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Nonprofit *All Hands Volunteers* turns to Louisiana in response to recent flooding

March 23, 2016 – Mattapoisett, MA – *All Hands Volunteers*, an international nonprofit disaster response organization, is assisting homeowners following the devastating floods that recently impacted the state of Louisiana. As a state of emergency was declared across the most severely affected counties, *All Hands* immediately mobilized its assessment team and began working with its network of local and national partners to reach the communities most in need.

With the media and the majority of other responding organizations focused on the northern parts of Louisiana, *All Hands Volunteers* turned its attention to the areas further south that were receiving little to no attention. Having conducted a thorough assessment, the organization made the decision to concentrate its relief efforts on the hard hit Parishes of Tangipahoa, St. Tammany, and Washington.

“The devastation in these areas is truly overwhelming,” said Sherry Buresh, *All Hands’* Director of US Response. *“All Hands Volunteers has mobilized to provide support where it is needed most, and our priorities at this time revolve around connecting volunteers that want to help with those that need our assistance. Our aim is to give hope to the affected homeowners by providing free home clean-up and preparation of the home for repair and rebuild work.”*

The organization is unusual in that it accepts spontaneous and unaffiliated volunteers of all backgrounds, allowing those willing to give their time to make a difference. With numerous affected families still in need of assistance, *All Hands* is reaching out to local communities to lend their hands to their response efforts.

If you are in need of flood-related assistance or would like to volunteer, please contact the *All Hands* team directly on **985-605-4908**.

About All Hands Volunteers

All Hands Volunteers is an international non-profit organization that addresses the immediate and long-term needs of communities impacted by natural disaster. Over the last ten years, the



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organization has enabled over 33,000 volunteers from 93 countries and impacted more than 100,000 families all over the world. Many relief organizations work in a community for only a few days following a disaster, whereas All Hands is on the ground for weeks, months and sometimes even years. The organization's model is to stay until local resources are sufficient to rebuild the community to its original status.

For further information on *All Hands Volunteers'* response to the Louisiana floods visit <http://hands.org/projects/louisiana-flood-response/>

Those who want to support *All Hands Volunteers'* efforts in Louisiana can make a donation at www.hands.org/donate

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Photos available.

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