MERCURY ONE/GLENN BECK PARTNERS WITH OPERATION BLESSING INTERNATIONAL FOR HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF EFFORTS IN NYC & NJ

NEW YORK, NY (November 5, 2012) – Mercury One, the charity founded by Glenn Beck, has partnered with the humanitarian organization Operation Blessing International (OBI) to provide relief to Hurricane Sandy victims in New York City and coastal New Jersey. Mercury One has provided substantial funding for OBI's efforts including the distribution of food, bottled water and relief supplies in addition to construction and clean-up efforts.

Since arriving in New York City and New Jersey area last Tuesday evening, the OBI team has aided storm victims in Manhattan, Far Rockaway (NY), and several towns in coastal New Jersey.

In the Lower East Side of Manhattan, the team set up in a low-income neighborhood last Friday morning that had been without electricity for four days. The OBI-Mercury One team distributed more than 160,000 pounds of food, bottled water and relief supplies (toiletries, cleaning supplies, diapers) to local residents. The supplies filled four semi-trailer trucks that had been shipped via Operation Blessing International's Hunger Strike Force fleet, based in Virginia Beach, VA.

The team also set up a Mobile Kitchen on site that served 950 hot meals on Friday, the first hot meals residents had in days.

Yesterday, the team set up in Far Rockaway, NY and distributed an additional 40,000 pounds of relief supplies to residents from a semi-trailer truck.

In NJ, OBI continues to coordinate volunteers in order to help homeowners' cleanup efforts and to help salvage belongings in coastal communities including Bayville and Mystic Island.

"Mercury One has answered the call to help hurricane victims in New York and New Jersey by providing substantial funding that will enable Operation Blessing to expand efforts to help more storm victims," said Bill Horan, president of OBI.

Previously, the two charities teamed up as part of Mercury One's Restoring Love event, held at Cowboys Stadium in Dallas in July. That event raised more than 300,000 pounds of donated food which Operation Blessing delivered to 11 cities via it's fleet of Hunger Strike Force semi-trailer trucks.

For more information about Mercury One, please log on to <u>www.mercuryone.org</u> <<u>http://www.mercuryone.org</u>>.

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ABOUT MERCURY ONE

Mercury One is a non-profit 501(c)3 founded in November, 2011 in the vision of its founder Glenn Beck. Focusing on building communities, Mercury One has three main missions under which all of their initiatives fall:

Restore- rather than fundamental transformation, we must bring America back to the values that made her exceptional. Faith- You cannot fix the country through politics, but rather by turning back to God and the Judeo-Christian principles that always provide answers.

Entrepreneurship- Not just in the business sense, but Mercury One empowers individuals to change the communities

around them.

Since its inception, Mercury One has raised over \$500,000 in less than 48 hours for tornado relief, raised thousands of dollars for the Holocaust Museum of Houston, planned a women's conference, planned a Day of Service for over 25,000 people, launched a nationwide food drive to 11 cities. To learn more, please visit mercuryone.org.

ABOUT OPERATION BLESSING INTERNATIONAL:

Operation Blessing International (OBI) is one of the largest charities in America, providing strategic disaster relief, medical aid, hunger relief, clean water and community development in 23 countries around the world on a daily basis. OBI was awarded Charity Navigator's coveted 4 star rating for sound fiscal management for the 7th year in a row (2011), a feat that only 2% of rated charities have ever achieved. In November 2010, Forbes named OBI as the 6th most efficient charity in America. Additionally, the Chronicle of Philanthropy currently ranks OBI as the 23rd largest charity and the 6th largest international charity. Founded in 1978, Operation Blessing International has touched the lives of more than 264 million people in more than 105 countries and 50 states, providing goods and services valued at over \$3.3 billion to date. For more info log on to www.ob.org

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