

## **The Rumphius Foundation Awards 2023 Grants**

*This year's grants support global needs through humanitarian aid*

BOSTON, MA – November 13, 2023 – The [Rumphius Foundation](#), a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening community, promoting education and protecting the environment, is proud to announce that it has awarded grants to [World Central Kitchen](#) and the [GlobalGiving Foundation, Inc.](#)

The Rumphius Foundation has traditionally focused on needs within the United States. This year, the Board of Directors felt it was important to support humanitarian efforts beyond our borders. From the catastrophic loss of life and survival stories as a result of the powerful February 6th earthquakes that struck Turkey and Syria, to the continued suffering in Ukraine, the needs are immense.

“The past year has sadly been full of international natural disasters and turmoil,” said Rumphius Foundation Director Candace Schuller. “Our hearts were tugged and our discussions of how and where to help were complex. We determined that we needed to do as much as our small foundation could manage to make a difference. We selected two worthy organizations that are serving global needs through food and other humanitarian aid.”

The Rumphius Foundation provided a grant of \$4,000 to World Central Kitchen. Founded by José Andrés, the non-profit demonstrates that “food has the power to create a better world. A plate of food is a plate of hope, it is the fastest way to rebuild life and communities.” In response to the crisis in Ukraine, as well as the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, and more recently in Afghanistan and Morocco, World Central Kitchen partners with restaurants, and community organizations like the Rumphius Foundation to get aid to those in need quickly. World Central Kitchen is often the first to the disaster area.

The GlobalGiving Foundation has expertise in identifying trusted community-led organizations around the globe that are thoroughly vetted. In March, the Rumphius Foundation contributed \$5,000 to two of their funds: the Ukraine Crisis Relief Fund and the Turkey and Syria Earthquake Relief Fund. Both of these funds help meet urgent needs and provide disaster relief, including shelter, food, clean water, medicine, health and psychosocial support, as well as access to education and economic assistance. The scope of GlobalGiving's work is broad and powerful, and it values locally driven, grassroots organizations that are serving their communities, which aligns well with the Rumphius mission.

"We know, my late husband, our founder Mike, would have quickly jumped into action to help these devastated communities," said Candace. "In these unusual times, we continue to be dedicated to providing our support to strengthen a community."

The Rumphius Foundation makes grants annually and will begin accepting 2024 grant submissions on June 1, 2024 with a final deadline of September 1, 2024. Only the first 100 grant applications received will be accepted for review. To learn more, please visit [the grant page](#).

To make donations please visit [www.rumphiusfoundation.org](http://www.rumphiusfoundation.org).

### **About The Rumphius Foundation**

Established in 2013 by the late Michael C. Schuller, [The Rumphius Foundation](#) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing support to communities and educators to strengthen the future of our youth and the environment. Named after the children's book *Miss Rumphius* by Barbara Cooney, in which the central character seeks to make the world a little more beautiful, the women-led foundation provides grants to non-profit projects that promote community, education and sustainability. Through these projects, the foundation strives to remind the next generation to leave the world more beautiful than they found it. For more information on The Rumphius Foundation, please visit [www.rumphiusfoundation.org](http://www.rumphiusfoundation.org).