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***All Hands Volunteers* Nonprofit Returns to Georgetown County for Recovery and Rebuild**

February 17, 2016 – Mattapoisett, MA – The One SC Flood Relief Fund, in collaboration with the Central Carolina Community Foundation, has awarded *All Hands Volunteers* substantial funds to assist with its efforts to rebuild the communities of South Carolina that were affected by the October 2015 North American Storm Complex.



In immediate response to the historic flooding that occurred last fall, *All Hands* immediately deployed teams to the neglected areas of St Andrews and Georgetown, where they spent over 8 weeks assisting those most in need. These funds now allow the organization to return to the area and finish the job it started, in partnership with *Habitat for Humanity Georgetown County*, rebuilding homes and helping the communities find their feet again.

“The One SC Fund was established after October’s devastating floods to help bridge the funding gap in order to rebuild our state,” said JoAnn Turnquist, President and CEO of Central Carolina Community Foundation. “The nonprofit organizations receiving grants will help more than 350 households resume their lives. We are grateful for their help.”



ALL HANDS VOLUNTEERS

The immediate priorities for *All Hands* revolve around mold sanitation and helping to repair and rebuild homes damaged by the storms. As Program Director Kim Grisham explains: *“We will be targeting lower income families with a focus on homes with elderly or disabled residents, single parent head of households and households with young children. As is paramount to all of our recovery programs, our aim is to stay in the area until the affected communities are able to rely on their own resources.”*

About All Hands Volunteers

All Hands Volunteers is an international non-profit organization aimed at rebuilding humanity by addressing the immediate and long-term needs of communities impacted by natural disaster. Over the last ten years, the organization has enabled over 33,000 volunteers from 93 countries and impacted more than 100,000 families all over the world. As its volunteers work together with local residents and partners, communities are restored, hope is renewed, and lives are transformed. 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 South Carolina floods visit <http://hands.org/projects/south-carolina-flood-recovery/> or contact the team directly on (978)799.8459.

For further information on the One SC Flood Relief Fund visit www.onescfund.org

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

Interviews available upon request.

Photos available.

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