

## The Disaster Services Corporation, SVDP-USA Deploys to San Juan, Puerto Rico for P-RAC Operation

Parish Recovery Assistance Centers Help Maria Survivors

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Today Disaster Services of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul-USA working with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the clergy in the Diocesan Council, Sociedad de San Vincente de Paul Inc./ Consejo Central de Puerto Rico, is launching a diocesan parish based relief effort called Parish Recovery Assistance Centers (P-RACs). The P-RACs will be in Canovanas and Manatí, Puerto Rico. P-RACs are a holistic community based approach to helping families immediately after a disaster hits" stated Elizabeth Disco-Shearer, CEO of Disaster Services, SVDP-USA. Catholic



Shown, an image from Monday's Parish Recovery Assistance Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

organizations are working together to deliver critical information and referral services and immediate relief to the survivors of Hurricane Maria. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul worked with Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, TEEX to develop a "Just in Time" training program for the P-RACs.

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Elizabeth Disco-Shearer, CEO of the Disaster Services Corporation, SVDP-USA TEEX is a internationally recognized leader in the delivery of emergency response and workforce training. Ms. Disco-Shearer said that "we wanted to have a consistent model in the delivery of services to Maria survivors and TEEX assisted us with a formal training program and a logistics model for the Parish Recovery Assistance Centers." The P-RACs will be led by trained Rapid Response Teams that have come to Puerto Rico from around the United States. The Rapid Response Teams will train other parish based groups to provide information on FEMA, SBA, ONA, State and local disaster programs, and provide hygiene kits, bottled water, light medical checkups, spiritual and emotional care, and other

forms of help as required. P-RACs do not replace other VOAD and FEMA Recovery operations, but rather compliment those services by being the initial face to face interaction of the survivors with their community in the road to recovery. The P-RACs will consist of multiple parish communities working together to respond to

Hurricane Maria. Addresses and Hours follow: Parroquia La Resurrección 177, 175 PR-188, Canovanas, 00729, Puerto Rico HRS: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. December 4th – 8th, 2017 Parroquia Sagrada Familia PR-670, Manatí, 00674, Puerto Rico HRS: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. December 4th – 8th, 2017

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Shown, an image from Monday's Parish Recovery Assistance Center medical response team.

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