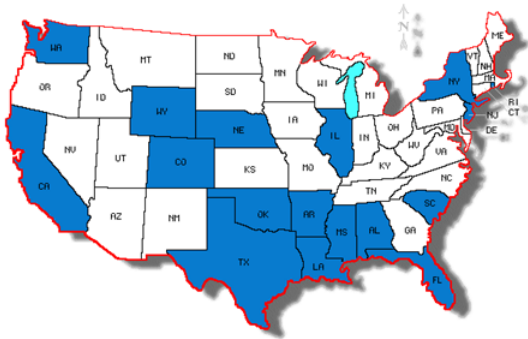




National Council Society of St. Vincent de Paul® Disaster Services Division – 2015 Impact

The Disaster Services Division (DSD) responds to disasters such as floods, wildfires, tornadoes and other events throughout the country. The DSD staff trains Regional Response Teams as well as individual Vincentians to compassionately and respectfully serve victims of disasters.

- \$1 million total dollars raised
- 30 SVdP Councils and Conferences served
- 11,577 disaster victims helped
- 3,869 households benefitted
- \$4 million in services provided to victims of disasters



DSD 2015 Disaster Operations

- Alabama - Tornadoes
- Arkansas - Tornadoes and Flooding
- California - Wildfires
- Colorado - Flooding
- Florida - Flooding
- Illinois - Tornadoes
- Louisiana - Flooding
- Mississippi - Flooding
- Nebraska - Flooding
- New Jersey - Hurricane Sandy Closure and House in a Box® Funding
- New York - Hurricane Sandy Site Visit and Funding to Close out Sandy Recovery Rebuilds
- Oklahoma - Tornadoes and Flooding
- Rhode Island - Major Apartment Fire
- South Carolina - Flooding
- Texas - Tornadoes and Flooding
- Washington - Mudslides
- Wyoming - Flooding

Highlights of Your Contributions at Work:

House in a Box® – This program helps to restore lives one house at a time. The program was implemented to supply disaster survivors with critical items to furnish an entire home from the kitchen to the bathroom to the bedroom, including furniture, dishes, towels, utensils and bed linens. During 2015, the DSD assisted Councils in the logistics and ordering of furniture to serve 653 households from Oso, Wash. to Brick, N.J. FedEx provided a \$10,000 grant to House in a Box® in Houston.

Rapid Response Teams – The DSD deployed Vincentians with disaster training to the following areas to help local Councils/Conferences handle disaster response for floods, tornadoes and wildfires: Wyoming, Illinois, California and South Carolina. A disaster case manager was deployed to South Carolina and Wyoming.

Oklahoma Disaster Recovery Program – The ODRP was a collaborative of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, Church of the Harvest and the United Methodist Conference of Oklahoma. This project assisted the people in Moore, Okla. and surrounding counties with disaster case management services. Through ODRP, 863 households were served. During 2015, DSD received an additional \$370,581 in grant funding from the American Red Cross to complete a grant of \$1,425,675 which was awarded in 2013 for Disaster Case Management services for the Moore, Okla. tornadoes. SVdP's Disaster Case managers leveraged the dollars provided for Disaster Case Management and were able to connect our clients to services valued at \$4,429,568 which included home rebuilds and repairs.

Long-term Disaster Programs – The DSD received a grant from the Center for Disaster Philanthropy to help the rural community of Sand Springs, Okla. recover from the 2014 tornadoes that devastated the area. The program served 62 households and provided more than \$111,000 in services to families including home repairs. Work continues with survivors of Superstorm Sandy in New Jersey and New York where 2,291 households have been assisted with recovery services.



The National Council's Domestic Disaster Relief Fund is a restricted fund for emergency assistance. To support SVdP's domestic relief efforts, [please click here:](#)

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