



MDS volunteers served  
**48,480 days**  
 helping  
**487 households**  
 recover from disasters.



# Faith, hope and love abide

*Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*  
 1 Corinthians 13:7

## MDS ANNUAL REPORT 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

During a year like no other, Mennonite Disaster Service is able to look back with humble gratitude for the volunteers, donors and partners whose faith and love helped so many people find their way back to hope.

More than 6,000 volunteers from across the United States and Canada put their compassion into action by cleaning up after disasters, building bridges, and repairing and rebuilding homes.

From the creative work of local MDS units that positively impacted so many communities, to the steadfast leadership of the MDS board that kept MDS true to its mission, the results have defied the odds during a year of unprecedented challenges.

As Ned Sparks, from Willow, Alaska, said to volunteers who built his new home: “What you’ve done is tremendous beyond belief.”

MDS volunteers helped restore people’s belief that there is hope for the future. And this work managed to take place despite the grave challenges posed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The many numbers in the Annual Report—especially the 48,480 volunteer days served—are impressive, but even more gratifying is that these figures reflect the abiding love of our entire MDS family. That’s the greatest gift of all.

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<https://mds.mennonite.net/annual-reports/>



**6,048 volunteers**

from across Canada and the U.S. gave their time, skills and compassion to build

**79 new homes,**

complete  
**280 repairs,**

finish  
**91 cleanups,**

and build  
**3 new bridges**

for households who experienced a disaster. This volunteer labor is a value\* of

**\$10.4 million USD/  
 \$13.6 million CDN**

Statistics from Aug. 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020.  
 \* Based on a volunteer rate of \$27.20 USD/hour  
 — [www.independentsector.org](http://www.independentsector.org)

# Respond. Rebuild. Restore.



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