



*Help others prepare
for disaster – together.*

Disaster Services Program

Points of Light's **Disaster Services** activates volunteer efforts around the world to provide disaster relief in local communities. According to FEMA, "24% of Americans don't know how to prepare themselves and their families in the event of disaster and only 46% know what hazards could affect their community." Our team of disaster experts provides **resources, training, consulting, and technical support** to organizations requesting assistance with disaster volunteer management efforts providing a multifaceted approach to assist organizations and individuals in preparing for, responding to and recovering from disasters.

Community Emergency Preparedness Corps (CEPC): Points of Light's Disaster Services' signature AmeriCorps program mobilizes in communities to educate individuals and strengthen local disaster networks to ensure the community is ready to respond and recover from disaster.

Good & Ready: In concert with our national partners, Points of Light leverages best practices and joint programming to help ensure everyone can be disaster ready. This initiative includes trainings for affiliates, partner organizations, and AmeriCorps members on:

- Volunteering in disaster
- Managing spontaneous and unaffiliated volunteers in disaster
- Partnerships in disaster
- Understanding local disaster networks
- Continuity of operations planning
- Developing additional training opportunities, including a disaster volunteer certification program

For more information visit: www.goodandready.org

By the Numbers

97,181 Individuals
Reached

1,946 Volunteer
Leaders Trained

442 Local
Organizations Engaged





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As part of the 9/11 Day of Service, Vice President Joe Biden helped 120 volunteers at George Washington University pack hygiene kits for first responders.

During as well as in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, Points of Light convened local affiliates, leveraged resources, and provided volunteer training to support impacted areas and residents. The team's long-term recovery efforts attracted a \$1,200,000 investment in Points of Light from the American Red Cross to maximize our ability support of Sandy recovery through our network.

Volunteer Mobilization:

AllForGood.org Disaster Portal — Points of Light maximizes the volunteer recruitment of its HandsOn Network by posting projects on the portal. Visit www.allforgood.org/disasters.

Spontaneous and Unaffiliated Volunteer Management Training — As experts in volunteer management, Points of Light's Disaster Services team offers regular trainings and shares best practices on the deployment of spontaneous and unaffiliated volunteers in times of disaster and throughout the recovery process.

Disaster Crisis Team — When a disaster strikes, Points of Light mobilizes twelve HandsOn Network disaster experts to provide **technical, programmatic, and emotional support** to affiliates during and following a disaster. Points of Light also partners with local and national organizations to establish Long Term Recovery Groups and mobilizes volunteers long after other nonprofits leave the area.

Corporate Activation — Points of Light helps companies create volunteer projects that prepare communities for disaster. As part of one such project, 97 percent of Allstate kit-building participants plan to create a home emergency plan.



The Disaster Services Team received a certificate of recognition in 2014 for affirming the National Strategy for Youth Preparedness Education: Empowering, Educating, and Building Resilience at the White House, for engaging youth and families in building preparedness kits and engaging kids in schools through our AmeriCorps program.