# 2008 Georgia Tornados: Resource Guide

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## GA

### Volunteer Macon

Volunteer Camp · Open

Disaster Recovery/Rebuilding

195 Holt Avenue, Macon, GA 31201

**Phone** 478–742–6677
**Web** www.handsonmacon.org
**Hours** 9 am – 4:30 pm, M–F, EST
**Serves** Bibb County, GA
**Eligibility** Impacted by the May 2008 Mother's Day Tornado's
**Service** Temporary

Contact person: Gigi Rolfes, ED
Phone number: 478–742–6677
Best hours to call: 9 am – 4:30 pm, M–F, EST
Fax number: 478–742–0430
E–mail Address: volmacon@bellsouth.net
Is E–Mail address read daily? Yes
Website address, if any: www.handsonmacon.org

AREA SERVED: Bibb County, Ga.

Speciality: Recovery from Mother's Day Tornadoes (May 2008)

Description of volunteer needs: General cleanup, roofing, help with structural damage

Skills volunteers are required to have: Willingness to work outside

Useful Skills: Carpentry, electrical, roofing

Rural/Farm related volunteers needed: No

Tools or supplies volunteers should bring: Personal items such as bug spray, work shoes; personal tools if possible

Will volunteers need to bring any money or material, such as for housing:
Personal money for meals, etc.

Length of time volunteer can help: 1 day to longer

Size of volunteer team: Varies, any size wanted and needed

Are individual volunteers welcome? Yes

Age restriction, if any: 12–18 yeras old need adult supervision

Denomination/affiliation, if any: Ecumenical

If yes, must volunteer be a member: No

Any other restrictions: Ability to work in the Georgia heat and humidity

Housing provided for volunteers, if any: Possible, please call for details

Meals provided for volunteers, if any: Possible lunches

Any additional notes: Tornadoes impacted many low income residents and seniors. We need your help.

Approximate date the project started: May–13–2008
Estimated date the project will end: Mar–01–2009
Information Updated: Jul–16–2008

**Services offered:** Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers); Volunteers, Youth Volunteers (This facility accomodates Youth Volunteers)
**Campaigns:** 2008 Georgia Tornados; Hands On Network; United Way

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## FEMA DISASTER RECOVERY (DRC) Sites – INDEX

Walk–in Resource · Open

FEMA

Various, see notes, GA

**Phone** 800–621–FEMA (3362), TTY at 800–462–7585
**Web** www.fema.gov/news/event.fema?id=11388
**Serves** Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Stephens and Walker counties.
**Eligibility** Survivors of Declared Disasters
**Service** Temporary

10/16/09 from FEMA:

OPEN til End of Day on FRIDAY 10/23/09
Hours: M–Sat: 8 am to 7 pm, Sun: 1 pm to 7 pm

COUNTY, ADDRESS
Cobb, Threadmill Bldg, 5000 Austell Powder Springs Rd, Austell, GA 30106
Douglas (Mobile), Heritage Baptist Church, 800 Rose Ave, Douglasville, GA 30134
Gwinnett, Mount Park Depot, 5050 Five Forks Trickum Rd, Lilburn, GA 30047

CLOSED DRCs:
Cherokee, Cherokee County Parks & Rec (gymDouglas
Lithia Springs, 1st United Methodist
Paulding, Paulding County Community Center
Stephens(Mobile), Stephens County Rec and Senior Ctr
Carroll(Mobile), Greenway Medical Building
Chattooga (Mobile), Trion City School District
Walker, Walker County Agricultural Ctr
Rockdale, Government Annex 1400
Catoosa, Learning Center, Ringgold, GA
DeKalb, Browns Mill Recreation Center
Fulton, Fulton County Government Center, 141 Pryor Street SW, Atlanta, GA 30303
Fulton (Mobile) Sandy Springs City Hall
Fulton(Mobile), Welcome All Park, 4255 Will Lee Road, Atlanta, GA 30349

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10/10/09 from FEMA:

All OPEN til further notice
Hours: M–Sat: 8 am to 7 pm, Sun: 1 pm to 7 pm

COUNTY, ADDRESS
* Cobb, Threadmill Bldg, 5000 Austell Powder Springs Rd, Austell, GA 30106
* Cherokee Cherokee County Parks & Rec (gym), 7545 Main Street, Building 20m Woodstock, GA 30188
* Douglas, Lithia Springs 1st United Methodist, 3711 Temple Street, Lithia Springs, GA 30122
* Douglas (Mobile), Heritage Baptist Church, 800 Rose Ave, Douglasville, GA 30134
* Paulding, Paulding County Community Center, Industrial Way. Dallas, GA 30132
* Stephens(Mobile), Stephens County Rec and Senior Ctr, 199 Haley Dr, Toccoa, GA 30577
* Carroll(Mobile), Greenway Medical Building, 590 Hayes Mill Road, Carrollton, GA 30117
* Chattooga(Mobile), Trion City School District, 919 Allgood Street, Trion, GA 30753
* Walker, Walker County Agricultural Ctr, 10054 North Highway 27, Rock Spring, GA 30739
* Rockdale, Government Annex 1400, Parker Road, Conyers, GA 30012
* Catoosa, Learning Center, 36 Muskogee Trail, Ringgold, GA 30736
* Gwinnett, Mount Park Depot, 5050 Five Forks Trickum Rd, Lilburn, GA 30047
* DeKalb, Browns Mill Recreation Center, 5101 Browns Mill Road, Lithonia, GA 30058
* Fulton, Fulton County Government Center, 141 Pryor Street SW, Atlanta, GA 30303
* Fulton, Sandy Springs City Hall, 7840 Roswell Road, Bldg 500, Sandy Springs, GA 30350
* Fulton (Mobile), Welcome All Park, 4255 Will Lee Road, Atlanta, GA 30349

Apply For Disaster Assistance
It's Your First Step to Recovery

Release Date: September 29, 2009
Release Number: 1858–014

ATLANTA, Ga. –– Recent floods were very disruptive, creating challenges for flood survivors that will continue long after the initial cleanup. The first step to recovery is only a phone call or click away.

Register For Assistance

If you have insurance, you should contact your insurance agent first. Knowing the amount of coverage your policy provides will help FEMA assist with unmet and underinsured needs. Next, call the FEMA toll–free registration number 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 800–621–FEMA (3362), TTY at 800–462–7585 for the speech and hearing impaired or register online at www.disasterassistance.gov. Registration normally takes less than half an hour.

FEMA disaster assistance will not restore individuals and households to their pre–disaster condition. It helps get safe and sanitary housing and meet other critical needs so flood survivors begin their long–term recovery. If a loss is covered by another source, such as insurance, or is taken care of by a volunteer group, donation or gift, FEMA cannot pay for that cost again. Duplicate payments are prohibited by law.

FEMA DISASTER PROGRAMS

Temporary Housing – Rental assistance for two months for those whose homes are unlivable.

Repair – Homeowners may receive a grant for minimal home repairs and replacement of essential household items that are not covered by insurance to make damaged dwellings safe, sanitary and functional.

Other Needs Assistance (ONA) – applicants receive grants for necessary expenses and serious needs caused by the disaster. This includes medical, dental, funeral, personal property, transportation, vehicle repair or replacement, moving and storage, and other expenses that FEMA approves. The homeowner may need to apply for an SBA loan before receiving this grant.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Loan – After registering, many applicants, including homeowners, renters and businesses, will receive an SBA loan application in the mail. If you receive one, you are strongly urged to complete and return the application to keep the door open for other types of assistance. If a home loan is not appropriate, you may be referred to the state/FEMA Other Needs Assistance (ONA) grant program–but SBA must decline your loan application first. You are not obligated to take an SBA loan if approved, but if the loan is offered and refused, there is no referral to ONA.

FEMA assistance, also referred to as a grant, does not have to be repaid. SBA federal disaster loans used to repair or replace damaged or destroyed property are offered at low–interest rates to those who qualify.

Other Forms of Assistance

Disaster Unemployment Assistance –Workers in 17 counties may be eligible for Federal Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) to compensate for loss of income directly related to the September storms and flooding. Unlike state unemployment insurance, DUA provides benefits to self–employed business people, farmers, commission–paid employees, and others not typically covered by the state unemployment insurance program. People who think they may be eligible for benefits should call the Georgia Department of Labor toll–free customer service line at 877–709–8185 or visit www.dol.state.ga.us to be directed to the nearest career center.

Disaster Legal Services – People in those same counties may also qualify for free legal help for disaster–related issues such as landlord–tenant disputes, insurance claims, unemployment benefits, consumer law and housing law. The service is provided by the State Bar of Georgia Young Lawyers Division, the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, the Georgia Legal Services Program and FEMA.

Apply for legal services by calling, toll–free, 866–584–8027.

Crisis Counseling – Free crisis counseling is available to anyone suffering from anxiety, depression or stress from the flooding and storms. Individuals can call the Georgia Crisis Access Line at 800–715–4225 or the Georgia Suicide and Crisis Hotline at 800–784–2433. Both lines are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The counties under the disaster declaration for Individual Assistance are Bartow, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett, Heard, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Stephens and Walker.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

9/26/09 From GEMA Site:

The total number of counties designated under this disaster declaration now stands at 14. The list now includes: Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Stephens and Walker counties.

9/23:

Have public register at:

www.disasterassistance.gov
1–800–FEMA

source: FEMA
9/24: DRC Locations opened today by FEMA (courtesy of Ken Skalitzky):

* Cobb County
DRC #1
The Threadmill

5000 Austell/Powder Sprpings Rd, Suite 151
Austell, GA 30106

Opened: Friday, September 25, 2009, 8:00am - 7:00pm
Hours: 8:00am– 7:00pm, 7 days a week, until further notice

* Cherokee County
DRC #2
Cherokee City Parks &Rec Gym
7545 Main Street, Bldg 200
Woodstock, GA 30188

Opened: Friday, September 25, 2009, 12:00pm - 7:00pm
Hours: 8:00am– 7:00pm, 7 days a week, until further notice

per email from GAVOAD:

Giovanni Taylor–Peace
Habitat for Humanity Internationa
Secretary, GAVOAD
1–800–Habitat, ext. 3450

**Services offered:** Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to, File Disaster Disability Benefits; Assistance, How To, File Disaster Unemployment Claims; Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, How To, Replace Destroyed Documents; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Disaster Survivor Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Post Disaster Counseling; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Assistance; Financial Assistance, Unemployment Benefits for Disaster Survivors; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Post Disaster (For Rent/ Belongings/Home Repairs/Rebuilding, etc.); Services, Document Replacement for Disaster Survivors; Services, Food Stamps Applicant Outreach; Services: Legal Assistance for Disaster Survivors
**Campaigns:** 2008 Georgia Tornados; 2009 Georgia Storms; 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Government, FEMA, DRC (Disaster Recovery Center); Government, Small Business Administration (SBA)
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## Lutheran Disaster Response (LTRC) Long Term Recovery Committee/Meetings

Info/Hotline · Open

Georgia Tornado Relief Resource Directory
Address not available (yet), GA

**Web** www.lutheransonline.com/servlet/lo_ProcServ/dbpage=page&mode=display&gid=012860013610262663653560038
**Eligibility** Impacted by disaster
**Service** Temporary

This organization is committed to Long Term Recovery activity and will be hosting LTRC meetings for all groups interested in helping in the recovery. Suvivors that need help are encouraged to come to this group to find out who can serve them.

From the website:
http://www.lsga.org/Programs/disaster.htm

BOB TRIBBLE
btribble @ lsga . org
4439 Parkspring Terrace Norcross GA 30092
United States of America
Phone: 404–725–6328
Fax: 770/447–1581

If you wish to assist, please contact your local congregation or call LSG at 404–875–0201. Your support will be greatly appreciated by those in dire need of our help.

General e–mail: lsg @ lsga . org

Also see: http://www.atlantalutherans.net/

**Services offered:** Assistance, for non–profits (In General); Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, for Long Term Recovery Committee Administration/Training; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Disaster Rebuilding; Grants, Non–Profits Impacted by Disaster; Long Term Recovery Support; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee Advice; Management, Disaster Consultant; Management, Support, Disaster Response Coordination & Guidance; Management, Volunteer Coordination Services; Management, Volunteer Management Resources; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster Response;

Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Volunteer Training; Training Classes, Disaster Recovery; Training Classes, Disaster Response; Training Classes, Disaster Volunteer Management; Training Classes, Non–Profit Managers; Training Workshops, Disaster Ops, Disaster Rebuilding/Recovery Workshops; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
**Campaigns:** 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2007 Georgia/Alabama Tornado; 2008 Georgia Tornados; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2009 Georgia Storms; 2009 SouthEastern Wildfires; 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; 2011 Georgia Tornados; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; Lutheran Disaster Response; UMCOR Relief Network; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Aug 19, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1151

## Other locations

### Citizen Action Team, Database Operations

Info/Hotline · Open

Private Citizen Volunteers
Anytown

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| **Phone** | 978 266 2778 |
| **Web** | www.reliefdatabase.org |
| **Hours** | 8 AM–midnight, 7 days/week |
| **Checks payable to** | United Way of Tri–County, mail to Citizen Action Team, PO Box 2525, Acton, MA 01720 |
| **Service** | Permanent |

Call and help us expand the database, so it will be more useful to disaster relief workers, to help prepare for future disasters as well as to help with recovery from past disasters... Work from your home AND help the gulf!

All donations pay for fuel to ship donations to disaster zones.

**Services offered:** Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Directories, Directory of Contacts, Incident Command; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Directories, Directory of Services, Grants Info, Listings, News & Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Directory of Services, Worldwide; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories, New Orleans Volunteer Camps; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Online Database Resource, Needs/Avail Matching; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Directories, Recycling; Directories, Senior/Elder Services; Directories, Training Listings, News & Referrals; Disaster Relief System Development Guidance; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services; First Responder, Gulf Region; First Responder, Mid–Atlantic Region; First Responder, MidWest Region; First Responder, Mountain States; First Responder, NorthEast Region; First Responder, NorthWest Region; First Responder, SouthEast Region; First Responder, SouthWest Region; First Responder, West Coast Region; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Businesses; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Relief Workers; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Residents; Information Resource, Katrina Related; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Management, Supply Chain Management Advice; Management, Volunteer Coordinator & Management, Volunteer; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Registry, Wish List Registry, Online Registry; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Construction/Rebuild Focused; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Donations Coord Focused; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Volunteer Coord Focused; Supplies, Online Supplies; Support for "All" Disasters; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian; Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services; Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online; Warehouse, Local Disaster Relief Guidance
**Campaigns:** 2001 9–11; 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; 2005 Hurricane Wilma; 2007 California Wildfires; 2007 Fernley, Nevada Flood; 2007 Georgia/Alabama Tornado; 2007 Greensburg Kansas Tornado; 2007 Hurricane Dean; 2007 Hurricane Flossie; 2007 Midwest Floods; 2007 Pacific Northwest Flooding; 2007 South Mexico Floods; 2007 Tropical Cyclone Sidr; 2008 California Wildfires; 2008 Georgia Tornados; 2008 Hurricane Dolly; 2008 Hurricane Fay; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2008 Hurricane Hanna; 2008 Hurricane Ike; 2008 Hurricane Josephine; 2008 Marek/Sesnon/Sayre – California Wildfires; 2008 MidWest Floods; 2008 MidWest Tornado; 2008 Pacific Northwest Winter Snow Storm; 2009 American Samoa Tsunami; 2009 Australia Bushfires; 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire; 2009 Georgia Storms; 2009 Ice Storms; 2009 Indonesia–Asian Pacific Earthquakes/Storms; 2009 May Severe Storm & Tornado Support (KY/WV/MO); 2009 MidWest Floods; 2009 MidWest Floods Support (Closed/Standby); 2009 Pacific Northwest Flooding; 2009 SouthEastern Wildfires; 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; 2009 Station Wildfire; 2009 Tornadoes; 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 April, Mississippi Tornado; 2010 Arkansas Campground Flood; 2010 Baja, Mexico Earthquake; 2010 Chile Earthquake; 2010 Colorado, Fourmile Canyon Wildfire; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti Earthquake, Orphanages/Childrens Homes; 2010 Haiti, Hurricane Tomas; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2010 May Oklahoma/Kansas Tornado; 2010 Midwest Flooding, August; 2010 New England Flooding; 2010 Oil Spill Gulf of Mexico; 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2010 Pakistan – Humanitarian Support for Armed Conflict; 2010

Snow & Ice Storms; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Australia Floods; 2011 Brazil Floods; 2011 China Earthquake; 2011 East Africa Famine; 2011 Georgia Tornados; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Mississippi Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 New Zealand Earthquake; 2011 North Dakota Flood; 2011 Other Disasters; 2011 Philippines TS Sendong; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2011 Texas Wildfires; 2011 Tropical Storm Lee; 2012 Alabama Tornado; 2012 Colorado – High Park Wildfire; 2012 Colorado – Waldo Canyon Wildfire; 2012 Hurricane Isaac; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; 2012 (June) Minnesota – Floods; 2012 Oklahoma – Wildfires; 2012 Spring – Tornadoes; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Aidmatrix; American Rainbow Rapid Response; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Gifts in Kind; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Homelessness Relief Services; International Relief & Development (IRD); United Way; VOAD (this org is not a member, but is "affiliated"); YouthBuild

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