

Team Rubicon Provides Updates About Persistent Donation Needs, Completes Emergency Home Repair on Six Homes in Tuntutuliak

Anchorage, AK (November 14, 2025) – Team Rubicon has been managing the statewide donation intake and distribution system for Alaska's response to Typhoon Halong. With input from community, state, tribal, and non-profit partners, Team Rubicon volunteers—known as Greyshirts—collect information on what items are needed for the storm survivors in Anchorage and in the Y-K Delta. A recurring need is WINTER BOOTS (ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN & TODDLERS) and CHILDRENS' SNOW SUITS of all sizes, along with:

- Men's underwear S, M, L
- **Heavy winter coats, all sizes** (girls' size 7/8 especially needed)
- Pajamas, men and women, all sizes
- Snow pants, all sizes
- Warm mittens, all sizes
- Crafting supplies (especially traditional, including leather, beads, fabric, etc.)

Team Rubicon is only accepting NEW donation items, and no used items should be dropped off at the warehouse, located at 1120 East First Avenue in Anchorage. It is open every day, from 9-4pm, 907-205-8685. All food items, including water, should be brought to the Food Bank of Alaska. Team Rubicon recommends that storm survivors in or from the Y-K Delta with unmet needs due to the storm email familyrequest@avcp.org. This will help the Association of Village Council Presidents get the requested items to those who need them.

It is recommended that people and organizations donate monetarily to reputable organizations such as <u>Team Rubicon</u> or the <u>Alaska Community Foundation</u>, rather than donate physical items. However, the donation center at 1120 East First Avenue in Anchorage is still open, from 9-4pm, 907-205-8685. Team Rubicon asks that donors purchase and send their donations directly to the warehouse, not hand deliver them.

Alaskans are encouraged to contact Alaska 211 for other ways to connect with local resources that best fit their needs. Call 2-1-1 or 1-800-478-2221. Email alaska211@ak.org or visit www.Alaska211.org. Native Alaskan language interpretation services are available.

Team Rubicon is also continuing emergency repairs on homes in Tuntutuliak damaged by Typhoon Halong, working at the request of village leaders and in cooperation with members and assets of the Alaska Army National Guard. **Greyshirts have been installing insulation and replacing plywood in the village for two weeks and have completed six homes in Tuntutuliak to date.** Team Rubicon will provide storm debris removal and basic home repair in Tuntutuliak as long as it is safe and practical for the Greyshirts to do so.

Team Rubicon is working with tribal, state, local, and federal organizations and local Alaskan nonprofits across the state to best coordinate the multi-pronged, statewide operation and transfer long-term responsibilities to partner organizations and state agencies when and where appropriate. Greyshirts have been responding to disasters in Alaska since 2012 and has Greyshirts all over the state, from Ketchikan to Kenai and Southcentral to Nome. Alaskan Greyshirts, joined by dozens more from the Lower 48 and Canada, have been serving the survivors of Typhoon Halong since the storm struck.

Team Rubicon is proud to be working with local partners to serve the people of Alaska. This operation would not be possible without the critical support of Alaska Baptist Disaster Relief, Bethel Search & Rescue, Alaska Army National Guard, Municipality of Anchorage, Southcentral Foundation, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, The Salvation Army Alaska Division, and the Association of Village Council Presidents. Team Rubicon is grateful to the State Emergency Operations Center, Alaska VOAD, and ANTHC for requesting our assistance and enabling our volunteers to serve the people impacted by Typhoon Halong.

<u>B-roll of Team Rubicon volunteers working in Tuntutuliak</u> Drone footage of Team Rubicon volunteers in Tuntutuliak

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About Team Rubicon

Team Rubicon is a veteran-led humanitarian organization that serves global communities before, during, and after disasters and crises. Founded following the Haiti earthquake in 2010, the organization has grown to more than 200,000 volunteers across the United States and has launched over 1,300 operations domestically and internationally. To drive equity across disaster and humanitarian services, Team Rubicon focuses on three areas of impact: disaster response—from mitigation to immediate response to recovery; long term recovery & workforce development — maintaining the fabric of communities through resilient building methods; and medical services—providing emergent and surge health care, WASH, and disaster risk reduction. The organization is featured in the Emmy-nominated Roku original series titled Team Rubicon, which highlights the work of Greyshirt volunteers assisting communities across the country. Visit www.teamrubiconusa.org for more information.

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