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## **SBP and Chase Designate Mortgage-Free Home for Military Family in Superstorm Sandy Impacted Community**

### ***Public call for nominations to award worthy veteran family home leading up to fifth anniversary of Superstorm Sandy***

**Egg Harbor, NJ October 26, 2017** – On the eve of the fifth anniversary of Superstorm Sandy, [SBP](#), a non-profit that rebuilds homes efficiently after disasters, today announced an open call for nominations to award a mortgage-free home, courtesy of JPMorgan Chase & Co., to a military veteran family in a community impacted by Sandy.

Now through December 31, applications will be accepted and reviewed by SBP to identify a military veteran family to connect to the Chase home located in Egg Harbor. Any veteran can apply at: [bit.ly/VetsHomeNJ](http://bit.ly/VetsHomeNJ).

Speaking about the program, SBP Co-Founder and CEO, Zack Rosenberg said, “SBP is acutely aware that disasters do not end after the debris has been picked up. Five years after Superstorm Sandy, much progress has been made, but there remain thousands of families in communities across this region that have yet to fully recapture the safety and security lost to the 2012 storm. In partnering with JPMorgan Chase to renovate and a home to a deserving U.S. military veteran, we are proud to be helping Egg Harbor and the Jersey Shore community in taking one more step toward being whole again.”

“We’re honored to be able to assist a worthy veteran family move into a home of their own as we head towards Veterans Day and the anniversary of a storm that took homes from so many,” said Ross A. Brown, Head of Military and Veterans Affairs at JPMorgan Chase. “We know that key to creating stronger and healthier communities is empowering people to secure their own financial stability.”

Chase has donated more than 900 homes to veteran families as part of its 1,000 Home Awards Program started in 2011. The firm has also [offered aid](#) in the communities it serves including waiving customer late fees and contributing \$1 million donations to nonprofit organizations following the recent hurricanes in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.

A national organization, with operations across seven states, SBP has been active following Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. In Texas, SBP has opened an office in Houston, out of which it will rebuild homes, and train other organizations to utilize its proven effective model. In Florida communities impacted by Irma, SBP staffers are providing post-disaster training to impacted homeowners to help



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them navigate the FEMA assistance process, and avoid contractor fraud. SBP has also deployed AmeriCorps members to San Juan, Puerto Rico to provide logistics and warehouse management support, in order to speed the distribution of humanitarian aid and supplies.

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### About SBP

SBP's mission is to shrink time between disaster and recovery. Since its founding in 2006 in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana following the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina, SBP has rebuilt homes for more than 1,300 families with the help of 180,000 volunteers in New Orleans; Joplin, MO; Staten Island, NY; Rockaway, NY; Monmouth and Ocean Counties, NJ; San Marcos, TX; Columbia, SC; White Sulphur Springs, WV; and Baton Rouge, LA.

SBP's model is enhanced by AmeriCorps, which provides 320 members annually to manage worksites and clients, and train the organization's volunteers nationally.

SBP shrinks time between disaster and recovery via five interventions:

1. **Rebuild** homes quickly after disasters by mobilizing private sector innovations and assigning a single point of contact to make the home rebuilding process faster and more predictable.
2. **Share** rebuilding innovations with other rebuilding organizations to allow for efficient, predictable recovery on a national scale.
3. **Prepare** home and business owners prior to and following disaster with specific steps to mitigate risk and improve resilience.
4. **Advise** policy makers immediately after a disaster so they can deploy federal dollars sooner, and in a way that empowers an efficient recovery.
5. **Advocate** for the reform of disaster recovery strategies in the U.S. to improve the predictability and speed of recovery.

To learn more, visit [www.SBPUSA.org](http://www.SBPUSA.org) and like/follow on Facebook & Twitter @SBPUSA

### About JPMorgan Chase & Co

JPMorgan Chase & Co. is a leading global financial services firm with assets of \$2.6 trillion and operations worldwide. JPMorgan Chase has supported our veterans since before World War I. The Office of Military and Veterans Affairs (MVA), started in 2011, has hired more than 12,000 veterans and facilitated more than 400,000 veteran hires through the Veteran Jobs Mission coalition; awarded more than 900 mortgage-free homes to military families in need; helped 7,700 veterans and military spouses complete 10,500 career certifications through Veterans Career Transition Program at the Institute for



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Veterans and Military Families, which was co-founded and is supported by JPMorgan Chase and Syracuse University. Learn more at: [www.jpmorganchase.com/veterans](http://www.jpmorganchase.com/veterans)

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