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Event Part of the Second Week of Statewide National Volunteerism Month Celebration

Trenton, NJ – Recognizing the ongoing efforts of New Jersey's 1.6 million volunteers, Acting Governor Kim Guadagno today joined the Atlantic City Long Term Recovery Group to help rebuild a home severely damaged during Superstorm Sandy. The gathering was part of a series of events taking place statewide as part of National Volunteerism Month celebrations in April.

"Selfless acts of generosity can mean the world to individuals and families during their greatest periods of crisis and uncertainty," said Acting Governor Guadagno. "Nowhere was this clearer than in the aftermath of Sandy, and it's great to have the opportunity recognize this work and thank the countless volunteers for their continued service to so many impacted residents."

Founded by a group of volunteers from Hope Force International, local clergy, elected officials and concerned Atlantic City residents, the Atlantic City Long Term Recovery Group (ACLTRG) seeks to bring relief organizations, communities, and local governments together to connect county residents impacted by Sandy with much needed resources and support. Supporters of the ACLTRG include the New Jersey Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund, the Red Cross, the Robin Hood Foundation, the United Way and the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey.

Acting Governor Guadagno today joined the group's dedicated team of construction personnel, various donors and volunteer laborers to continue work on a home that was damaged by three feet of flood water after Sandy. The lower level of the home required complete gutting, as well as considerable mold remediation. To date, insulation has been installed, in addition to new drywall and flooring.

"At this point, we have completed 73 homes. The project we are working on Tuesday will represent the 74th upon its completion," said Dr. Clarence Alston, Executive Director of the Atlantic City Long Term Recovery Group. "We appreciate the opportunity to have Acting Governor Guadagno visit Atlantic City to show her support and involvement in this meaningful effort."

As of March 20, 2014, New Jersey Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), which is responsible for logging total state volunteerism efforts, reported that 209,148 volunteers from New Jersey and across America have served 1,452,320 hours with non-profit groups since the beginning of Sandy recovery. This service, in turn, is estimated to have a total dollar value exceeding \$41 million.

People interested in seeking volunteerism opportunities in New Jersey, or who simply wish to learn more about the efforts of the Governor's Office Volunteerism, are encouraged to visit [Volunteerism.NJ.gov](#).

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