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## **ABC CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS LEND A HAND IN HURRICANE SANDY RECOVERY**

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**Arlington, VA** –In response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy, Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) chapters and members donated time, manpower, money and other necessities to help those affected along the East Coast.

ABC member company Simpson Strong-Tie, Pleasanton, Calif., donated \$25,000 to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund which provided food, shelter, emotional support and other assistance to those affected by the hurricane. The company also is matching employees' personal contributions to disaster relief organizations.

“Our deepest sympathies go out to those who have been impacted by this tragedy,” said Simpson Strong-Tie President Terry Kingsfather. “We hope that through the combined national support efforts, the East Coast will be able to quickly recover and rebuild the communities that have been devastated.”

The ABC Delaware Chapter and its member companies also jumped at the chance to help their neighboring states.

"Our guys will go into New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland ... if help is needed in a disaster relief effort like this," said Delaware Chapter President Ed Capodanno.

One of ABC Delaware's member companies, Marling's Emergency Water Removal and Carpet Cleaning, New Castle, Del., sent crews to help out in New Jersey

An ABC Eastern Pennsylvania chapter member, the Tri-M Group, sent 30 linemen, 10 bucket trucks, three line trucks and many other support vehicles to Maryland and New Jersey to help restore power and do relief efforts.

“Providing support to families in need during natural disasters is a proud trademark of the Tri-M Group,” said Jim Horn, president and CEO of the Kennett Square-based company. “Our crews are committed to help to restore safe, reliable electric service to families in New Jersey.”

Additionally, ABC chapters and members donated to the ABC Cares co-branded Red Cross donation site, raising more than \$3,500.

To help with Hurricane Sandy response efforts, donate at [American.redcross.org/abc-pub](http://American.redcross.org/abc-pub).

Other ABC members that engaged in outreach efforts following Hurricane Sandy are encouraged to send an email to the ABC Cares program point person Donna Puglisi, [puglisi@abc.org](mailto:puglisi@abc.org).

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