Biography of Todd Shea, Chief Operating Officer of SHINE Humanity

Todd Shea is the Chief Operating Officer of SHINE Humanity, a US-registered nonprofit that specializes in disaster relief and long-term sustainable healthcare initiatives in developing countries. He began life as a vocalist, songwriter and guitarist. He was in New York City on September 11th, 2001 to perform at a world famous live music establishment, CBGB's Gallery. Instead, he ended up working at the site of the fallen World Trade Center for almost a week, assisting first responders by delivering anything they needed to keep them going, from ice to contact lens wash and medications.

Realizing that he had an ability for acquiring and coordinating needed items efficiently in a chaotic and disastrous situation, Todd put his music career on an indefinite hiatus to work in Sri Lanka after the Tsunami, and in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. In October 2005, Todd was compelled to go to Pakistan immediately after the earthquake as a logistics coordinator for a Pakistan-American medical response team.

After seeing the magnitude of the need and having fallen in love with Pakistan and its people during the emergency response phase, Todd founded Comprehensive Disaster Response Services (CDRS) in the Spring of 2006 and serves as its Executive Director. Todd currently works and resides in Chikar (in a remote and mountainous region near the Line of Control in Kashmir), providing primary care and an innovative Community-Based Healthcare Empowerment Project to a population of 200,000 people who would otherwise be without adequate healthcare services.

In April 2009, SHINE Humanity was registered and Todd joined as the COO. Todd and SHINE Humanity deployed in Haiti in January 2010 and are working in Pakistan to provide relief aid to victims of the floods through mobile medical units, livelihood initiatives, and food and non-food assistance. The agency hopes to transition into long-term rehabilitation programs focussed on mother/child care in the areas served.