

GM Foundation's \$1M Grant Will Improve Neighborhoods

The General Motors Foundation is providing a \$1 million grant to Habitat for Humanity International to help with neighborhood revitalization efforts in 12 cities across the United States.

The grant was presented Jan. 31 by Foundation President and GM Director of Corporate Relations Vivian Pickard during the Washington Auto Show.

From financial support for new construction, home repair and rehabilitation, weatherization efforts and more, the GM Foundation's support of Habitat means that work will be under way in neighborhoods in Arlington and Austin, Texas; Atlanta; Baltimore; Chicago; Denver; Detroit and Lansing; Los Angeles; Nashville; New Orleans and Phoenix.

"This grant will help construct healthier neighborhoods and an improved sense of community," said Pickard.

"In addition to the Foundation's grant, our teamGM Cares employee volunteers will help low-income families rebuild and restore their homes and participate in other vital community projects."

In December, Chevrolet donated to Habitat for Humanity International 24 Express cargo vans to create the organization's first-ever fleet of mobile response units. The vehicles, filled with tools and equipment from Lowe's and Robert Bosch Tool Corporation, are currently dispatched with volunteers assisting with Hurricane Sandy response efforts in New York and New Jersey.

"General Motors has already joined Habitat for Humanity to address a critical need following Hurricane Sandy," said Larry Gluth, senior vice president of U.S. & Canada operations for Habitat for Humanity International.

"Today, the company is building on its commitment, and we are very grateful to the GM Foundation for its generosity."

Upon delivering the Habitat for Humanity mobile response units to the impacted region, teamGM Cares volunteers worked in a number of locations, including at the flood-ravaged Union Beach Emergency Medical Services station in Union Beach, N.J.

The experience inspired Chevrolet's donation of a 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe to the Union Beach EMS squad that was on the front lines during Hurricane Sandy. Chevy Regional Director Dan Adamcheck announced the vehicle donation to Union Beach EMS Chief Carlos Rodriguez from the Chevrolet exhibit at the Washington Auto Show.

"The Chevrolet Tahoe will serve as a daily reminder that the citizens of Union Beach have not been forgotten," said Rodriguez.



Union Beach (N.J.) EMS Chief Carlos Rodriguez gets behind the wheel of a Chevrolet Tahoe donated by Chevrolet to the Union Beach EMS station Jan. 31, 2013, at the Washington Auto Show in Washington, D.C.

"We extend our heartfelt thanks to Chevrolet and to the teamGM Cares volunteers for traveling with us on the long road to recovery."

In addition to the GM Foundation and Chevrolet's support of Habitat for Humanity, GM Chairman and CEO Dan Akerson this month sold his Regal Turquoise 1958 Corvette in the Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction.

The car brought \$270,000 with all proceeds benefiting Habitat for Humanity Detroit's projects in the Morningside Commons neighborhood of the city.

Last year, Akerson and his wife Karin personally donated \$1 million as the cornerstone contribution for the "Leaders to ReBuild Detroit" campaign.

For more information, visit www.gm.com/gmfoundation.

GM Expands Its Board, Adding Michael Mullen

(AP) Detroit – General Motors is expanding its board to include former Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Michael Mullen.

The addition is effective on Feb. 1, and brings the board of GM to a total of 15 members.

Mullen, 66, is a retired Navy Admiral who was the main military adviser to Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama from 2007 to 2011.

GM CEO Dan Akerson says Mullen has experience in change management, strategic planning and technical innovation.

In the Navy, Mullen commanded three ships, an aircraft carrier battle group and a fleet, GM says in a statement. He was chief of naval operations from 2005 to 2007.

Like Akerson, Mullen is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy. In addition to his education at Annapolis, Mullen also finished the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School.

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