

**WATER PROJECT**

120 COMMUNAL WATER
TANKS PROVIDING FOR
60,000 PEOPLE IN MOSUL

**WINTER DRIVE**

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS
RECEIVED COATS AND
HEATERS

**RECEIVED UN FUNDING**

FOR OUR WINDOWS & WORKERS
PROJECT TO REBUILD 1,200
HOMES IN E. MOSUL

**STORAGE UNIT BUILT**

AND ACCEPTING
DONATIONS IN
PRATTSVILLE, NY.

A YEAR IN REVIEW



Children's drive in
West Mosul

In 2017 we were able to distribute hygiene kits, winter coats, and heaters to the widows and orphans living in East and West Mosul. We continued our work with the WASH project, bringing and filling communal water tanks to families in Mosul. We supplied additional hygiene kits, food, and winterized shelters for the newly displaced people of

Kirkuk. Beyond these distributions, we were able to partner with the United Nations for a Windows and Workers Project, where we helped rebuild 1200 homes in East Mosul. This project also allowed for the work placement and training for men and women living in East Mosul. In this way we were able to meet a great need and also give the gift of hope and security for the future of the families involved in this project.

Our thanks

for your support this past year. Whether it was by spreading the word of our work, your kind thoughts, prayers, and donations have allowed us to do the much needed work in Iraq. We have been able to reach so many, and thanks to your donations at the years close we were able to meet our funding needs for the widows and orphans winter distribution. We'd also like to take a few lines to thank our volunteers, Iraqi and American alike. Please see the side panel for some of the challenges they faced this year. We are so very grateful for all your contributions and continued support as together we work to make our world a better place.

Moving Forward:

The storage unit in upstate NY has made our clothing drives much more efficient and effective. [We have begun collection and we are planning to ship our first container of critically needed items in April 2018.](#) If you'd like information for setting up a drive in your community/workplace/faith organization or if you'd like to send us items individually please contact grrz@thecnsf.com for a critical needs drive packet. The packet contains a flyer for the types of items needed and a letter on how to make used-good donations tax deductible.

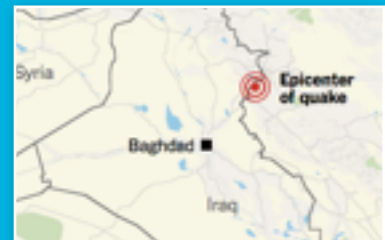
[We have started working in Sinjar and Tal Afar](#) (about 7 miles west of Mosul, captured by ISIS in 2014 prior to Mosul, liberated by the Peshmerga and Iraqi army by August of 2017). While we have been distributing aid there, the greatest need is for water tanks for the families living in these areas. We are currently looking to install two different tanks, based on family size. The cost of a 5000 liter tank is \$300, or \$120 will purchase a 1000 liter tank.

[Be on the look out for information on our launch party fundraiser,](#) set for early this summer on a 65 foot turn-of-the-century style riverboat sailing out of the Bayshore Marina.

While we regularly send updates about our work, the lives of our volunteers are often filled with interesting circumstances. Here is a sneak peak of some of the unexpected challenges our native & non-native volunteers faced in Iraq in 2017:



Beware the dust! Forget pollen count, dust is an actual weather concern that can cause illness in Iraq.



A 7.3 Earthquake in November (image by Google Maps)



The Kurdish Referendum, a vote for independence by the autonomous region in Iraq, which lead to armed disputes in Kirkuk, more IDPs, and interesting Visa situations for our NGO and volunteers abroad.