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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Veteran-led Team Rubicon Providing Flood Relief in Berrien County**

**BERRIEN CO., Mich. March 5, 2018** – Team Rubicon, a veteran-led disaster response organization, has launched Operation Barren Heart to support residents of Berrien County following the recent flooding.

Team Rubicon will conduct damage assessments, muckout operations, and debris removal

Team Rubicon performs its services at no cost to those affected, thanks to the generosity of donors. Residents seeking assistance are urged to calling United Way's 211. The Michigan 211 Contact Center is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and has a translation service with over 180 languages available. It covers 100% of Michigan's population and can be reached via landline, cell, or VOIP. Berrien County is also asking the impacted residents to continue to send in their damage reports by using the online submittal form found on both the County of Berrien website at [www.berriencounty.org](http://www.berriencounty.org) and the Berrien County Sheriff's Office website at [www.bcsheff.org](http://www.bcsheff.org) or by calling 1-800-815-5485, which will be staffed during the week of March 5 through March 9 during normal business hours.

Through a strong communications infrastructure supported by cutting-edge technological solutions, Team Rubicon volunteers efficiently and effectively respond to natural disasters and help get stricken families back into their homes as soon as possible. Beyond disaster relief, Team Rubicon helps veterans find a renewed sense of purpose, which is vital as many veterans return to civilian life after their time in the military.

U.S. Marine Corps veterans Jake Wood and William McNulty founded the nonprofit in 2010 following the massive Haiti earthquake. It has grown from eight to over 70,000 volunteers with over 230 operations under its belt.

#### **About Team Rubicon**

*Team Rubicon unites the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders to rapidly deploy emergency response teams. Team Rubicon is a nonprofit organization offering veterans a chance to continue their service by helping and empowering those afflicted by disasters, and also themselves. Programs and services are made possible by the support of individual donors, corporate partners, and the dedication of volunteers across the country. To join or support Team Rubicon's mission, visit [www.TeamRubiconUSA.org](http://www.TeamRubiconUSA.org).*

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