

DISASTER RECOVERY CORNER

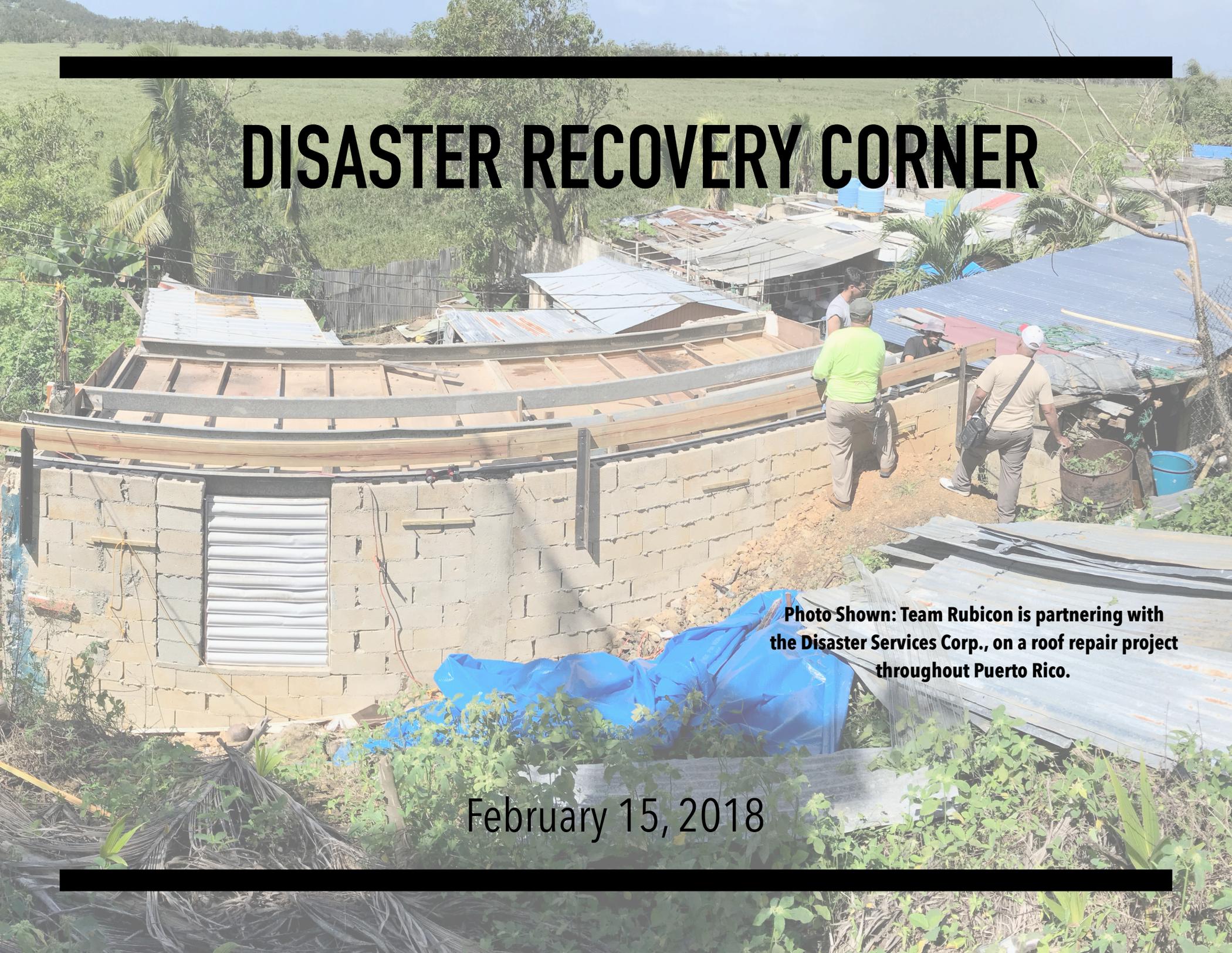


Photo Shown: Team Rubicon is partnering with the Disaster Services Corp., on a roof repair project throughout Puerto Rico.

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PUERTO RICO: REBUILDING
AFTER MARIA, TEAM RUBICON
PARTNERS WITH THE DISASTER
SERVICES CORP., SVDP-USA

**Shown Below: Images from Puerto Rico's
recovery with local support from Team
Rubicon and SVDP Vincentians.**

As Team Rubicon prepares to pilot rebuilding in Texas following Hurricane Harvey, we are extending our pilot to Puerto Rico to address the destruction caused by Hurricane Maria. The destruction across Puerto Rico is difficult to fathom. Puerto Ricans - American citizens - have experienced something profound. This [recent CNN article](#) begins to paint the picture of what life is like for many Puerto Ricans today. Team Rubicon was founded on a bias to act, and we won't wait another minute to support recovery in Puerto Rico.

[To continue reading about our partnered program with Team Rubicon click HERE.](#)



UPCOMING DEPLOYMENTS TO USVI

Shown Below: Images of Vincentians (local and deployed) to St. Thomas of the US Virgin Islands with Bishop Bevard.



We have a series of four deployments coming up from March through June and are actively fundraising to cover the costs. We will alternate between St. Croix and St. Thomas, with a one week long deployment each month. As there are no Vincentian conferences on the island of St. Croix we will also be trying to recruit and begin a conference there on the ground in addition to providing a Parish Recovery Assistance Center (P-RAC) to support the local community that was impacted by hurricanes Irma and Maria. Please pray for our Vincentians as they take on these great tasks. For interest in our mission and work that we carry out, please visit us at: www.svdpdisaster.org

CALL OF DONATIONS FOR PUERTO RICO



The Disaster Service Corporation, SVDP-USA is working in partnership with Catholic Charities diocese of Trenton, OEM Monmouth county, Monmouth County COAD and SVDP, Arlington, Texas to collect additional hygiene kits and cleaning supplies to help the families in Puerto Rico. Currently, we have one-half a container full of supplies, once the container is full then it will be shipped to Puerto Rico. If anyone has additional pallets that they wish to donate, please contact Anthony Pluchino, 908-692-2562, apluchino@svdpdisaster.org.

FEBRUARY IS CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY MONTH

Each Month FEMA National Readiness establishes training that National VOAD members are encouraged to share with their faith based and non-profit members.

What is carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide, also known as CO, is called the “Invisible Killer” because it's a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. More than 150 people in the United States die every year from accidental non-fire related CO poisoning associated with consumer products, including generators. Other products include faulty, improperly-used or incorrectly-vented fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters and fireplaces. Source: Consumer Product Safety Commission

Know the symptoms of CO poisoning

Because CO is odorless, colorless, and otherwise undetectable to the human senses, people may not know that they are being exposed. The initial symptoms of low to moderate CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without the fever).

They include: Headache, Fatigue, Shortness of breath, Nausea, Dizziness, High level CO poisoning results in progressively more severe symptoms, **including:** Mental confusion, Vomiting, Loss of muscular coordination, Loss of consciousness, Ultimately death.

More about CO poisoning after a Disaster found here: <https://goo.gl/xM4xjH>



American Red Cross: Sound the Alarm. Save a Life.

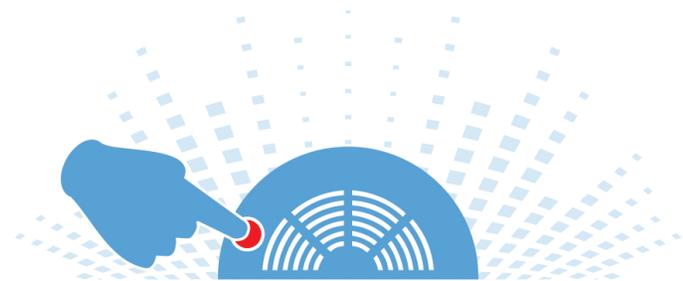
Each month we have a featured guest blog writer that provides new training and preparedness topics especially for you Vincentians.

This month's feature is from our National Partners of the American Red Cross. You can find our blogs at www.svdpcdisaster.org/blog

Every day, seven people die in home fires, most in homes that lack working smoke alarms. Sadly, children and the elderly disproportionately lose their lives. The American Red Cross wants to improve the odds and save lives, that's why we launched our Home Fire Campaign in 2014.

A critical part of the campaign is Sound the Alarm, a series of home fire safety and smoke alarm installation events across the country. Red Cross volunteers, along with fire departments and other partners including volunteers from St. Vincent de Paul, canvass at-risk neighborhoods, installing free smoke alarms, replacing batteries in existing alarms, and providing fire prevention and safety education. In just three years, we've accomplished so much, including the installation of more than 1 million smoke alarms and prepared more than 1 million people against home fires through our home visits.

To read the rest of the blog to learn about how you can participate in Sound the Alarm, please go to:
www.svdpcdisaster.org/blog



SOUND THE ALARM

Save a Life



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FOR MORE INFORMATION



Please consider supporting our mission by donating your time, providing financial support, and/or becoming active in your local community on disaster preparedness and recovery as a Vincentian.

Please stop by our newly updated website: www.svdpcdisaster.org

An online store and training resources will soon be available exclusively for Vincentians active in disaster recovery.

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For those of you interested in volunteering, please stop by our website at www.svdpcdisaster.org and click on the volunteer button at the top right corner. It will take you to a webform to complete. This information will help us gain better insight on you and be able to better pair you with what we have open and available to volunteer with. We will set up a one on one phone call shortly after the form has been completed.

As a reminder, we cannot continue all these great works without your help. Please consider donating to the general disaster fund at www.svdpcdisaster.org to keep our programs running so that we can in turn support those who have been impacted by disaster here in the United States.

