



## **World Hope International and Sara Hastreiter Announce Partnership for World-Record 7 Seas / 7 Summits Quest**

*Professional Sailor, Passionate Adventurer and Humanitarian to Become the First Woman in History to sail the 7 Seas and climb the 7 Summits, to Support Water Efforts in Underserved Regions*

City, State (January XX, 2019) – [World Hope International](#) (WHI), a Christian-relief and development organization that works with vulnerable and exploited communities to alleviate poverty, suffering and worldwide injustices, today announced a partnership with professional sailor and adventurer Sara Hastreiter who has set out to become the first woman in history to achieve sailing the seven oceans around the world and to climb the highest peak on each continent in her 7 Seas / 7 Summits quest for good. To date, Hastreiter has already successfully sailed across all seven oceans and has four peaks remaining– Denali (Alaska), Vinson (Antarctica), Carstensz Pyramid (New Guinea) and Everest (Nepal). Along the way, she has aligned with various charities and dedicated each adventure to a cause close to her heart. In her remaining summits, Hastreiter has selected World Hope as her charity of choice in support of clean water efforts in underserved regions. The fundraising goal is \$200,000 and a page is set up at [www.worldhope.org/7seas-7summits](http://www.worldhope.org/7seas-7summits).

“I’ve always been incredibly passionate about exploring and using sporting challenges as a platform for charitable endeavors. Through my quest to sail the 7 Seas and climb the 7 Summits, I’m able to do what I love while giving back,” said Sara. “I have had the privilege of serving alongside World Hope in past disaster relief efforts and admired how hands on everyone was from top to bottom throughout the organization. I respect their authenticity and accountability record which showcases their efforts and follow-through. World Hope and I have a matching passion for helping others and I was inspired to partner with them for my biggest sporting challenge to date.”

Hastreiter will continue the rest of her journey with World Hope beginning with attempting to summit Denali, the tallest peak in North America in Spring 2019 and ending with Mount Everest during Spring 2020. In an effort to raise more money on WHI’s behalf, she will also participate in two Everest basecamp climbs, each with groups of 15 volunteers. This fundraising activity will give friends and families of the volunteers as well as other followers of this challenge and cause an opportunity to donate on behalf of an interactive climb with Hastreiter at the helm of the group.

“We are extremely humbled and excited to align with Sara on this tremendous world record feat,” said John Lyon, CEO of World Hope International. “Our organization has a longstanding history of empowering women and we are honored that she has chosen to partner with us as she takes on this monumental endeavor that will benefit our water efforts in underserved countries like Sierra Leone.”

For more information about World Hope International and the 7 Seas / 7 Summits campaign, visit [www.worldhope.org/7seas-7summits](http://www.worldhope.org/7seas-7summits).

***About World Hope International***

World Hope International (WHI) is a Christian relief and development organization working with vulnerable and exploited communities to alleviate poverty, suffering, and injustice. Founded in 1996, WHI's vision is to provide those in need with opportunity, dignity, and hope so they can possess the tools for change in themselves, their family, and their community.

WHI uses market-based and community-driven enterprise solutions to empower, protect, and build resiliency through innovative, environmentally conscious, and transformative projects. We deliver our programming through strategic local and global partnerships to create a maximal, sustainable impact.

WHI's programs are developed within the framework of four core values; transformation, sustainability, empowerment, and collaboration. Our program areas complement one another and act as a comprehensive response to poverty. WHI supports all people regardless of ethnicity, gender, race, or religion.

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