



## The Coalition of Hope Foundation, Inc.

*“Providing Humanitarian Assistance and Promoting Peace throughout the World”*

COH Organizational Summary – 2016

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The Coalition of Hope Foundation, Inc. (COH), is a US-based 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organization that provides global humanitarian assistance and disaster-relief support. Among our goals for 2016, we seek to provide a forward deployed, quick response, sea-based platform that incorporates state-of-the-art hospital facilities, an array of multinational (military) medical personnel, first responders, extensive air-lift capability, heavy equipment, emergency supplies, food and water.



The COH “Excelsior” project is a (prospective) multinational, public-private partnership that would enable participation from all nations willing to participate. Utilizing a retired, US Naval (USN) vessel, we will be able to respond to unforeseen catastrophic events faster and better equipped than any other military or civilian element in existence. Additional operational focus includes Disease Identification and Tracking, Ecological Disaster-Relief, Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking, Educational Initiatives, Technological Assistance, Oceanographic & Scientific Research.

COH supports a broad range of humanitarian assistance and disaster-relief missions on an on-going basis. Examples of our efforts include material support to those in need in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina (US), disaster-relief missions to Haiti following the nationwide devastation of that country by earthquake, support to flood victims in Pakistan and the Philippines, humanitarian assistance to those impacted by superstorm Sandy (US) and other projects of a lesser magnitude.

The Coalition of Hope Foundation (COH) is a “skills rich” global organization whose members comprise vast years of experience and expertise working challenging missions throughout the world. Our Board of Directors, International Advisors and executive management team consists of individuals who have held senior positions of authority working in government, the private sector, non-governmental organizations (NGO), the diplomatic corps, higher education and all branches of the military.

### **COH Foundation Imperatives:**

- Humanitarian Assistance & Medical Support
- Disaster-Relief, Search & Rescue, Logistical Support / Command & Control Capability
- Ecological Disaster-Relief
- Child Exploitation / Human Trafficking – Prevention, Rescue & Public Awareness
- Educational Initiatives, Technological Assistance & Training
- Oceanographic, Scientific & Technical Research

**COH Goals for 2016:** There are three (3) core initiatives underway within the COH organization. Each of them is a key enabler for us to grow our organization, economically expand our network of NGO affiliates and continue to provide direct, critical-care and logistical support in times of wide-scale catastrophe:

## 1. Educational Development

Educational opportunities and cultural interaction is a key component of the COH mission. Given our close relationships with Boston University, San Diego State University, Florida State University and other centers of learning, it is our intent to craft a global educational program that will inspire youth from around the globe to join us on humanitarian assistance missions.



Prospective studies-abroad programs will include intern opportunities for medical / nursing students and a broad range of vocational education and training. Our goal is the establishment of enduring relationships with indigenous organizations and institutions that will provide training, resourcing and implementation of the latest technology that our nation-state and NGO partners may utilize in order to develop local capability and capacity.

## 2. Tactical Projects empowered through “Purpose Networking”

We believe that positive interaction between people of many nations and cultures is integral to enriching lives and establishing lasting foundations for global peace. In support of this goal we look forward to establishing local partnerships with like-minded NGO’s on a global basis in order to provide practical, sustainable assistance to those in need. Among our proposed projects for 2016 is the establishment of food distribution centers (strategically situated throughout the globe). Funding for this enterprise will be derived from multinational public-private resources and will coordinate with COH “Purpose Networking” / social media platforms under development. These platforms will match private contributors with COH vetted and approved assistance projects (AP) on a global basis.

## 3. Command & Control, Emergency Logistics & the “EXCELSIOR”

We recently announced to the public our proposal for the establishment of a forward-deployed, sea-based platform that includes multinational public-private participation in direct support to providing unprecedented life-saving capability in times of crisis.

As our first seagoing platform, we have chosen the **USS Nassau**, a recently decommissioned USN amphibious assault ship. The retrofitted vessel, configured solely for humanitarian purposes and re-



named the “**EXCELSIOR**”, will require a full-time staff and crew estimated not to exceed 200, with capacity for 3,800 additional members (or evacuees) as circumstances require. We assess that once operational the COH coalition will **favorably impact 20,000,000 lives** during the useful life of the ship.

Once the first ship is authorized, it is the intent of the Foundation to pursue a second vessel, the **USS Peleliu**, (decommissioned in 2015) in order to multiply our capability. It is envisioned that our first vessel will primarily service the Atlantic Ocean areas including the Middle East and Africa, while the second ship will primarily service the Pacific Rim countries.



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