

Thursday, January 29, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

In 2019, I met Joe Ryan of MDR Disaster Relief and Veterans Outreach, Inc, in a grant proposal writing class.

In 2020, as a nonprofit consultant, I assisted MDR with reviewing the organizations grant readiness and providing disaster relief efforts for Hurricanes Laura, Delta, and Zeta. I helped Joe with MDR's grant-readiness documentation, Bylaws, Letters of Inquiry, Letters of Solicitation, Grant Proposals, budgets, volunteer tracking, donation valuation, press releases, etc.

During my research into MDR's grant-readiness, I was able to determine that MDR was a 501(c)(3) public charity in good standing with the IRS (attached); I helped Joe update and organize MDR's grant-readiness file; and I was highly impressed with MDR's complete financial transparency, available on the organization's website.

In 2020, with the information Joe and his team sent to me, I was able to determine that for Hurricane Laura, alone, MDR obtained over \$21million in in-kind donations, as well as thousands in grant monies. In addition, the acting FEMA Task Force Lead sent a Letter of Verification for Joe to provide to other organizations and agencies (attached).

In 2021, I provided Joe and MDR with nonprofit consulting assistance for Hurricane Ida.


In 2022, I provided Joe and MDR with nonprofit consulting assistance for Hurricane Ian.

Though I am no longer a nonprofit consultant, I am glad to see Joe "back in the saddle" with Heaven Sent Community Services and Veterans' Assistance, already in good standing with the IRS. I know that with his vast knowledge and connections, he will help many veterans, elderly, and disabled persons get the assistance they need and live better lives.

Sincerely,

Tammy Gibbs

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 **IRS** Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
P.O. Box 2508, Room 4010
Cincinnati OH 45201

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OUTREACH INC
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Employer ID number: 82-2616840
Form 990 required: Yes

Dear Taxpayer:

We're responding to your request dated June 04, 2019, about your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in September 2017, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

We also show you're not a private foundation as defined under IRC Section 509(a) because you're described in IRC Section 509(a)(2).

Donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

In the heading of this letter, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If you're required to file a return, you must file one of the following by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of your annual accounting period:

- Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
- Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
- Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

According to IRC Section 6033(j), if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for 3 consecutive years, we'll revoke your tax-exempt status on the due date of the 3rd required return or notice.

You can get IRS forms or publications you need from our website at www.irs.gov/forms-pubs or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific

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From: **Meyers, Debra R** <Debbie.Meyers@fema.dhs.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 27, 2020 at 5:27 PM
Subject: FW: Question
To: kb3poc@gmail.com <kb3poc@gmail.com>

Hi Joe, please see below what I sent up. Thanks for all that you do.

- Afternoon Monique, MDR is a Voluntary Organization Active in Disaster (VOAD).
- MDR is from the State VOAD in Philadelphia that Volunteers Nationally with all Disasters. From my understanding
 - MDR assisted with over 145 Disasters Nationwide.
 - MDR is in Louisiana working both Hurricanes.
 - MDR has partnered through MOU's with the Local and State VOAD's.
 - MDR will be here for the Long Term Recovery assisting the Survivors with Repairs, Rebuilds as well as Unmet Needs and Immediate Needs.
 - MDR has collaborated within the local Long Term Recovery Organizations to assist and avoid duplications of assistance with the Survivors that have Unmet Needs.
 - Please see attached MDR Flyer.

Our VAL Department through Communication, Collaboration, Coordination works closely with MDR as well as all the other VOAD's be it Local, State, National or International. FEMA does not endorse. I hope this clarifies any misunderstanding.

Respectfully,
Deb

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