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## **Hands Of Mercy: Explosions, Strikes, and Missed Opportunities**

Washington, District of Columbia- Four weeks ago there was an explosion at the Hands of Mercy warehouse around midnight in Washington, D.C. The fire engulfed the entire warehouse leaving nothing behind. With all the aid supplies destroyed, the Hands of Mercy is unable to assist with the damage hurricane Ian has caused. The Hands of Mercy has made a donation to the relief efforts currently in place. The warehouse reconstruction is slowly underway. Supply chain issues are considerably exacerbating the tension the employees are experiencing due to the lack of work. The stoppage of work has caused many employees to go on strike or leave the Hands of Mercy completely. The Hands of Mercy is doing its best to rebuild the facility as well as retain as many employees as possible.

“There is so much to accomplish in such little time. The Hands of Mercy are doing everything in our power to rebuild our center to get back into the fight for those in need. I would ask our employees to please be patient and return from strike as we need your help. God willing, our facility will be finished soon and aid distribution will resume.” – Jordan Mercer, Current director of operations at Hands of Mercy

Despite its best efforts to be completed quickly, the rebuild is scheduled to finish in another month. With the stagnant supply chain, it could be pushed back even further. The growing tensions between employer and employees grows with each passing minute. Updated information will be released as soon as it is available.

The Hands of Mercy was first created in 2005 in response to Hurricane Katrina. The devastation moved founder Alexander Mercer and his wife Hannah to create a Christian based disaster relief and restoration company to serve the continental United States. The disaster restoration assistance provided by the Hands of Mercy has touched over 200,000 lives during their 17 years of service. Current director of operations Jordan Mercer, son of founders Alexander and Hannah Mercer, leads a 20-person operation, along with about 250 volunteers, bringing the love of Christ to broken communities. We rebuild the communities of yesterday for the glorification of God today.

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