.

HAITI
Boulanjri Beni & Pwason Beni
Port-au-Prince
Fishermen First
Jacmel

NICARAGUA
Smart Roast
Cusmapa

ZAMBIA
Chawama Bakery
Lusaka