

Value Statement

We are Christian. *We acknowledge one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We seek to imitate Jesus' example in His care and compassion for the poor, the powerless, and those in need. We strive to live according to the application of Christian principles, based on God's Word.*

We value people. *We strive to honor God by respecting those we serve, our partners, those we collaborate with, our sponsors, and ourselves at all times. We regard all people as created and loved by God. We strive to act in ways that respect dignity, uniqueness, and intrinsic worth of every person.*

We serve those in need. *We hear Jesus' call to servanthood, and to humility. We come willing to serve and minister to those in need during times of emergencies, personal and natural disasters, to relieve their suffering and to promote the betterment of their wellbeing. We serve all people regardless of religion, beliefs, race, ethnicity, or gender.*

We are good examples. *We strive to imitate the example of Jesus in meeting the needs of people displaced by personal and natural disasters. We acknowledge that our service is a ministry and this ministry is our expression of how we understand the loving and caring of Jesus. We maintain our Christian identity while being sensitive to the diverse contexts in which we express that identity.*

We are responsible. *We adhere to ACTS policies and procedures, and deal responsibly with all at-risk situations. We recognize that the resources at our disposal are not our own, but are a trust from God through donors on behalf of those in need. We speak and act honestly. We are open and factual in our dealings with sponsors, donors, community response teams, governments and the public at large.*

We are responsive. *We are responsive to life-threatening emergencies where our involvement is requested, needed and in our area of expertise. We are willing to take intelligent risks and act quickly. We do this from a foundation of training, experience and sensitivity to what the situation requires. We also recognize that even in the midst of crisis, the destitute have a contribution to make.*