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CASE STUDY

ALACRITY AND PARTNERS REBUILD ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH AFTER HURRICANE IAN

When Hurricane Ian struck Sanibel Island, it wasn't just buildings that took a hit—it was the community's heartbeat. St. Michael's Church, an important part of the island's life, was severely damaged.

Alacrity Solutions, along with FP Property Restoration and Church Insurance of Vermont, took on the challenge of not just rebuilding the church but also bringing hope back to the community. Despite many obstacles, they made sure the church reopened for Christmas services.

PROBLEM

OVERCOMING UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES

On September 28, 2022, Hurricane Ian, a Category 4 storm, unleashed its fury on Sanibel Island and Southwest Florida. Almost six feet of water inundated many of the island's buildings, which could not be reached for several weeks due to the collapse of the causeway bridge linking the island to the mainland.

Among the many structures severely damaged was St. Michael's Church, a historical building and a central part of the island's community. The teams faced huge challenges, including impassable roads, washed-out bridges, extreme heat and humidity, unreliable cell service, and the pressing need to finish before Christmas 2023.

SOLUTION

UNIFYING COMMUNICATION AMONG STAKEHOLDERS

Alacrity Solutions led the project, using their experience to ensure everything was done efficiently and effectively. They secured FP Property Restoration as the contractor because of their skills, resourcefulness, and local knowledge. FP Property Restoration had to be creative, initially reaching the island by boat and then using a barge to bring in equipment until the bridge was fixed.

Clear and constant communication between Alacrity, FP Property Restoration, and Church Insurance of Vermont was crucial. FP Property Restoration gave daily updates within the Alacrity system to keep everyone informed and on the same page.

OUTCOME

OPEN BY CHRISTMAS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

Despite the tough conditions, including limited access and complex architectural issues, the team stayed focused on the community's needs. They worked tirelessly through the holidays to meet the deadline.

Their hard work paid off when St. Michael's Church reopened for Christmas services, providing a place of worship and gathering for the community.



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