



**ALL HANDS  
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***All Hands Volunteers Nonprofit Launches Pre-Holiday Campaign to Assist Flood Victims***

**November 16, 2015 – Detroit, MI** – The flooding in Detroit last year was declared the largest FEMA disaster in 2014. Flood levels rose to 14 feet in some areas, comparable to water levels caused by Hurricane Katrina. Yet all of this has largely been forgotten - except by those still dealing with its aftermath. In August 2015, Wayne State University released a report estimating that one year after the flood, there are still over 4000 high risk\* families living in homes with actively growing mold.

*All Hands Volunteers* and *UMCOR's Northwest Detroit Flood Recovery Project* have come together to lead the charge in the recovery effort on the ground. Over the past year, they have worked together to "gut out" hundreds of flood-damaged homes and rebuild many more. Reuben Grandon, *All Hands* Project Director says, "While the problem seems insurmountable, we believe that the solution lies in addressing it the same way one addresses any other crisis - One Day and One Home at a Time."

Toward that end, we have launched a campaign called "All Hands On Detroit" to engage Detroit residents to join with us and together, become part of the solution. Liz Davis Edwards, CMO of *All Hands Volunteers* said, "Working together with the great people of Detroit from November 19-December 1, we aim to "gut out and sanitize" 100 flood damaged homes for 100 high risk families before the holidays and we need help". Grandon adds, "Anyone can do this. We have the equipment and training and we know who needs the help. We just need volunteers."

We are putting the call out to **ALL DETROIT RESIDENTS!** Please sign up to donate one day of your time to this important and rewarding cause at [www.classy.org/AllHandsOnDetroit](http://www.classy.org/AllHandsOnDetroit). There is no cost and all safety equipment and training will be provided - all you have to do is show up ready to help.

\*Families with single parents, elderly or handicapped individuals.

Those who want to support *All Hands Volunteers'* efforts in Detroit can make a donation at [www.hands.org/donate](http://www.hands.org/donate)

**Interviews available upon request.**

**Photos available.**

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