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St. Louis Rams Team Up With Operation Blessing Intl. To Help With Harrisburg, IL Tornado Relief Effort On Friday, March 9

HARRISBURG, IL – Players from the St. Louis Rams, along with cheerleaders, the team's official mascot, Rampage, and members from the front office staff will head to Harrisburg on Friday to help humanitarian organization Operation Blessing International with its tornado cleanup efforts and to spend time with local high school students and residents.

The group will arrive in Harrisburg Friday morning and will team up with Operation Blessing International to volunteer with various ongoing cleanup efforts.

In the afternoon, the group will converge at the Harrisburg High School and will appear at the school assembly with 600 students. This event is also open to the public. The players will sign autographs afterwards.

"Our entire team, including the players, cheerleaders, mascot and staff, is looking forward to teaming up with Operation Blessing to bring some much needed assistance and hope to the Harrisburg community," said Molly Higgins, vice president of corporate communications and civic affairs, St. Louis Rams. "The Rams pride ourselves on being great community partners and we consider our neighbors in Illinois to be part of our community. We hope our efforts help those impacted by the recent tornado and inspire others to join in the effort to clean up and rebuild this community."

Jody Herrington-Gettys, director of US disaster relief for Operation Blessing Intl., said, "With a little more than a week having passed since the Leap Day tornadoes, life has been incredibly serious for so many, especially the children. Our hope is that this event would bring smiles and laughter to all."

Operation Blessing Intl. was a first responder to the tornadoes, deploying its U.S. disaster relief team to Harrisburg within hours of the storm. Working in cooperation with Saline County Emergency Management, the humanitarian organization has coordinated more than 2,100 volunteers since Saturday removing debris, cleaning homes and preparing thousands of meals for local residents.

For more information or to donate to the efforts, please log on to www.ob.org

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