Dear AWB Supporters and Friends-

Never before has AWB been asked to respond to so many disasters in such a short period of time: Hurricanes in Florida, Texas and Puerto Rico; the shooting in Las Vegas; and devastating wildfires in California. The good news is that you've helped make it possible to bring trauma recovery services to thousands of those affected. And you've helped AWB sustain long-term ongoing acupuncture treatment projects across the United States.

Here are some highlights of how your support has brought trauma healing to thousands of people in the United States in 2017...

**Houston, TX (Hurricane Harvey)** – Ten AWB volunteers provided over 500 treatments in September and October in two locations.

**Florida (Hurricanes Irma and Maria)** – Clinics were offered by AWB-trained volunteers in the Tampa/St. Pete area, Naples, and the Florida Keys.

**Las Vegas, NV (October 1 Shooting)** – AWB worked with the Oriental Medicine community to provide trauma recovery treatments at Wongu University of Oriental Medicine through October.

**Puerto Rico (Hurricane Maria)** – In December, 10 AWB volunteers from the US and Puerto Rico provided almost 700 treatments in communities devastated by Hurricane Maria. AWB collaborated with local acupuncture groups and provided field training to
practitioners to provide ongoing clinics, particularly for people in remote areas that still have no power or water.

**Home visits in Indieras Baja, Puerto Rico**

**Northern California (wildfires)** - In Sonoma county, AWB volunteers set up over 20 clinics in evacuation centers and medical centers to treat evacuees, first responders and other members of the community.

**Southern California (Wildfires)** - AWB volunteers offered seven clinics for local residents and first responders since the wildfires broke out the week of December 4 including one in San Diego, two in Ojai, one in Ventura, and three for firefighters at the Ventura County Fairgrounds in collaboration with Chiropractic First Responders and Integrative Healers Action Network. In total about 150 people were treated.

"I've been on the fire for quite some time and this is the first moment I've had to venture to the beach (where treatments were provided). The acupuncture/ear seed treatment helped me reach a point of relaxation I haven't felt since I left home. Thank you so much for helping me get there. Bless you." - **Captain Maggi Kouffeld**, Humboldt Fire Department, California

**First responder treatments in Petaluma, CA**

**AWB volunteer Rhonda Epstein treating in southern CA**

Again, thank you for your generous support in 2017. We need your help to continue this work in the coming year! Click below to donate...