

Team Rubicon named the 2018 Humanitarian Organization of the Year by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The 2018 Sam Carocci Humanitarian Disaster Relief Award to Team Rubicon for its support of St. Vincent de Paul's disaster recovery work in Puerto Rico.

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul will award the 2018 Sam Carocci Humanitarian Disaster Relief Award to Team Rubicon for its support of St. Vincent de Paul's disaster recovery work after the deadly impact of Hurricane Maria on Puerto Rico. The 2017 Hurricane killed 2975 people and impacted 79 out of the 80 municipalities. FEMA has since registered 869,717 individuals for recovery assistance.

The award ceremony will take place at the opening luncheon of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Assembly of its membership at the Manchester Grand Hyatt. The Sam Carocci Humanitarian Award is given each year to an outstanding organization in disaster relief and recovery.

“Team Rubicon assisted us with roof repairs for survivors that were on fixed income, living in poverty, geographically isolated, elderly and households with special and functional needs. Building partnerships is critical to doing disaster recovery and St. Vincent de Paul is honored to be working with our National Voluntary Organization Active in Disaster partner, Team Rubicon in Puerto Rico,” said Elizabeth Disco-Shearer, CEO of the Disaster Services Corporation of SVDP-USA.

Team Rubicon boasts an 80,000-strong, highly skilled volunteer force that helps communities stabilize and recover after disasters. Since its inception following the 2010 Haiti earthquake, Team Rubicon has responded to over 280 disasters, including Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

“The need for assistance in Puerto Rico is staggering. It's a privilege to partner with St. Vincent de Paul to get even a small number of Puerto Ricans affected back on the road to normalcy in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria,” said David Burke, Vice President of Programs and Field Operations at Team Rubicon. “Together, we have repaired or replaced 255 roofs on the island, returning more than 738 Puerto Ricans to safer, more stable homes. We look forward to continuing to work with SVdP in Puerto Rico and beyond.”

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Disaster Services is a founding member of the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster and its Disaster Services Corporation provides relief and recovery to disaster survivors across the United States and American Territories. The House in a Box Program® is a disaster recovery program started by St. Vincent de Paul after Hurricane Katrina and the program provides new household items to families impacted by disaster who have unmet recovery needs. SVDP Disaster Services supports Disaster Resource Centers and

Multi-Agency Resource Centers at the start of recovery, provides specialized long- term recovery training, contracts with State governments and FEMA on disaster case management programs, and works at the state and local government level on Economic Recovery Programs Summits.

About the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
One of the largest charitable organizations in the world, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (www.svdpusa.org) is an international, nonprofit, Catholic lay organization of about 800,000 men and women who voluntarily join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in 150 countries on five continents. With the U.S. headquarters in St. Louis, Mo., membership in the United States totals nearly 100,000 in 4,400 communities. SVdP offers a variety of programs and services, including home visits, housing assistance, disaster relief, education and mentoring, food pantries, dining halls, clothing, assistance with transportation, prescription medication, and rent and utility costs. The Society also works to provide care for the sick, the incarcerated and the elderly. Over the past year, SVdP provided over \$1.2 billion in tangible and in-kind services to those in need, made more than 1.8 million personal visits (homes, hospitals, prisons and eldercare facilities) and helped more than 23.8 million people regardless of race, religion or national origin.

About Team Rubicon

Team Rubicon unites the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders to rapidly deploy emergency response teams. Team Rubicon is a nonprofit organization offering veterans a chance to continue their service by helping those affected by disasters, and also themselves. Programs and services are made possible by the support of individual donors, corporate partners, and the dedication of volunteers across the country. To join or support Team Rubicon's mission, visit TeamRubiconUSA.org.

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The Disaster Services Corporation, SVDP-USA



Men rebuilding roofs as a part of the Team Rubicon and SVDP Disaster Services collaborative in Puerto Rico

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