Mennonite Disaster Service: Resource Guide

Ongoing

Generated November 20, 2026 · 36 open facilities · closed facilities are not listed · call before you go: details change quickly

AL

New Victory Fellowship Church (MDS Camp)

Volunteer Camp · Open

807 8th Street Thomas, Birmingham, AL 35215

Phone (717) 682–3480
Web mds.mennonite.net/projects/birmingham–al
Service Temporary

e–mail Update for September 8, 2011

URGENT NEEDS
Short–term volunteers are needed in Sept. and Oct. in Birmingham, AL and Minot, ND.

Scheduling for Fall Projects is open.
We are now scheduling short–term groups for Birmingham, AL, New Orleans, LA, and Minot, ND, from Oct. - Dec.

If you are interested please call (800) 241–8111 in the US or (866) 261–1274 in Canada.

To volunteer, all short–term and all US volunteers call (800) 241–8111

UPDATES AT:
http://mds.mennonite.net/projects/

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
Disaster: 2011 Tornados
The MDS project in Birmingham is running at full capacity with 40 volunteers every week. Clean up of trees and debris will be the major focus for some weeks, then repair and rebuilding. The project is expected to be open all summer and into the fall.

URGENT NEEDS
Alabama – Short–term groups (one week stay) are needed for clean up work the week of June 12 and throughout the summer. Call Sarah at (800) 241–8111 or e–mail syoder@mds.mennonite.net to schedule.

PHIL CAMPBELL, ALABAMA: Storm Aid
Disaster: 2011 Tornados
MDS Storm Aid is staffing a project in Phil Campbell, AL. The work there is clean up and they may begin the rebuilding phase soon.

Contributions may be sent to:
USA: 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543 or
Can.: 6A–1325 Markham Rd, Winnipeg, MB R3T 4J6
Online: mds.mennonite.net/donate
Tel: USA (800) 241–8111 Can. (866)261–1274

Remember the variety of ways you can give to MDS - volunteer your time, give money through cash donations, planned gifts, bequests and traded securities. Call our office to learn more details.

FACEBOOK –
https://www.facebook.com/MennoniteDisasterService

SEE ALSO –
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8092

Services offered: Cleanup, Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, Tree Cutting and Removal, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, * Volunteer Services (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Volunteer Housing (FREE); Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities
Campaigns: 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; Mennonite Disaster Service
Updated Sep 9, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8441

Mennonite Disaster Services Alabama (MDS)

Info/Hotline · Open

AL

Web www.mds.mennonite.net
Service Temporary

FROM THE SITE:

MDS volunteers begin response in Alabama

A team of 13 MDS volunteers left Lancaster County Sunday evening for a week of clean up and repair in tornado devastated Alabama. The volunteers are part of the MDS Lancaster Unit Early Response Team (ERT). The ERT members are trained to work in disaster stricken areas. ERT members clean up and remove debris and make temporary repairs to help prepare the way for long–term repair and rebuilding. They take their own tools, food and water.

MDS Disaster Response Coordinator, Jerry Klassen, and Region II Director, Leonard Kennell arrived in the area one day after the tornado left a path of destruction one mile wide and 19 miles long. Working with the MDS Alabama Unit and local leaders, they are determining where MDS volunteers are needed the most.

“This is huge, this is absolutely overwhelming. I am seeing stretches of leveled houses for miles,” reported Klassen after touring the area. “It is hard to develop language for what I am seeing. This situation will be difficult to exaggerate.”

Two other MDS volunteers traveled to Alabama, each bringing their own heavy equipment along to assist with the clean up. Jim Eicher, Berne, IN, arrived in Alabama 48 hours after the storm hit. Roger Claassen, Plymouth, NE, is also in Alabama, along with his wife Bev, who is helping to coordinate the jobs. Properties are being cleared of debris so repairs can be started.

This is not the first time MDS has been in this part of Alabama. Volunteers worked in Pratt City in 1998 after storms damaged the area.

At this time MDS is only sending in trained teams. Once the debris is removed, groups of volunteers will follow to rebuild. “This will be a long–term project,” explained Klassen.

MDS volunteers have worked in many tornado damaged communities. In 2007, an EF5 tornado flattened the town of Greensburg, KS. MDS worked in the community for over a year restoring homes and lives. Klassen compared it to the Alabama damage, “This situation is multiple Greensburgs.”

MDS volunteers are not paid, but MDS does provide food, lodging, tools and support for them. Donations can be made on this website by clicking on the DONATE button, or by sending a check to MDS. Label the check "2011 Spring Storms". Mail to MDS, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA or in Canada, MDS, 6A–1325 Markham Rd., Winnipeg, MB, R3T 4J6 CANADA.

MDS responds to storm damage in many locations

“Damage from storms and tornados in the last two days is being called catastrophic” reports Kevin King, MDS Executive Director. News reports of the tornado that hit Tuscaloosa, AL tell of a path of devastation a mile wide and 19 miles long.

Leonard Kennell, Region II Director, and Jerry Klassen, Disaster Response Coordinator, are in the Tuscaloosa area. They are working with the MDS Alabama Unit, local Mennonite pastors and local authorities to determine where and when volunteers can respond. Trained Early Response Teams (ERT) have been put on standby and will be sent out as the needs are assessed. An ERT team from Indiana is on the way to Alabama.

These last few days of storms follow two weeks of storms and tornados across the country. Damage has been reported in many states. Local MDS Regions and Units have begun clean up and rebuilding efforts in many areas. Clean up projects are taking place in Colerain, NC, Tushka, OK, Arkansas and other communities.

As volunteer needs and details of the MD

Report on blog–
http://www.mercy–church.org/wordpress/?p=609

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SEE also Volunteer Camp at:
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8441

Services offered: Cleanup, Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, Disaster Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Disaster Damage Assessments for Disaster Managers; Donations, Disaster Fund; Heavy Machinery, Skid Steer Loader; Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Tools * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2012 Alabama Tornado; Mennonite Disaster Service; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
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AS

VOAD – American Samoa VOAD (VOASD)

Info/Hotline · Open

LTRC, VOAD
Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa (CCCAS) compound at Kanana Fou., Kanana Fou, AS

Phone	684–699–9809
Web	www.asvoad.org
Serves	American Samoa

Eligibility Impacted by the AS Tsunami
Checks payable to ASVOAD
Service Temporary

In collaboration with other community agencies on the ground, ASVOAD volunteers have been engaged in disaster response and relief since the incident occurrence. The soon shift will give concentration to recovery.

For those persons needing assistance, or have any queries with references to the services that have been made available for our community, please CALL our ASVOAD office for more details --- (684) 699-9809.

SOURCE: Samoanews.com

Press Release December 2009
What is ASVOAD and why is it important to know about them?

After a period of inactivity, the local American Samoa Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (ASVOAD) reconstituted immediately to foster necessary services to the people affected by the tsunami-earthquake disaster of 29 September. ASVOAD began to bring in new members and opened invitations to faith-based, voluntary, and non-profit organizations to spearhead relief and recovery efforts.

The Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa (CCCAS) has established and donated administrative support for ASVOAD, providing workspace and telephone lines. The CCCAS has made available the grounds, staff, and resources of the Church to accommodate the needs of the ASVOAD. The ASVOAD meetings are generally held at the CCCAS compound which also houses the multi-agency donation warehouse (MADW) and facilitates collection, sorting and distribution of in-kind donations.

Reverend Samuelu T. Tialavea, Jr., General Secretary of the CCCAS currently serves as ASVOAD's Chairman. The remaining executive officers are Vice Chair, Mr. Jim Mahoney, President, Rotary Club of Pago Pago, American Samoa; Secretary, Mrs. Faaalu Faletoese Iuli, Executive Director, American Samoa Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence; and Treasurer, Dr. Falema'o "Phil" Pili, American Samoa Community College's Chief Financial Officer.

Other volunteer staffing supporting the executive board are: National VOAD (NVOAD) Point of Contact, Mrs. Evelyn Sa'o-Stevens from the Pualele Foundation; Public Information Officer, Pastor Vickie Haleck, Founder & Executive Director, Teen Challenge; the Territorial Voluntary Agency Liaison (TVAL) & Donations Coordination Team Chair, Mrs. Easter Asi-Bruce, Program Manager, American Samoa Disaster Relief and Recovery Program; and the FEMA VAL, Mr. Charles Craig.

The unique partnerships of ASVOAD and NVOAD enables the leveraging of resources providing the capability to implement the Long Term Recovery Plan (LTRP). The italicized text in the following paragraphs are snapshots from the recently published LTRP detailing ASVOAD activities that have already been accomplished.

The Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) and the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC) established a strong working relationship with the CCCAS to begin the groundwork for long-term recovery efforts. The MDS has secured housing quarters at one of the CCCAS housing units.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) responded opening their church halls as shelters. LDS members transported evacuees to nearby shelters, delivered food and water, as well as securing durable medical equipment. The LDS brought in 15 wheelchairs, 20 crutches, and 2 walkers.

FEMA supported ASG by providing a short term housing kit consisting of a two-person tent (Yurt), with a liquid fuel two burner stove, fuel container and fuel lantern and flashlights. 1200 tents were distributed to 657 families. American Red Cross (ARC) also complemented this with a cooler that contained comfort kits, work gloves, hammer and flash lights along with cots. Off-island groups distributed lots of food and supplies.

World Vision, with the Alofa Tunoa Ministries has been in the villages with donations of food, water and personal care packages. The Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief provided purified water at the disaster sites to families with 5-gallon water bottles; they bought the islands entire stock.

The ARC, through the national organization, brought 87 volunteers in from their Disaster Services Human Resource (DSHR) system. ARC also had Americorps volunteers' plus 273 local volunteers. ARC distributed tuna, powdered milk, crackers, spam, sugar, flour, potatoes, onions, rice, 446 cases of dry ramen noodles, 8,721 cases of water and 99,490 snacks. Additionally, ARC strategically distributed by implementing the "Hot Shot" approach, 2,205 blue tarps, 548 sleeping mats, 12,500 trash bags, 443 empty 50-quart coolers and 120 pallets of bulk supplies from Hawaii. ARC was able to serve 65, 288 persons through its bulk distribution efforts.

Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) also brought in volunteers to support the on-island affiliate Catholic Social Services (CSS). CCUSA also gave $10,000 to CSS.

Save the Children (STC) also distributed 270 kits of school supplies in addition to setting up Child Friendly Spaces at several locations including the DRC.

Tzu Chi Foundation (TCF) distributed debit cards to families identified by ASG. TCF provided $89,400 to 481 families. In-kind donations to various local agencies and to ASG, including food and clothes have also been distributed.

Convoy of Hope and Hands On Disaster Relief groups were on the ground assisting in the relief efforts and bridging relations with ASVOAD to help with recovery initiatives.

Feed the Children one 40–foot container and one 20–foot container, containing 672 mid–weight sleeping bags, 504 duffle bags, 2,304 four–person Coleman dome tents w/carry bag and 5,760 flashlights w/o batteries.

Five Community Resource Sites (CRS) were established in the harder hit villages by ASVOAD through coordination by CCUSA and served as points of distribution for in–kind goods to all villages. The CRS were opened for five days when first launched.

To recap, what is ASVOAD? In a nutshell, ASVOAD is comprised of a diverse and talented mix of experienced, humanitarian, compassionate Samoans anxious to help our island heal by helping to rebuild homes and lives. Why is it important to know about them? The composition of their organization, partnership with American Samoa Disaster Relief & Recovery Program and the national resources at their fingertips gives them the most strategic advance in quality expedition of implementing recovery efforts as outlined in the recently published LTRP.

The Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC) recently formed as well as sub–committees to begin rebuilding homes and lives for our disaster survivors. Look for follow on articles pertaining to the recent creation of the LTRC and sub–committees.

For more information please visit them online: http://www.asvoad.org or contact them at 699–9809.

FROM THE VOAD SITE:

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AS VOAD looking for wheelchairs and crutches

The American Samoa Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster is appealing to any families with wheelchairs, bedpans and crutches that are not being used, to please donate them for tsunami victims.

Pastor Vickie Haleck, the public relations Officer for VOAD says many individual who were injured in the tsunami are in need of these equipment.

She says the organization has been able to provide for some victims but there’s still a waiting list. Today the AS VOAD is receiving 15 wheelchairs and crutches donated from Samoa. Haleck says these were arranged by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints.

Pasor Haleck thanked the LDS church and the people of Samoa who donated the equipment even though they were also affected by the tsunami.

She said they have already lined up people to receive the wheelchairs and crutches from Samoa and they still need more. If you’re able to help please call VOASD at 699–9809 and 254–0554

Services offered: Case Management, Long–Term Case Management; Case Management, LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Post Disaster Counseling; Counseling, Spiritual; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Donations, Disaster Fund
Campaigns: 2009 American Samoa Tsunami; Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; AmeriCorps; Catholic Charities USA; Convoy of Hope; CWS ~ Church World Service; Feed The Children; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, Small Business Administration (SBA); Hands On Disaster Response; LDS ~ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–day Saints; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; Lutheran Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Save The Children; Southern Baptist Conference Disaster Relief; Tzu Chi Foundation; UCC ~ United Church of Christ; United Way; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services; World Vision
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AZ

VOAD (Arizona) AzVOAD

Info/Hotline · Open

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Phone 602–468–3818 General Information
Web www.azvoad.org
Service Temporary

Regional info – (SEE LINK for contacts)
http://www.azvoad.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=94&Itemid=158

PINAL VOAD is the PINAL County Arizona chapter of NVOAD (National VOAD)
Pinal County United Way

YUMA/LA PAZ VOAD is the YUMA/LA PAZ County Arizona chapter of NVOAD (National VOAD)
Yuma/LaPaz Red Cross

YAVAPAI VOAD is the YAVAPAI County Arizona chapter of NVOAD (National VOAD)
Yavapai Emergency Mgt

NORTHEAST VOAD Apache and Cochise Counties) is the Arizona chapter of NVOAD (National VOAD)
The Salvation Army White Mountain

COCONINO VOAD is the Coconion County Arizona chapter of NVOAD (National VOAD)
Christ's Church of Flagstaff

MOHAVE VOAD is the Mohave County Arizona chapter of NVOAD (National VOAD)
United Way

Arizona Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
Jim Puza | Chairman | Phone: 602.267.4174
2011 – Arizona Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Long Term Recovery Support; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: American Red Cross; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Catholic Charities Community Services; Christian Emergency Network (CEN); Church of the Brethren Disaster Response; Ecumenical Ministries; Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest; Mennonite Disaster Service; Oregon Service Hotline; Rotary Club (Local Civic Group); Salvation Army; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Tzu Chi Foundation; UMCOR Relief Network; United Way; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services
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CO

VOAD – Colorado Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (COVOAD)

Info/Hotline · Open

VOAD (State Level)
CO
Phone 303–935–7389 – Adventist Community Services
Web www.coloradovoad.org
Service Temporary

Members

Adventist Community Services Disaster Response (ACRDS) – ACS Disaster Response is a voluntary service provided by Adventist Community Services to assist individuals, families and communities victimized by natural disasters and unforeseen tragedies.

Amateur Radio Emergency Services
American Humane Association
American Red Cross
Catholic Charities of Denver
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Church of the Brethren Disaster Services

Church World Service – Around the world, Church World Service supports sustainable grassroots development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance, and we educate and advocate on hunger–related issues. In the U.S., we help communities respond to disasters, resettle refugees, promote fair national and international policies, and provide educational resources.

Colorado Association of Food Banks
Colorado Friendship
Colorado Emergency Managers
Cooperative Disaster Child Care
Food Bank of the Rockies
Goodwill Industries – Denver
Jewish Family Service
Life Bridge Church – Longmont

Lutheran Disaster Response
Lutheran Family Services of Colorado
Mennonite Disaster Services
Mental Health Association of Colorado
Metro Volunteers
Mile High United Way
Nazarene Disaster Response (Colorado)
Points of Light Foundation
State Victim Assistance and Law Enforcement (State VALE) Grant Program
The Salvation Army Intermountain Region
The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
State Animal Response Team
United Methodist Committee on Relief UMCOR

Go to http://www.coloradovoad.org/members.html for links to sites listed above.

Services offered: Documentation, Disaster Planning; First Responder, Mountain States; Training Classes, Disaster * (Any & All Types)
Campaigns: 2010 Colorado, Fourmile Canyon Wildfire; 2012 Colorado – High Park Wildfire; Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Catholic Charities; Church of the Brethren Disaster Response; CWS ~ Church World Service; Goodwill; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency) State; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Jewish Family Service; LDS ~ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–day Saints; Lutheran Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Points of Light Foundation; Salvation Army; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; UMCOR Relief Network; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services
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DE

VOAD – DEVOAD (DELAWARE)

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web dema.delaware.gov/information/devoad.shtml
Service Temporary

DONATIONS:

The State of Delaware has partnered with the AidMatrix Foundation, Inc. to accept financial support, product donations or to volunteer your skills and time to nonprofit organizations. For more information on the Aidmatrix Foundation, Inc., please click the following link:

http://www.aidmatrix.org/

http://dema.delaware.gov/brochures/DEVOADBrochure.pdf

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DEVOAD Member Organizations:

DEMA
FEMA Region III
Christiana Care Medical Reserve Corps
American Red Cross
Salvation Army
Delaware Dept of Health and Social Services
Sussex County Office of Emergency Mgmt
Kent County Office of Emergency Mgmt
New Castle County OEM
Delaware Citizen Corps Council
St. Vincent DePaul Society

Mercy Medical Airlift
Mennonite Disaster Services
Adventist Community Services
Delaware National Guard
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Peninsula–Delaware Conference of the UMC
Delaware Baptist Association
State Office of Volunteerism
St. Marks United Methodist Church
Asbury United Methodist Church

(This is not a complete list. New agencies join frequently)

Services offered: Services, Disaster Response, Recovery, Preparedness & Mitigation
Campaigns: 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; Aidmatrix; American Red Cross; Citizen Corps; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency), County; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, US Military, National Guard; LDS ~ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–day Saints; Mennonite Disaster Service; Mercy Medical Airlift; Salvation Army; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
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GA

VOAD, GA HQ

Info/Hotline · Open

Coalition of Voluntary Orgs
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Bob Tribble has scheduled a meeting in Americus with the Faith Based Community to start the process of forming a Long Term Recovery Committee. See First Methodist Church, Americus, for details.

GAVOAD: Partnership Before, During, and After Disaster

Terra reports on the VOAD status meeting of 3/3/07: The meeting went REALLY well. All bases covered.

Services offered: Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2007 Georgia/Alabama Tornado; 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Regional/County; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Habitat For Humanity; Humane Society of the United States, The; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; UMCOR Relief Network; United Way; 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); World Vision
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IA

VOAD, Iowa

Info/Hotline · Open

Non–Profit, Disaster Relief Coordination
3167 WW Avenue, Wellman, IA 52356
Phone cell 319–936–3151 or cell: 717 682–5792
Service Temporary

Iowa VOAD:

Wilbur Litwiller
Field Consultant
Mennonite Disaster Service
3167 WW Avenue
Wellman, IA 52356
Organizational Affiliation: Mennonite Disaster Service
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Cell Phone: 319–936–3151

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Christian Reformed World Relief Committee

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Catholic Charities

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Dee Smith
Kansas VOAD– State Rep
Salvation Army

Director:
Mickey Caison
NAMB/Southern Baptist Convention

Director:
Todd Hawks
The Salvation Army

Director:
Thomas Hazelwood
United Methodist Committee on Relief

Director:
Wilbur Litwiller
Iowa VOAD – State Rep
Mennonite Disaster Service

Director:
Gregg O'Ryon
American Red Cross

Director:
Jane Prinz
VA VOAD – State Rep
American Red Cross

Director:
Fred Smith
Operation Hope, Hope Coalition America

Director:
Donna Thurmond
Volunteers of America

Ben Curran (non–voting):
Federal Emergency Management Agency

Diana Rothe–Smith (non–voting):
National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Services offered: Services, Disaster Recovery
Campaigns: 2008 MidWest Floods; 2008 MidWest Tornado; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Catholic Charities; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Mennonite Disaster Service; Operation Hope, Hope Coalition America; Salvation Army; Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief; UMCOR Relief Network; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); Volunteers of America; World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services
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IN

Hope Crisis Response Network

Info/Hotline · Open

Faith–Based Non–Profit Disaster Recovery
1127 Miles Avenue, Elkhart, IN

Phone	1 (866) 909–4673 or 574–522–2547
Web	www.hcrn.info
Serves	South Central Indiana
Eligibility	Impacted by the 6/08 MidWest Floods
Checks payable to	HCRN
Service	Temporary

FROM THE WEBSITE:

6/11/08:
Thousands of Indiana families are facing devastating loss today as flood waters and tornadoes have swept across the state over the last week. Your help in volunteering is needed now. Volunteer crews are beginning work today to help salvage possessions, clean out homes and help flood victims. You can volunteer in counties across south central Indiana. Volunteers and heavy equipment are needed for Friday and Saturday especially. Teams will be working for the next several weeks.

You can also help fill food and supply pantries. Donations of pantry supplies and cleaning products are needed.

You can also donate to HCRN to help us as our staff works with state officials and other volunteer organizations to bring help, hope and healing during this very difficult time.

Donations can be made on–line via credit card or mailed directly to our offices.

HCRN
P.O. Box 2123
Elkhart, IN 46515

See also, this organization's facility in Greensburg Kansas.

HCRN – HQ:
P.O. Box 2123
Elkhart, IN 46515

Hope Crisis Response Network – HCRN is a not–for–profit 501c3 organization located in Northern Indiana. The mission of HCRN during times of disaster is to: 1) coordinate and deploy volunteers, resources, and financial assistance to the affected areas; 2) serve as advocates to help victims obtain assistance from appropriate agencies and organizations; and 3) assist in devising and implementing post–disaster long term recovery plans for local communities.

Volunteers are the most valuable and vital resource for any recovery. It is not only our responsibility to provide well–trained volunteers but to equip them with the tools they need to do the job. The secret to having motivated volunteers is to be well prepared and take good care of them. We work within the community to make sure that each of our projects is well planned and managed in a safe and friendly working environment.

When a disaster is declared, HCRN is called upon to provide assistance in all four stages of a disaster:

Stage One– The Emergency
or the 1st Responder

Medical
Security
Food for distribution
Coordinating effective donations
Coordinating volunteer response
Establishing local partnerships

Stage Two– The Relief

Food distribution
Debris clean up
Roof tarping
Home repairs
Medical clinics
Advocacy

Stage Three– The Recovery

Advocacy
Long Term Recovery Committee
Rebuilds

Stage Four– Hazard Mitigation
Community Education

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Disaster Survivors; Cleanup, Disaster Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, Mud–Out, Muck–Out, Flood Cleanup, Volunteer Services; Management, Volunteer Coordination Services; Management, Volunteer Placement; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Response; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Elder/Senior Volunteers (This facility accomodates Elder Volunteers); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteer Work Orders/Projects (provided by this facility)
Campaigns: 2008 MidWest Floods; 2008 MidWest Tornado; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Feed The Children; Mennonite Disaster Service; Salvation Army; UMCOR Relief Network; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services
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VOAD – INVOAD – Indiana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Info/Hotline · Open

VOAD (State Level)
615 West State Street Rm 211, West Lafayette, IN 47907
Phone 765–494–8410
Web www.invoad.com
Service Temporary

For Member Information:

http://www.invoad.com/members.php

http://www.invoad.com/coad.php

Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COADs) bring volunteers together from across the community to increase communication and coordination to reduce the impact of disasters. Anyone interested in setting up a COAD in Indiana is encouraged to contact:

Steve Cain
EDEN Homeland Security Project Director
INVOAD President
Purdue University
Department of Ag Communications
615 West State Street Rm 211
West Lafayette, IN 47907
ph: 765–494–8410 / fax: 765–496–1117
Cell: 765–427–8881
email: cain@purdue.edu

Bringing Construction to the Table
http://www.nvoad.org/Portals/0/Bringing%20Construction%20to%20the%20Table.ppt

Counties with Active Long–Term Recovery Committees
http://www.invoad.com/ltrccounties.php
(SOME have websites)

Services offered: Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC), Unmet Needs Committee Meetings; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee Advice; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Catholic Charities; Church of the Brethren Disaster Response; CWS ~ Church World Service; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Humane Society of the United States, The; Lion's Club; Lutheran Disaster Response; Medical Reserve Corps; Mennonite Disaster Service; Salvation Army; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief; UCC ~ United Church of Christ; United Methodist Disaster Response; United Way; 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); World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services
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KS

Kiowa County, Kansas (Resources/Contacts/Updates)

Info/Hotline · Open

County
Greensburg, KS
Web www.kiowacounty.us

UPDATE 5/17/07:

Per a contact at the Church of Christ in Mullinville, KS Tyson Chicken pulled out this week and left their food prep white tent. I don't know if anyone is going to claim it.

Red Cross at the Grammer School in Mullinville is getting ready to pull out of the Gymnasium. Church of Christ in Mullinville, KS will take over the Gym to use for storage and volunteer housing purposes.

Leslie Teltoe

Kiowa County/Greensburg Public Information Update
As of 5/17/07, 9 a.m.

(This information is being transmitted to Greensburg area residents on 1610 AM information)

CONTRACTORS MUST REGISTER: at Greensburg City Hall located at the Southeast corner of the courthouse between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. No contract work will be performed without registration and/or license. Contractors are responsible to hauling the debris from the jobsite.

DEBRIS REMOVAL: Residents are responsible for removal of debris from their property. Government haulers will not remove debris from private property. Debris also should not be placed on or near utilities. Call Greensburg City Hall if you have questions related to debris removal at 620–723–2751. Residents can also call the United Way at 211 if you need assistance in cleaning up your property or removing debris.

JOBS AVAILABLE: FEMA is hiring locally for the Greensburg recovery operations. Currently only Greensburg residents are being considered. However, applications are being accepted from all who wish to apply. Call 770–216–3156 or 417–234–3798. You can also visit Jim Tumser at the Haviland Disaster Recovery Center at Barclay College.

WATER SERVICE RESUMING SOON: Officials will be turning on and testing the water lines North of Florida Street today.

Do NOT drink, shower or bathe with the water until officials announce that it is safe to drink.

Contact City Hall at 620–723–2751 to report leaks

In order to speed up the process of getting potable water restored please do not pile debris on top of water meters
FARM FIELD DEBRIS: Those needing their farm fields cleared of debris should call 314–313–4779 or visit the Volunteer Reception Center at Davis Park.

PROGRESS REPORT:

1,600 loads of debris were taken to the landfill today bringing the total to nearly 8,300

The EMEDS hospital opened today. It is located on US 54 across from the John
Deere dealership

Firefighters are making temporary street signs

Electrical power is being restored as quickly as possible

Volunteer Reception Center has processed over 1,215 volunteers who have worked 8,600 hours

There will be increased police patrols in Haviland and Mullinville
Offices for county government are being installed on the west side of the courthouse

PLACARDS REQUIRED IN VEHICLES: Police will be issuing placards that are required to be visible in the windshield for all citizen, volunteer and contractor vehicles. All vehicles must stop and check–in with police at checkpoints to be issued a placard.

SAFETY UPDATE:

Curfew remains in effect from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

You must obey all traffic laws. Law enforcement officers will be strictly enforcing speed limit and other violations.
Be cautious of downed power lines, and treat them as if they were live.

When parking on the roadway, leave room for emergency vehicles and large military vehicles.

While working take frequent breaks in shaded areas and drink plenty of water.

If you feel dizzy, nauseated or experience vomiting you may have heat exhaustion and should seek immediate medical attention.

Due to a lack of shelter in Greensburg, all residents will be asked to evacuate the town to seek shelter if hazardous weather approaches.

Burning is prohibited in the City of Greensburg and highly discouraged in rural areas during times of high winds.

If you witness any arcing power lines, immediately dial 911 or contact the nearest emergency worker

If you find an item that may be dangerous, leave it where it is and notify the nearest law enforcement officer.
Do not enter any building that appears unsafe

Those working in dusty conditions must wear respiratory protection. These masks are available at the Kiowa County Health Department
AVAILABLE FUEL: The fuel point in Greensburg off US 54 is for first responders only. Fuel at this location is not available for any other use.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Greensburg Graduation will be held Saturday May, 19 at 10:30 a.m. for 8th Graders and 11:00 a.m. for seniors at the Golf Course. For more information call the Greensburg School District at 620–675–8836 or e–mail Greensburg@swprsc.org

There will be a funeral service for Harold Schmidt Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the Haviland Friends Church followed by a burial at Fairview Cemetery in Greensburg.

Attorney General Paul Morrison will be visiting Greensburg today. He will hold a press conference to address potential scams and price gouging.

Kiowa County Commission will be meeting every Monday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the Mullinville High School.
Haviland schools will be hosting a “fun day” for Kiowa County students and staff May 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Haviland High School football field.

There will be free fencing and fence posts available for those that sustained damage to these items due to the storm Friday at 7:30 a.m. at Pratt Livestock

There are several items of livestock food available for free. If you are interested call 620–723–2897.

All residents that were being housed at the Mullinville shelter have relocated to the shelter in Buckland.

VEHICLE REMOVAL: Damaged or destroyed vehicles in Greensburg that were tagged are being moved to the south landfill.

Owners are NOT responsible for the tow fee to the landfill.
Owners need to coordinate with their insurance company for removal of vehicle from the landfill.

To inquire about a vehicle that was moved call law enforcement command at 785–243–0852.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Separate hazardous materials and white goods from debris and leave at the curb for removal. This includes appliances, air conditioners, batteries, paint, pesticides, aerosol cans, propane and compressed gas cylinders. These items will be removed by the EPA.

HAZARDOUS SPILLS: Call 911 if you encounter a hazardous spill or leak. If containers are damaged or leaking, do not handle. You can also contact the EPA Spill Line at 913–281–0991.

WASTE FOOD: Place waste food items in trash bags and leave at the curb. Garbage trucks will be picking up and removing this waste.

GARBAGE BAGS: Garbage bags for putting waste food in for pick–up are available at the Convoy of Hope, the Scientology tent and the Salvation Army on the east side of the County Courthouse.

MENTAL HEALTH: To reach a mental health professional call 785–313–6359

INSURANCE COMPLAINTS: To file a complaint against a private insurance company with the Kansas Insurance Commissioner call 1–800–432–2484.

CHILD SAFETY SEATS: Contact the Kiowa County Health Department for Child Safety Seats at 620–338–4544.

KIOWA COUNTY OFFICES: are set up at Mullinville High School from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

GREENSBURG CITY OFFICES: Are located in trailers southeast of the County Courthouse. They will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

STRAY ANIMALS: To report a stray or dead animal or to inquire about a missing pet, call 620–723–2897. All found animals will be at the Pratt County Humane Society, where they will be held for 30 days. For animal boarding needs call 620–672–6777.

VOLUNTEERS: Individuals to volunteer must call 211 (in state) or 1–888–413–4327 (out of state) prior to arrival. Ameri Corp is organizing groups wishing to volunteer. Group leaders must call 314–313–4779.

LOST GUNS: The gun trailer at the KDOT building in Greensburg will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Individuals wanting to claim firearms should bring a photo ID, address information and description of the firearm. Serial numbers are preferred and criminal histories will be run on all persons claiming firearms.

LOST AND FOUND: Lost and found items can be turned in and picked up at the Temporary City Hall located southeast of the Kiowa County Courthouse.

AIRSPACE OVER GREENSBURG: is restricted to official aircraft only. Please report unauthorized aircraft to the nearest law enforcement officer and obtain the tail number if possible.

GREENSBURG MAIL: All Greensburg mail is being forwarded to the Pratt Post Office. Residents and businesses in Greensburg may register for a free post office box at the Pratt Post Office.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE: If you have been affected by the disaster in any way, call 1–800–621–FEMA and visit the Disaster Recovery Center known as “the one stop shop,” set up at Barclay College in Haviland. Visit the center or call 620–862–7750 for assistance from: The Kansas Department of Revenue, Department of Health and Environment, SRS, Department of Labor, Veterans Administration, SBA, FEMA, Salvation Army and Red Cross.

Please note: You do not have to wait for insurance payments before contacting these agencies or visiting the center.

Examples of assistance available:

Free legal assistance
Tax Credits
Food Stamps
Cash Assistance

Crisis Counseling
Disaster Unemployment
Drivers' licenses and vehicle registration
Copies of vital documents such as birth or marriage certificates
A Salvation Army Store

FEMA ASSISTANCE: To register for FEMA assistance call 1–800–621–FEMA or go online to www.fema.gov, or apply in person at the FEMA trailer by the Kiowa County Courthouse in Greensburg. Edwards, Pratt and Stafford counties are approved for individual assistance. These counties' residents may use the Disaster Recovery Center located in Haviland.

HOUSING OFFERED BY USDA: Individuals interested in learning more about the USDA Rural Development's Housing program should contact 785–628–3081 or 1–800–338–5546.

SBA DISASTER ASSISTANCE: Offers low–interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses and private non–profit organizations. Call 1–800–659–2955.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS: Will be providing transportation to and from the VA Medical Center in Wichita for those needing prescription refills or medical care. Disaster recovery relief for disabled veterans is also available. For more information call 316–688–6722.

CLOTHING AND PERSONAL ITEMS: Are available at the Mullinville and Haviland United Methodist Churches between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

FREE PHONES: AT&T has set up free phones on the west side of the courthouse for residents and responders to use.

Housing assistance:
USDA Rural Development will offer housing to eligible Kansans impacted by the tornado. The housing assistance, subject to availability, will utilize USDA–financed rental housing facilities in rural communities across Kansas. Maximum income limits in Kiowa County for a family of two range from $37,400 to $38,900 and for a family of four from $45,350 to $47,250. Call the Hays office at 785–628–3081, the Iola office at 620–365–2901 or the Manhattan office at 785–776–7582.

Peoples Bank customers:
Greensburg customers can contact The Peoples Bank in Pratt at: 620–672–5611, 1–800–362–2625 or on the internet at: BelleBank.com.

Telephone service:
AT&T has made arrangements for Greensburg storm victims to receive call forwarding at no charge. Request by calling 1–800–464–7928. Eight public phones have been installed west of the courthouse where anyone can make local or long distance calls in the United States without charge.

Newspaper:
The Kiowa County Signal will be published from the:

Pratt Tribune Office
320 South Main

E–mail should go to: editor@kiowacountysignal.com

Postal mail can be sent to:

The Pratt Tribune,
P.O. Box 909
Pratt, KS 67124

GREENSBURG. KS CITY CONTACTS:

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CITY ADMINISTRATOR: Steve Hewitt
239 So. Main
Greensburg, KS 67054
(620) 723–2751

SHERRIFF: Galen Marble
UNDERSHERRIFF: Thomas Burns
200 E. Wisconsin

Greensburg, Kansas
(620) 723–2182

HAVILAND CITY OFFICES:

City Hall
109 N. Main
Haviland, KS
(620(862–5317

Community Room
Haviland, KS
(620) 862–5317

Public Housing:
College Hill Apartments
300 E. Elm
Haviland, KS
(620) 862–5600

SHELTERS/RED CROSS/KIOWA COUNTY, KS:

Greensburg originally set up a shelter at Barclay College, but it became so crowded they have been moving those people to a shelter at Haviland High School.

The Macksville shelter set up at St. John Oddfellow Lodge at 700 West 1st St. has been closed due to lack of residents. Those rescue efforts have been moved to Haviland to help with the shelter there.

Another shelter has been set up at the Mullinville High School in Mullinville.

Red Cross Command Center/Shelter:
Haviland High School
300 North Topeka
Haviland, KS 67059
Gymnasium: (620) 862–9890

Red Cross Shelter
Barclay College
607 No. Kingman
Haviland, KS 67059
(620) 862–5252 / 1–800–862–0226
NOTES: Per Lois/Haviland Friends Church was sheltering 10 people on 5/5/07 – Became too crowded so people were moved to Haviland High School

Red Cross Shelter
Haviland Friends Church
205 N Kingman
Haviland, KS 67059
(620) 862–5258
Contacts: Lois (Also works at Barclay College)
Pastor: Everett Jantz (Karen)
NOTES: On 5/5/07 was sheltering 29 people (see their facility record)

21st Century Learning Academy Charter High
200 S. Main
Mullinville, KS 67109
(620) 548–2289

RED CROSS CHAPTERS/KIOWA COUNTY, KS:

American Red Cross
Cannonball Trail Chapter
114 N Main, Suite B
Pratt, KS 67124
E–mail: ctarc@redcross.kscoxmail.com
(620) 672–3651

FIRE DEPARTMENTS:

Kiowa County Fire Chief: Earl Anderson
Office phone number (620)723–2203

Haviland Volunteer Fire Department
104 North Main Street
Haviland, KS 67059
(620) 862–5317
Fire Chief: David Getting
NOTES: All volunteer/9 volunteers total

Mullinville Volunteer Fire Department
217 S. Main
Mullinville, KS
(620) 548–2200
Fire Chief: Cody Sherer

Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department
200 W. Wisconsin
Greensburg, KS
(620) 723–2203
Assistant Fire Chief: Jay Koehn

KIOWA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEDICAL SERVICES
501 S Walnut
Greensburg, KS 67054
NON–EMERGENCY 620–723–3341
Website: http://www.kcems.com/
Email: info@kcems.com
(See facility record)

Senior Center
203 N Main
Greensburg, KS
(620) 723–2288
Director: Mary Marble

KIOWA COUNTY HEALTH/MEDICAL FACILITIES:

HAVILAND, KS:

Haviland Clinic
(A Department of Kiowa County Memorial Hospital)
106 North Main
Haviland, KS 67059
(620) 862–5431
Clinic Office Hours
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

GREENSBURG, KS:

Kiowa County Memorial Hospital
501 So. Walnut
Greensburg, KS
(620) 723–3341
501 S. Walnut
NOTES: Partial roof collapse / All patients evacuated to
Pratt Regional Medical Center in Pratt, KS/Pratt County

Iroquois Mental Health Center
610 E. Grant
Greensburg, KS
(620) 723–2272

Public Health Kiowa County Health Department
211 East Florida
Greensburg, Kansas 67054
Located on the lower level in the County Courthouse Building
(620) 723–2136
Clinic Hours:

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday
Closed During the Noon Hour
Mitzi Hesser, RN / Lisa Waters, RN
Open Clinic Day every Tuesday
NOTES: All pharmaceuticals were moved Sat. 5/5/07 from the Kiowa County Memorial Hospital

Assisted Living/Carriage House
723 S. Elm
Greensburg, KS
(620) 723-3400
NOTES: "We're getting reports now that 28 residents of the Carriage House retirement home weathered the storm. All residents are said to be okay, but are relocating to Lakepoint facilities in Augusta, Rose Hill and Wichita. Relatives can call (316) 775-6333 for more information."

KIOWA COUNTY, KS SCHOOLS:

Greensburg, KS District Info Hotline: 1-877-837-5231

MESSAGE FROM GREENSBURG SCHOOL STAFF/USD422:

by STAFF
May 05, 2007

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS HAS SET UP RELIEF STATIONS IN MULLINVILLE AND HAVILAND TO AID THOSE AFFECTED BY THE TORNADO THAT DEVASTATED GREENSBURG, KANSAS ON MAY 4, 2007. IF YOU ARE ATTEMPING TO REACH A LOVED, PLEASE CALL HAVILAND HIGH SCHOOL AT 620-862-9890.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES, THEIR HOMES AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.

The administration of GHS would like to send the message of hope and perseverance. In the spirit of not dropping our heads and letting this tragedy get us down, GHS would like to encourage the Ranger student athletes to continue to compete in their respective sports. We would also like to relay to seniors that we will hold a graduation ceremony. Details about graduation will be posted as soon as we get everything arranged.

Due to the fact that everyone is scattered, we will attempt to keep as many people up to date right here on usd422.org. We will be posting leave times and a place of meeting as soon as we know something concrete. Here is what we know as of Sunday night (5/6/07):

-the softball game scheduled for Monday has been cancelled

-the league golf tournament scheduled for Monday has been moved to Thursday, May 17. Departure TBA.

-the league track meet scheduled for Friday is still on. Every attempt will be made to contact as many track athletes as possible. Departure TBA.

We are also in contact with a sporting goods chain and other possible assistance for those athletes needing items such as shoes, clubs, clothes, etc.

Any questions may be sent or called to Marshall Ballard at marshallballard@usd422.org, 620-862-5621, or 620-388-2880.

Golf team can contact Coach Roe at 620-532-1043.

Track team can contact Coach Hoover at 620-324-5455. Again,

I will do my best to keep the site updated as new information becomes available.

Contact Marshall Ballard at:
marshallballard@usd422.org

620–862–5621, or 620–388–2880 to donate sports equipment and uniforms for students who lost everything and are still participating in school sports events.

NOTE: Greensburg Schools are shut down for the remainder of this '07 school session. Graduation Ceremony details to be announced.

Greensburg High School
420 So. Main
Greensburg, KS
(620) 723–2164
Superintendant: Darin Headrick
Principal: Randy Fulton

Greensburg Junior High School
600 So. Main
Greensburg, KS
(620) 723–2332
Principal: Staci Derstein

Greensburg Grade School
Delmer Day Elementary School
600 So. Main
Greensburg, KS
(620) 723–2332
Principal: Staci Derstein

Kiowa County Learning Center
216 So. Main
Greensburg, KS
(620) 723–7004
Director/Instructor: Susan Staats
Para–Professional: Sheryl Christenson

Valley View Christian School (Private)
Route 1
Greensburg, KS
(620) 723–3198 or (620) 723–3192

HAVILAND:

Haviland Schools District Office
104 E. Walnut
Haviland, KS
620–862–5256
620–862–5240 (fax)
Superintendent: Mike Waters

Haviland High School
300 N Topeka
Haviland, KS 67059
(620) 862–5217
Principal: Eric Reid
Grades 9–12 (79 students enrolled)

Haviland Grade School
400 N. Topeka
(620) 862–5277
Principal: Eric Reid

Principal for both schools above: Eric Reid
400 N. Topeka
Haviland, KS
620–862–5278

MULINVILLE:

21st Century Learning Academy & Charter School
200 Main
P.O. Box 6
Mullinville, KS 67109

Phone Number: 620–548–2289
Toll Free Number: 877–685–5468
Email: jonesm@mullinville.org

Mullinville School/USD 424
PO Box 6
Mullinville, KS 67109
Phone:(620)548–2217
Email: jonesj@mullinvile.org

KIOWA COUNTY LIBRARIES:

Main Branch
120 S. Main
Greensburg, KS
Hours: Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Librarian: Debie Allison

Haviland Branch
115 N. Main
Haviland, KS
Hours: Monday – Friday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Librarian: Delores Williams
Available Amenities:
Books for Adults and Children, Audio Books on cassette and CD, Local Newspapers, Magazines, Videos, Tax Forms, Copier, Computer, Internet Access, Interlibrary Loan, and much more...

Mullinville Branch
115 N. Main
Mullinville, KS

Campaigns: 2007 Greensburg Kansas Tornado; Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; AmeriCorps; Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort; CWS ~ Church World Service; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Lutheran Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Salvation Army; Samaritan's Purse; UMCOR Relief Network; United Methodist Disaster Response; United Way; World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services
Updated May 18, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1414

Mennonite Disaster Service – MDS, Greensburg, KS

Volunteer Camp · Standby

Faith–Based Disaster Recovery

c/o Greensburg Mennonite Church; 310 West Pennsylvania Ave., Greensburg, KS 67054

Phone	1–800–241–8111 From Canada call: 866–261–1274
Web	www.mds.mennonite.net/Projects/Greensburg__KS
Checks payable to	Mennonite Disaster Service
Service	Temporary

2/10/10
NO INFORMATION on website... assumed job completed

From the updated website 1/17/08:

608 North Sycamore Street,
Greensburg, KS 67054

Project Directors: Peter and Dorothy Regehr
Office tel: (620) 723–2223
Volunteer tel: (985) 291–1296
Fax: (620) 324–5623
greensburg@mds.mennonite.net

Project Start Date: May 2007

Volunteer Status: Day volunteers call (985) 291–1296 to volunteer, overnight volunteers call 800–241–8111 to volunteer.

Volunteers to Date: 3446

Jobs Started: 244

Jobs Completed: 223

Project End Date: TBA

1/17/08 emailed update from MDS:

Day volunteers call (985) 291–1296, overnight volunteers call (800)241–8111 to schedule.

*Short term volunteers for Greensburg , call (985) 291–1296

GREENSBURG, KANSAS
Disaster: May 2007 Tornado
Day volunteers call (985) 291–1296, overnight volunteers call (800) 241–8111 to schedule.

All MDS projects will close for Christmas break from December 15, 2007 – January 6, 2008 except for Johnson Bayou RV project which closes on December 20, 2007.

The MDS projects in Greensburg , Mobile and New Orleans have openings for the first two weeks of December but aside from that, all projects are currently full until March.

Occasionally there are cancellations. If you would like to be called about volunteer needs on short–notice (1–3 weeks), please call Sarah Yoder at (800) 241–8111 in advance.

Greensburg , KS

Disaster Description:

An F5 tornado tore through Greensburg, KS, a small southwestern Kansas town on Friday May 4, 2007. The tornado wiped out over 95% of homes and ten people died as a result of the tornadoes. The tornado was estimated to be 1.7 miles in width and traveled for nearly 22 miles with winds reaching over 200 miles per hour. Within hours, teams from Mennonite Disaster Service?s Kansas Unit were in the area doing cleanup.

MDS has set up operations for a project at the Greensburg Mennonite Church. Greensburg has a small Mennonite community. to begin the physical work of rebuilding the community.

Volunteer Status: If you can do electrical, plumbing or roofing work along with general building skills you are needed in Greensburg. If you are willing to work alongside others, you are still needed in Greensburg. You can volunteer for a day, two days, a week or more.

The MDS Greensburg site can house eight people or more.
To volunteer, contact MDS in Greensburg: (985) 291–0710.

Services offered: Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); 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)
Campaigns: 2007 Greensburg Kansas Tornado; Mennonite Disaster Service
Updated Feb 11, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1768

South Central KS Tornado Recovery Organization (SCKTRO) – Greensburg

Volunteer Camp · Open

LTRC
(Banco Insurance Building); 201 N Main St.; PO Box 208, Haviland, KS 67059

Phone 620–723–3155 or 620–862–5882
Web www.scktro.org/index.html
Hours 9 am –5 pm, Mon–Fri, CST
Serves Kiowa, Commanche, Edwards, Pratt, Stafford Counties
Eligibility Impacted by the 5/07 Greensburg Tornado
Service Temporary

FROM THE SITE:

WE CAN PROVIDE

Repair/Rebuilding Assistance –– Volunteer Labor –– Donated Goods –– Spiritual/Psychological Referrals

FROM DNN:

Street Address: 201 N Main St., PO Box 208
City: Haviland State: KS
Zip Code: 67059 Country: USA

Contact person: Matt Deighton or Kathleen Blair
Phone number: 620-723-3155 or 620-862-5882
Best hours to call: 9 am -5 pm, Mon-Fri, CST
E-mail Address: scktro@havilandtelco.com
Is E-Mail address read daily? Yes
Website address, if any: www.havilandtelco.com/~scktro/

Counties Served: Kiowa, Comanche, Edwards, Pratt, & Stafford Counties of Kansas

Speciality: Recovery & Rebuilding from May 4-5, 2007 Tornadoes

Description of volunteer needs: Skilled and unskilled labor for building & rebuilding homes

Skills volunteers are required to have: None

Useful Skills: Any building/construction related skills

Rural/Farm related volunteers needed: Yes, please call for specifics Tools or supplies volunteers should bring: Bring building/construction tools related to jobs you can do.

Will volunteers need to bring any money or material, such as for housing: Bring money for food. Bring bug spray, sunscreen, sturdy shoes; sleeping bags or bedding. Any donation for purchasing building materials would be welcome, but is not necessary.

Length of time volunteer can help: 1 full day to longer

Size of volunteer team: Depends on housing space

Are individual volunteers welcome? Yes

Age restriction, if any: Minimum 16 years old

Denomination/affiliation, if any: None required. We are multi-denominational.

If yes, must volunteer be a member: No

Any other restrictions: Tetanus shot recommended

Housing provided for volunteers, if any: Yes, we will provide in coordination with area churches. Bring sleeping bags or bedding.

Meals provided for volunteers, if any: Possible, please all for specifics.

Any additional notes: Please come and help this area devastated by May tornadoes. We need your help to recover. Thank you.

Approximate date the project started: May-07-2007
Estimated date the project will end: Dec-31-2008
Information Updated: Nov-28-2007

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Disaster Survivor Counseling Referrals; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Construction, Home Repair, Volunteer Services; Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Donations * (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Volunteer Housing (FREE); Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC), Unmet Needs Committee Meetings; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee Advice; 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)
Campaigns: 2007 Greensburg Kansas Tornado; American Baptist Churches-USA; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort; Church of the Brethren Disaster Response; CWS ~ Church World Service; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; Lutheran Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Salvation Army; Southern Baptist Conference Disaster Relief; UMCOR Relief Network; United Way
Updated Dec 13, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2835

LA

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS), Cameron (Reopening 1/09)

Volunteer Camp · Open

Faith–Based Disaster Recovery
1593 Marshall Street, Cameron, LA 70631
Phone Volunteer Info/Scheduling Line: (800) 241–8111
Web mds.mennonite.net/projects/cameron_la
Serves Cameron Parish
Eligibility Hurricanes Rita & Ike
Service Temporary

This is the MDS Update for February 11, 2010

Disaster: 2008 Hurricane Ike

The family for our fourth house could not hide their excitement as they saw the frame of their house take shape on their concrete piers. In addition to the physical changes on the houses, volunteers hoped their week of service provided some confirmation to the people of Cameron that God and God's people care about them.

Project Start Date: November 2006/ Re–open November, 2009
Volunteer Status:
Volunteers to Date: 717
Jobs Started: 37
Jobs Completed: 33
Project End Date:

Disaster Description
Cameron Parish, in the southwest corner of Louisiana next to Texas , was known as a beach and fishing destination before it was devastated by Hurricane Rita in September 2005. Over four years after Rita hit there are still many vacant lots and many residents have not returned to the area.

Update September 2008: Hurricane Ike caused widespread damage to Cameron. Some reports are that damage from Ike is as bad as or worse than damage from Rita.

MDS Response
MDS set up a project site on a vacant property east of the town of Cameron. With God's help over the last four years volunteers completed numerous repair jobs and nine new homes in partnership with Faith Share, an ecumenical group that is working as the Long Term Recovery Committee. Many willing volunteers worked hard to help restore hope to Cameron and it's surrounding communities. MDS is preparing to return to Cameron this winter.

9/08 Update: Hurricane Ike caused widespread damage in Cameron. Some reports are that damage from Ike is as bad or worse than damage from Rita. MDS personnel are currently assessing damage for response this winter.

Project is currently closed and will reopen January 2009.

Cameron Parish, in the southwest corner of Louisiana next to Texas , was known as a beach and fishing destination before it was devastated by Hurricane Rita in September 2005. Two years after Rita hit, the community is still in the recovery process, with many still living in FEMA trailers.

MDS has started repairing and rebuilding homes in partnership with Faith Share, an ecumenical group that is working as the Long Term Recovery Committee.

MDS provides week long volunteer opportunities with free accomodations (donation appreciated "but never asked for") & meals. ALL denominations (or non affiliated) volunteer groups are welcome!

Volunteer Status: THIS SITE IF FULL THROUGH April 2008 (Please call for cancellation spots through 4/08)

For Volunteer Coordination please contact:

Sarah Yoder – 717–859–2210 or 800–241–8111
ALL denominations and unaffiliated individuals/groups are welcome to come volunteer.

Services offered: Directories, New Orleans Volunteer Camps; Facilities: Bathroom Facilities (For Volunteers); Facilities: Shower Facilities * (ANY/ALL Types); Facilities: Shower Facilities for Volunteers; Housing, Volunteer Housing ($ Donation Appreciated); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; 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)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Rita; Mennonite Disaster Service
Updated Feb 11, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1483

Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS), New Orleans

Volunteer Camp · Open

Faith–Based Disaster Recovery
7520 Hayne Blvd; (temporarily relocated~ SEE NOTE BELOW), New Orleans, LA 70126
Phone (504) 309–9406
Web mds.mennonite.net/projects/new_orleans_la
Service Temporary

Zion Baptist reports that Mennonites are gearing up for Isaac. Have 25 volunteers coming to muck out. Not sure if this same address from Katrina will be in play for Isaac 9/12/12

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This is the MDS Update for February 11, 2010

Disaster: 2005 Gulf Coast Hurricanes

Despite having a smaller crew this week, much was accomplished. The Ms. H house had all of the walls and ceilings covered with sheet rock plus one and a half coats of mud were applied. The Mrs. G house had most of the inside of the house covered with sheet rock, and mudding got off to a good start.

FROM WEBSITE:

Disaster Description
New Orleans was damaged not so much by the wind and rain of Hurricane Katrina, but by the failure of the levees surrounding the city to keep out the waters of adjacent Lake Pontchartrain. Much of the city was flooded and many homes still stand empty more than four years later.

MDS Response
MDS is repairing and rebuilding homes in various areas of New Orleans, including Gentilly, Lower 9th Ward and Upper 9th Ward. MDS partners with organizations such as Catholic Charities, Crescent Alliance Recovery Effort (CARE) and Greater New Orleans Disaster Recovery Partnership (GNODRP).

MDS completed renovations on the Hayne Blvd. building in early 2008 and all volunteers are housed there, in the northeast part of the city next to Lake Ponchartrain. Over 100 clean up and repair jobs have been completed as well as several new homes. Small groups continue the work over the summer and the project will open to larger groups in the fall and winter.

MDS Newsletter Update:

Volunteer Status: This project has temporarily relocated from Hayne Blvd. to the Gentilly Convent while renovations are being made. MDS continues to work in New Orleans from the convent & provides week long volunteer opportunities with free accomodations (donation appreciated "but never asked for") & meals. This site is booked for volunteer through May '08, but you can always check for cancellations.

For Volunteer Coordination please contact:

Sarah Yoder – 717–859–2210 or 800–241–8111
ALL denominations and unaffiliated individuals/groups are welcome to come volunteer.

Convent/Volunteer Camp Address: 2710 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70122

Project Directors: Anna and Dave Wiebe
Phone: (504) 943–0888 Fax: (504) 309–9423
Email: neworleans@mds.mennonite.net

Services offered: Cleanup, Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Directories, New Orleans Volunteer Camps; Facilities: Bathroom Facilities (For Volunteers); Housing, Volunteer Housing ($ Donation Appreciated); Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Volunteer Housing, Bunkhouses ; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; 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, Youth Volunteers (This facility accomodates Youth Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2012 Hurricane Isaac; Catholic Charities; Mennonite Disaster Service
Updated Sep 12, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1481

MA

FEMA Region 1 VAL (Voluntary Agency Liaison) – Massachusetts

Info/Hotline · Open

FEMA
99 High Street; 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02110
Phone (617) 956–7506
Web www.fema.gov/about/regions/regioni/regioni.shtm
Service Temporary

Campaigns: 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2010 New England Flooding; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Aidmatrix; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; AmeriCorps; Catholic Charities; Citizen Corps; COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster); Connecticut Association For Community Action – CAFCA; EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Regional/County; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency), County; Government, Federal; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security, National Shelter System (NSS); Government, FEMA (this item ONLY for actual FEMA/HQ contacts/entries); Government, FEMA VAL contacts/orgs/entries; Government, US Government Agency (This Site IS a Gov Agency); Government, US Government Site; Habitat For Humanity; Hands On Disaster Response; LDS ~ Lutheran Disaster Services; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; LTRG, Long Term Recovery Group; Lutheran Disaster Response; Medical Reserve Corps; Mennonite Disaster Service; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Salvation Army; Tri–State LTRG (New England); 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 Sep 14, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5915

VOAD, Massachusetts

Info/Hotline · Open

VOAD (State Level)
Various, MA

Phone 617 274–5282
Contact Keith Stefanelli
Email stefanellik@usa.redcross.org
Web massvoad.org/news/?page_id=55
Service Temporary

http://massvoad.org

FROM THE SITE:

Massachusetts Tornado Help – Call 211
Posted on June 2, 2011 by admin

Thank you to all who have contacted Massachusetts VOAD to help victims of yesterday's tornadoes with donations and services. Coordination of all help and donations is now running the United Way's 211 service so please call 211
You may also donate to Mass. VOAD member organizations if you wish. They are linked under "organizations" on this web site.
Sincerely,
Chris Farrand (Chair), Luis Matnog (Vice–Chair), Kevin Hall (Secretary)

Below is an update (June 2, 2011) on the Massachusetts Tornado situation from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)

Massachusetts Tornadoes, Wednesday, June 1, 2011

At around 4:30 EDT on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 a line of severe weather crossed from western part Massachusetts heading east. Damaging tornadoes passed through the Springfield area. A second tornado is reported to have later struck the same region. It was reported that hundreds of homes were damaged and thousands of trees were down.

Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick declared a state of emergency effective at 7:10PM on June 1. Nineteen (19) communities are reported affected including the towns of: Westfield, Springfield, West Springfield, Monson, Agawam, Charlton, Oxford, Palmer, Sturbridge, and Wilbraham, among others. The Governor has directed that all non–emergency Executive Branch employees living or working in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester Counties should not report to their workplaces Thursday, June 2. In addition, 23 schools were closed and 21 businesses in the affected communities on Thursday.

The National Guard has called up approximately 1,000 troops to assist in rescue and response efforts. Troops are being dispersed from three locations, one in Springfield, one in Ware, and one in Worcester.

At least four people have died as a result of the tornado. One person was killed in West Springfield when his car overturned, two in Westfield, and one in Brimfield. Details of those 3 fatalities have not yet been released.

Jane Albert of Baystate Medical Center told 22News that the hospital is caring for 25 people who are injured, 10 of whom are in the trauma unit. There are at least 20 other reports of injuries.

In Springfield, Mayor Domenic Sarno said that the South End, East Forest Park, and Sixteen Acres were the sections of the city that were hit the hardest. The Indian Orchard neighborhood also saw damage.

There was a total of more than 60,000 power outages in communities serviced by Western Massachusetts Electric Company. As of 8:49am Thursday, June 2, about 14,000 are still without power. Sandra Ahern from Western Massachusetts Electric Company reports that there are more than 80 utility poles down in the Sixteen Acres and East Forest Park neighborhoods, where she said that they do not anticipate power will be restored for a couple of days.

Voluntary Agency Efforts

Local volunteers are currently supporting relief efforts in Springfield and communities throughout the jurisdiction with sheltering, canteen and mental health counseling.

The American Red Cross reports 5 open shelters as of Thursday morning, with populations in each. Of the 5 shelters reported open, the Red Cross is managing 2 in Springfield, and 1 in Monson. In addition there are 2 Red Cross–supported shelters in collaboration with local emergency officials, and 1 community shelter that the Red Cross is looking to assist with. The Mass Mutual Center in Springfield reported approximately 400 people being sheltered at its height late Wednesday night, with approximately 200 people remaining this morning. There are approximately 45 people at the West Springfield location and 35 in Monson. Pet sheltering has not been set up at any of the shelters as of Thursday morning.

The Red Cross is supporting feeding efforts at the open shelters, in addition to feeding approximately 300 first responders at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, in collaboration with the Salvation Army, and approximately 150 first responders in Monson. The Red Cross is not engaged in mobile feeding at this time.

The Salvation Army has set up a canteen service at the Command Post in Westfield to support first responders, and a canteen is also stationed in Brimfield. Canteen drop offs are occurring in Monson. The Salvation Army is also supporting canteen efforts at the Basketball Hall of Fame in collaboration with the Red Cross. The Salvation Army is beginning mobile canteen services, driving around affected communities, and providing psychological first aid as of 10am Thursday morning. 11 volunteers are currently engaged in Salvation Army activities, with approximately 5 additional volunteers working in the kitchens to prepare meals. 2 facilities in Springfield are on standby as possible temporary shelters if needed.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (WWLP) – In the aftermath of Wednesday's tornado damage , several major Western Massachusetts roads are closed for the Thursday morning commute. Here is a list of some major roadways that are closed.

SPRINGFIELD:

· Avoid downtown in general, South End; the less cars on the street the better for emergency crews working to assess threats (power lines, gas leaks) and remove obstructions (tree, debris)

Major closures:

· Plumtree Road from Allen Street onwards– impassible

· Main Street from State Street and southward

· Tinkham Road

· Parker Street from Wilbraham Road to Cooley Street

· Island Pond Road from Allen Street to Roosevelt Ave

WEST SPRINGFIELD:

· Union and Main run parallel– this is where the main impact occurred; basically the path of the tornado itself– this area is called the Merrick section of W. Spfld

· From Park and Union to Park and Main

· Union St. from Memorial Ave. to Park St.

· Main and Memorial

· All closed to all except emergency vehicles

· Police are essentially sealing off that entire area

· All obstructions are contained within that grid

WESTFIELD:

· Shaker Road– closed from Little River Road to Cardinal Lane

· Shaker Road closed at Canal Drive when coming in from Tannery Road/Ponders Hollow

· Entire section of Pontoosic Road from Feeding Hills Road to Crescent Circle (nearly the entire run of this road in the city)

WILBRAHAM:

· Tinkham Road is closed from Stony Hill Road to Bolles Road

· Monson Road is blocked–off from Main Street to Ridge Road

· Main Street and Stony Hill Road are open, but you are asked to use extreme caution

MONSON:

· Just avoid the entire downtown area of Monson

· There was significant damage to police building

BRIMFIELD

· Route 20 closed through the entire length of town

· Route 19 closed for the entire length of town

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); All Hands Volunteers; American Red Cross; Feeding America; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Salvation Army; United Way; 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 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6301

MN

VOAD (MNVOAD – Voluntary Organization Active In Disaster)

Info/Hotline · Open

VOAD
P.O. Box 130261, Roseville, MN 55113
Web www.mnvoad.org
Service Temporary

Duluth Area Flooding June 20, 2012

June 20th, 2012

MNVOAD members are being updated regarding the Duluth flooding situation. There have been approximately 250 people from 80 homes evacuated so far. More rain is expected; the prediction is for record breaking flooding. Clean up and other recovery assistance will be needed in the upcoming days and weeks. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

MNVOAD MEMBERS:

Adventist Disaster Response
American Baptist Men
American Radio Relay League
American Red Cross
Arrowhead VOAD
Catholic United Response
Channel One, Inc.
Christian Reformed World Relief – Disaster Response Services
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–day Saints
Church of the Brethren ~ Disaster Ministries
Church World Service
Civil Air Patrol~Minnesota Wing
Freeborn County Crisis Response Team
Green Cross, Inc
Headwaters Relief Organization
Hope for the City
Lutheran Disaster Response
Mennonite Disaster Service
Minnesota Animal Disaster Coalition
Minnesota Disaster Relief
Minnesota Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Mangement
Minnesota Horse Council
Minnesota Search & Rescue Dog Association
Minnesota/Wisconsin Baptist Convention Disaster Relief
Nazerene Disaster Response
NECHAMA – Jewish Response to Disaster
North American Center for Emergency Communications
Operation Blessing International
Paws for Learning, Inc
Salvation Army
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Steele County CAER
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Member–at–Large

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Member–at–Large

Vacant

Member–at–Large

Debra Davis–Moody, Adventist Community Services/Disaster Response

Member–at–Large

Nancy Beers, Lutheran Social Services

HSEM Representative
Dennis Walter, Voluntary Resource Coordinator
Campaigns: 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; American Baptist Men Disaster Relief; American Radio Relay League, Inc.; American Red Cross; Church of the Brethren Disaster Response; CWS ~ Church World Service; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency), County; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency) State; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; LDS ~ Lutheran Disaster Services; Lutheran Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Nazarene Disaster Response; NECHAMA (Jewish Response To Disaster); Operation Blessing; Salvation Army; UCC ~ United Church of Christ; United Methodist Church; United Way; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services; World Vision
Updated Jun 21, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9177

MS

International Relief and Development – (IRD) Gulf Coast Community Services Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

Disaster Recovery/Community
1223 30th Ave Gulfport, MS 39501, Gulfport, MS 39501

Phone	(228) 864–6677
Contact	IRD, Gulf Coast Community Services Center
Web	www.ird.org
Hours	Mon – Fri, 8:00–5:00
Serves	Harrison, Hancock only
Eligibility	Varies depending on programs. Please see notes.
Bring	Please call for more information
Checks payable to	IRD US
Service	Permanent

U.S. Gulf Coast — September 12, 2008 — As Hurricane Ike bears down on the Gulf Coast, IRD is preparing to provide case management and other assistance to those in its path. Staff from IRD's Gulfport–based Gulf Coast Community Service Center is already in Baton Rouge to assist with Gustav response. drawing on the experience from providing case management services to victims of Hurricane Katrina for the past three years.

Your donation will help us bring emergency relief to the victims of this disaster.

The IRD Gulf Coast Community Service Center (GCCSC) has been rebuilding the lives of the citizens of the Mississippi Gulf Coast since October 2005, opening its doors a little more than one month following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. The goal of the Center is to reach out to the community and assist in the organization and facilitation of an often–difficult recovery process. Located in West Gulfport, the Center serves the entire Mississippi Gulf Coast, representing most of the Coastal cities as well as the three Coastal counties.

The GCCSC began it work on the Gulf Coast by administering emergency relief, but has transitioned its services to focus on sustainable, long–term recovery. The Center was one of the first agencies in the area administering needs assessments and mapping the most affected areas. The goal of the multi–faceted needs assessment and community mapping process conducted by the Center was to identify potential applicants for assistance following the hurricane. As the recovery cycle progressed from assessing needs to managing needs on an individual basis, the GCCSC has changed its focus to assisting citizens in need through case management. Case managers facilitate the recovery process for survivors by identifying ways to maximize their access to community resources.

The Center hosts a walk–in center for assessments administered by the Harrison County Long Term Recovery Coalition (LTRC), and has developed a resource guide printed by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide to other relief agencies as a reference.

The Center also provides financial counseling to hurricane victims and MDA Phase II grant recipients seeking to purchase or rebuild homes through funding from the Enterprise Corporation of the Delta. This counseling not only prepares beneficiaries for homeownership, but gives them tools for long–term financial security. And in partnership with the Mennonite Economic Development Association (MEDA), the Center will create and manage a micro–enterprise capital fund which will finance start–up businesses along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Additionally, the GCCSC will support the development of an open–air market in its Gulfport neighborhood.

IRD also participates in YouthBuild, a program that provides comprehensive programs for vocational development, workforce training and career counseling with Gulf Coast youth. YouthBuild teaches local at–risk high school students how to assist in rebuilding homes while helping them get their GED.

Helping people rebuild their lives, their relationships, and their sense of self–sufficiency, is equally as important to their long–term recovery and that of their communities as their physical needs. It is the human side of recovery that the GCCSC addresses, for thousands of Katrina survivors.

Services:

1)Case management for Katrina survivors. Eligibility: affected by the hurricane and still have unmet needs

2) Fincancial Counseling. Eligibility: Open to everyone

3) Housing Counseling. Eligibility: Open to everyone

4) Youth Build Program will start in January. Eligibility: youth ages 16 to 24 who do not have a high school diploma/GED

Applications are still being accepted for Katrina survivors and programs. To obtain an application: Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 3:00

Services offered: Advocacy, Disabled/Handicapped; Animals, Rescue, Disaster Response Teams, Pets, Volunteer; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Disabled, Accessible Housing Referrals for Disabled; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Referrals (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Case Management, Disabled/Handicapped; Case Management, Hurricane Survivors; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Case Management, Seniors/Elders; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Disaster Damage Assessments for Disaster Managers; Financial Assistance, Case Management for Financial Matters; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Post Disaster (For Rent/Belongings/Home Repairs/Rebuilding, etc.); Services, Disaster Recovery ; Support for "All" Disasters; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Construction Skills Training; Training Classes, Education, 1st Time Home Buyer Education; Training Classes, GED Preparation; Training Classes, Vocational; 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); Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2008 Hurricane Ike; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Americorp VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America); Catholic Charities; Catholic Charities Social Services; Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort; CWS ~ Church World Service; Gifts in Kind; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, FEMA, DRC (Disaster Recovery Center); Government, US Deptartment of Housing & Urban

Development (HUD); Habitat For Humanity; Hands On Gulf Coast; Hands On Network; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; Lutheran Episcopal Services of Mississippi; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Operation Blessing; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Salvation Army; Samaritan's Purse; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; UMCOR Relief Network; United Methodist Disaster Response; United Way; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), Associate Member/Informal Affiliation; 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); Volunteers of America; World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services; World Vision; YMCA/YWCA
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Mennonite Disaster Services – MDS, Pass Christian

Volunteer Camp · Open

Faith–Based Disaster Recovery
503 Church St, Pass Christian, MS 39571
Phone (228) 452–1114, passchristian@mds.mennonite.net
Web mds.mennonite.net/projects/pass_christian_ms
Service Temporary

from website 2/10/10

Disaster Description
Pass Christian is on Mississippi's coast and is one of the communities most devastated by Katrina. The 30–foot storm surge killed 22 people, destroyed nearly all business property, and damaged or destroyed 90 percent of the town's homes. Initially about 25 percent of Pass Christian's 6,500 residents remained.

Like virtually all of its residents, city leaders suffered immense personal loss. City Hall is now in a doublewide trailer. The library is in a small trailer. The storm set back the city 150 years, to its early days as a rustic resort area. But many new houses are springing up and the city is being rebuilt.

MDS Response
MDS purchased property in Pass Christian and set up a long–term project with three mobile homes and a storage shed. Together with the local recovery committee and readily available funds, MDS has completed 24 new builds, 15 major repairs and 42 minor repairs. Over the summer Pass Christian will be visited by youth groups from all over the US and Canada. MDS will continue it's work in Pass Christian this winter.

THIS SITE IS FULL UNTIL May, 2008. Occasionally there are cancellations. If you would like to be called about volunteer needs on short–notice (1–3 weeks), please call Sarah Yoder at (800) 241–8111 in advance.

ALL denominations (or non affiliated) volunteer groups are welcome! There is no fee for volunteer accomodations and meals are included. Donations are appreciated ("but never asked for").

All short–term and US long–term volunteers call (800) 241–8111 . Canadian long–term volunteers call (866) 261–1274 .

Project Director: Peter Bunnet & Cletus Yoder
Tel: (228) 452–1114
Fax: (228) 452–1116
passchristian@mds.mennonite.net

Services offered: Construction, Home Repair, Volunteer Services; Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Facilities: Bathroom Facilities (For Volunteers); Facilities: Shower Facilities * (ANY/ALL Types); Facilities: Shower Facilities for Volunteers; Housing, Volunteer Housing ($ Donation Appreciated); Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types); Transportation, Volunteers, Airport Pick–Up Service For Volunteers; 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, Youth Volunteers (This facility accomodates Youth Volunteers) ; Volunteer Work Orders/Projects (provided by this facility)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Mennonite Disaster Service
Updated Feb 11, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/989

NC

VOAD, North Carolina

Info/Hotline · Open

VOAD
NC
Web www.ncvoad.org
Serves North Carolina
Service Temporary

FROM THE SITE:

Hurricane Helene
September 2024
Volunteer to work with a safe, experienced NC VOAD partner. There are opportunities for everyone from novices to professionals. You may volunteer as an individual, a family, or a group. You may volunteer as a day worker or to stay at the worksite. Housing is provided. Meals and tools are often provided.

You may view the opportunities below by county or volunteer agency. Read the details for each worksite and contact the worksite coordinator to register or get more information

https://www.ncvoad.org/volunteer/
Hurricane Helene Opportunities now available! You don’t have to wait for a spot in western North Carolina. You can volunteer to work at other spots now.

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Hurricane Irene
August 31, 2011
FEMA-4019-DR-NC
North Carolina received a major disaster declaration for Hurricane Irene today that includes Individual Assistance for Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Dare, Hyde, Pamlico, and Tyrrell Counties (7), and HMGP statewide.
Working with clients from Tropical Storm Nicole (fall 2010) and Spring Tornado event (April 2011), NC VOAD responds to Hurricane Irene. The twelve long term recovery groups established or energized following the tornadoes will provide a mentoring capability as new groups are established following Irene.

Happening Now

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August 27, 2011
NCVOAD Member Conference Calls
Begining August 28, 2011 NCVOAD will begin daily conference calls in response to Hurricane Irene.

August 26, 2011
Donations for all NC recovery efforts
North Carolina Interfaith Disaster Response, Inc will accept donations for all NC recovery efforts. Make checks payable to NCIDR, 2600 West Vernon Avenue, Kinston, NC 28504. NCIDR is a 501-C3 nonprofit organization.

FROM THE SITE:

Member Organizations

* Adventist Community Service/Disaster Response
* American Rainbow Rapid Response
* American Red Cross
* Billy Graham Evangelistic Association
* Church World Service
* Convoy of Hope
* Christian Reformed World Relief Disaster Response
* Contingency Planning Association of the Carolina's
* FEMA
* Food Bank of North Carolina
* Harvest Connection
* Hearts with Hands
* Lutheran/N.C. Synod ELCA
* Mennonite Disaster Service
* M.E.R.C.I. NCCUMC
* Moravian Church Disaster Response
* Mercy Medical Air Lift
* Nazarene Church Disaster Response
* N.C. Baptist Men
* North Carolina Interfaith Disaster Response (NCIDR)
* NC FOP DART
* Old North State Medical Society (ONSMS)
* Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
* Rotary International Dist. 7710
* Samaritan's Purse
* The Salvation Army
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* United Church of Christ Southern Conference
* United Way of North Carolina
* Wake Interfaith Disaster Team
* Western N.C. Conference UMC

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Services offered: Housing, Volunteer, Camping, Tents To House Volunteers; Housing, Volunteer Housing ($ NOT FREE); Housing, Volunteer Housing (FREE); Kitchen, Kitchen Privileges (For Volunteers); Long Term Recovery Support; Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; 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, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online
Campaigns: 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2016 Hurricane Matthew; 2018 HURRICANE FLORENCE; 2019 "HURRICANE DORIAN"; 2024 Hurricanes Milton/Helene; Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; American Rainbow Rapid Response; American Red Cross; Baptist Men; Billy Graham Rapid Response Team; Convoy of Hope; CWS ~ Church World Service; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; LDS ~ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–day Saints; Mennonite Disaster Service; Mercy Medical Airlift; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Rotary International; Salvation Army; Samaritan's Purse; UCC ~ United Church of Christ; UMCOR Relief Network; United Way; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services
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ND

Lutheran Disaster Response / Lutheran Social Services, North Dakota

Volunteer Camp · Open

Faith–Based Disaster Recovery & Relief
1325 11th Street South, Fargo, ND 58103

Phone 1–800–950–2901
Web lrrnd.org/index.html
Serves Fargo, Cass County, ND
Eligibility Impacted by Disaster – Currently Responding to the '09 Red River Flooding
Service Permanent

6/8/09 website posted at:
http://lrrnd.org/index.html

*** Lutheran Disaster Response ND has an immediate need for volunteers and fencers across North Dakota

*** Home Estimators Needed for Recovery Efforts
If you have construction knowledge and would like help those impacted by the flooding in the state, this is an opportunity for you to serve!

*** Case Management Training for Recovery Efforts
If you would like help those impacted by the flooding in the state, this is an opportunity for you to serve!

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Flood Clean Up
FROM THE WEBSITE:

4/15/2009 – until need is met

Record level spring floods are predicted for several areas across North Dakota. High water will be the first half of the disaster. The second half will be the devastation left behind. Clean–up teams are needed from mid–April through May. Rebuild teams will be needed this summer and fall to restore communities and homes.

You can join the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Spring Flood Clean Up now by:

–Forming a team of volunteers at your church or work place
–Volunteering individually
–Providing financial assistance

Financial donations can be made payable to LSS/LDR and mailed to:
Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota
P.O. Box 389
Fargo, ND 58107

Work teams will be assigned to communities based on need & location. For information or to register your team contact:
Bonnie Turner, ND Director
Lutheran Disaster Response
800–950–2901 or 701–271–3288
bturner@lssnd.org.

http://www.lssnd.org/

Current Updates:
March 26, 2009

Currently, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is calling on congregations statewide to mobilize volunteer teams to prepare for deployment to the Red River Valley for clean–up and longer–term recovery work.

Following a significant natural disaster, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota works in affected–areas over many months, sometimes years, to help Minnesotans in the immediate aftermath of a disaster and longer–term rebuilding recovery.

We provide case management services to help local residents navigate paperwork, access loans, make important decisions about their future and coordinate volunteer teams to rebuild homes over the long–term. Volunteers may be needed for this work in coming weeks.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota also trains volunteer teams to offer Camp Noah, a week–long, faith–based day camp designed to help elementary–age children recover emotionally and spiritually after a flood disaster.

Congregations that are interested in assembling a Camp Noah team or volunteering for clean–up and rebuilding recovery efforts are encouraged to sign up with us above.

Individual contributions from the community are how Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota funds its disaster relief efforts. Donations can be received online or by mailing a check payable to Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, 2485 Como Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55108. Please designate the gift to Disaster Relief.

Thank you for all your gifts of support as we help our neighbors in the Red River Valley.

Lutheran Social Service trains volunteer teams

The following is a news release from Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota:

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, a major provider of Disaster Response in Minnesota, provides clean–up, long–term recovery and special support to children in communities affected by natural disasters.

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SOURCE: http://www.edenprairienews.com/news/religion–news/lutheran–social–service–trains–volunteer–teams–103

What is Lutheran Disaster Response?

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is collaborative ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. In North Dakota, the LDR affiliate is Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota (LSS).

The National Office of Lutheran Disaster Response operates through a network of forty different organizations such as LSS ND with which LDR has a memorandum of understanding.

LDR ND responds to disasters in North Dakota and when requested, nationally. Our focus also includes preparedness as a vital part of disaster response.

http://lrrnd.org/resource_directories/Select_reg_co.htm

Lutheran Disaster Response

Available by Region, the information format is resource name, description of services, the counties it serves, and the phone number.

Region 1 serves the counties of Divide, McKenzie, Williams
Region 2 serves the counties of Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, Ward
Region 3 serves the counties of Benson, Cavalier, Eddy, Ramsey, Rolette, Towner
Region 4 serves the counties of Grand Forks, Nelson, Pembina, Walsh
Region 5 serves the counties of Cass, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele, and Traill
Region 6 serves the counties of Barnes, Dickey, Foster, Griggs, LaMoure, Logan, McIntosh, Stutsman, Wells
Region 7 serves the counties of Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sheridan, Sioux
Region 8 serves the counties of Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Slope, Stark

Services offered: Cleanup, Mud–Out, Muck–Out, Flood Cleanup, Volunteer Services; Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Counseling, Spiritual; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Donations, Disaster Fund; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee Advice; Management, Volunteer Coordination Services; Services, Disaster Preparedness; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Disaster Ministry, Faith–Based; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Elder/Senior Volunteers (This facility accomodates Elder Volunteers); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online; Volunteer Work Orders/Projects (provided by this facility)
Campaigns: 2009 MidWest Floods; Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Catholic Charities; CWS ~ Church World Service; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; LDS ~ Lutheran Disaster Services; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Salvation Army; UCC ~ United Church of Christ; UMCOR Relief Network; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services
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NJ

VOAD (STATE) New Jersey

Info/Hotline · Open

NJ

Phone 908.355.3663 ext. 229
Web www.state.nj.us/njvoad/index.html
Service Temporary

FROM THE SITE:

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NJVOAD Members

Organization Name Web Site Address
AARP aarp.org/nj
Adventist Community Services adventist.communityservices.org

American Baptist Church
American Radio Relay League arrl.org
American Red Cross redcross.org/home
AT&T Telecompioneers att.com
New Jersey Business Force (BENS) bens.org
Catholic Charities catholiccharitiesusa.org
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC) crwrc.org
Church World Service churchworldservice.org
Civil Air Patrol cap.gov
Community Foodbank of NJ njfoodbank.org
Corporation for National & Community Service nationalservice.org
Education Works educationworks–online.org
Emergency Preparedness Partnerships emergencypreparednesspartnerships.com
FEMA fema.gov
First Call for Help firstcall.org
Heldrich Center for Workforce Development heldrich.rutgers.edu
The Humane Society hsus.org
International Institute of New Jersey iinj.org
Jersey Cares jerseycares.org
Jewish Family & Vocational Services jfvs.org
Lutheran Disaster Response lfsco.org/disaster/LDR_LR.htm
Mennonite Disaster Services mds.mennonite.net
National Council of Jewish Women ncjw.org
National Organization of Victim Assistance (NOVA) try–nova.org
NJ AFL–CIO njaflcio.org
NJ Commission on National Service nj.gov/njded/americorps
NJ Dept. of Human Services nj.gov/humanservices
NJ Dept. of Labor wnjpin.net
NJ Dept. of Treasury nj.gov/treasury
NJ Family Advocate Management njfam.org
NJ Fire Chiefs Association
NJ First Aid Council njsfac.org
NJ Immigration Policy Network njipn.org
NJ Interfaith Partnership for Disaster Recovery nji–disasterrecovery.org
NJ Legal Services lsnj.org
NJ Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) nj.gov/njoem
NJ Office of Volunteerism http://www.nj.gov/state/nj volunteerism/homepage.html
NJ Self Help Group Clearinghouse njgroups.org
NJ Serves – Rutgers njserves.org
NJ Society of Certified Public Accountants
NJ State Bar Association njsba.com
NJ Task Force I
NJ Work Environment Council njwec.org
Project Phoenix ebiz.netopia.com/projectphoenix
REACT reactintl.org
The Salvation Army newjerseysalvationarmy.org
September 11th Fund september11fund.org
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
South Jersey Baptist Association
United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) gbgm–umc.org/umcor
United Way
Urban Search and Rescue fema.gov/usr
US Service Command

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; American Radio Relay League, Inc.; American Red Cross; Catholic Charities; CWS ~ Church World Service; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency) State; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Humane Society of the United States, The; Lutheran Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Salvation Army; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; UMCOR Relief Network; United Way; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services
Updated Sep 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8869

NY

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS – Hosted by: Broad Channel American Legion Post 1404) – 2012 HURRICANE SANDY (CLEAN UP UNITS)

Volunteer Camp · Open

209 Crossbay Blvd., Broad Channel, NY 11693

Phone American Legion – 1–718–474–5029
Web mds.mennonite.net
Serves Broad Channel, Howard Beach, Hamilton Beach, New York
Eligibility Impacted by Hurricane Sandy
Service Temporary

FROM THE SITE 11/10/12:

MDS volunteers dig in and clean up after Hurricane Sandy

“We have boots on the ground,” reported Kevin King, Executive Director of Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS). He was referring to various groups of MDS volunteers that are responding to the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy. Sandy’s path of damage is widespread, as is the response of MDS volunteers.

MDS volunteers worked in Garrett Co., MD, removing downed trees and branches. Garrett Co. is one of several counties that was covered by heavy snow during the hurricane. Volunteers worked in tandem with road crews and line repair trucks to clear roads as the repairs took place. Some roads remain closed and residents are without power.

MDS volunteers from Pennsylvania began working in Staten Island, NY, on Nov. 3, and groups will continue to work there for several weeks. King traveled to Staten Island along with representatives from MDS Region I to coordinate a plan for a long–term clean up response. King described an area 10–miles–long and over a half–mile wide as “block after block of devastation.” MDS is working with the Oasis Christian Center in Staten Island and will work alongside other NY churches.

MDS is currently mobilizing our volunteers. MDS volunteers come in for the day, work, and then return home. At the present time there are no overnight volunteers, as this would put strain on an already over–loaded infrastructure.

Ruth Yoder Wenger, moderator of the New York City Council of Mennonite Churches and Executive Vice President of New York Disaster Interfaith Services (NYDIS) is working with MDS to coordinate the response. Wenger also represents MDS on the NYDIS board and is also pastor of North Bronx Mennonite Church.

Tree removal and clean up plans are being made for Rhode Island and Connecticut and MDS volunteers from units in several other states are responding locally to clean up and repair needs.

MDS accepts monetary donations to support the clean up work in all areas affected by Hurricane Sandy. MDS does not accept donations of food and other items.

Monetary donations can be made online, in the US by phone (717) 735–3536, or by mailing a check to MDS, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. In Canada, call (866) 261–1274 or mail cheques to MDS, 6A–1325 Markham Rd Winnipeg , MB R3T 4J6 CANADA. To designate the donation for Hurricane Sandy, write "Hurricane Sandy" in the memo line of the check.

Services offered: Cleanup, Tree Cutting and Removal, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, * Volunteer Services (ANY/ALL Types); Donations, Disaster Fund; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)

Campaigns: 2012 Hurricane Sandy; American Legion; Mennonite Disaster Service
Updated Nov 10, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9528

Mennonite Disaster Assistance (MDS – NY Unit – NYVOAD Member)

Info/Hotline · Open

Faith–Based Disaster Recovery/Rebuilding
NY
Web mds.mennonite.net
Service Temporary

From the NYVOAD Member Directory:

Disaster Program
The Mennonite, Brethren in Christ, and related Anabaptist constituent churches, in keeping with their Biblical and Christian service theology, respond through Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS) to help meet the needs of disaster victims. Special emphasis will be placed on helping those least able to help themselves, such as the elderly, handicapped, widowed, etc. Although the major thrust of our traditional disaster assistance is in the areas of post–disaster cleanup and building repair, MDS personnel are willing to expand their areas of involvement where there is a need and when a sufficient number of volunteers are available.

MDS workers are volunteers who serve without pay. They carry out their disaster assistance activities, supported by the larger regional and bi–national network, in a spirit of cooperation with the various agencies of the government and with other volunteer disaster service organizations. The major contribution of MDS to most disaster situations will be supplying volunteer personnel for cleanup, repair, and rebuild operations. In most cases, the MDS organization will not provide resources for housing materials, anticipating that these will come from other sources. MDS will require no fees for services provided, although support via Red Cross, local Interfaith, etc., for food and housing for volunteer personnel is usually welcomed and appreciated.

Services offered: Cleanup, Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Construction, Home Repair, Volunteer Services; Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Demographic Served: Disabled, Persons With Disabilities; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; Mennonite Disaster Service; 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)
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VOAD, New York State (STATE LEVEL)

Info/Hotline · Open

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NY
Web www.nyvoad.org
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2011 Huricane Irene –
http://www.nyvoad.org/disaster_updates

old notes:
From the NYVOAD Member Directory:

Activation of NYSVOAD

NYSVOAD recognizes the independence of each of its member organizations and does not dictate agency response. However, NYSVOAD endeavors to serve as a catalyst of cooperation and communication between each of its members.

In the event of a disaster, any member agency may request initiation of NYSVOAD response coordination. Response coordination may be accomplished through conference calls, local meetings, or electronic communications.

It is important to maintain the regularly scheduled NYSVOAD communications (i.e. monthly conference calls, executive meetings) during the disaster timeframe.
Activation of any one member organization may be done directly by that organization or may be requested through the leadership of the NYSVOAD.

Activation through NYSVOAD will ensure that all member organizations are informed of the situation. Once activated, NYSVOAD will encourage a cooperative and coordinated voluntary response.

Disaster Coordination Plan

The purpose of the NYSVOAD is to bring together organizations active in disaster services to foster more effective preparedness, response and disaster recovery in New York State. Direct service to impacted communities is provided by the member agencies of the NYSVOAD, not by the NYSVOAD itself. NYSVOAD is a coordinating agency whose goal is to enhance planning, training and communications between organizations active in disaster mitigation, response and recovery. With this in mind, NYSVOAD shall support the response to level 3 & 4 disasters, as appropriate, in the following manner:

I. NYSVOAD Officer (or designee) will report to the State Emergency Operations Center and become the liaison for all VOAD members not then represented in the EOC, and will call and facilitate a NYSVOAD meeting or conference call as soon as practical and needed to do so.

II. NYSVOAD EOC Liaison will meet with the State Donation Coordination Manager (or designee), the State Director of Human Services and FEMA VAL (Voluntary Agency Liaison), and will convene meetings or conference calls with VOAD member agencies to identify and assist with immediate needs, and coordinate with member agencies on their planned responses.

III. NYSVOAD Officer (or designee) will provide updated reports of voluntary agency activities to the New York State Office of Emergency Management (State OEM) at regular intervals or when necessitated by changes in service or location, and will provide member agencies with information regarding the state response. The Liaison will also communicate any issues or concerns that member agencies are reporting in the field to the state.

IV. NYSVOAD Executive Committee will facilitate the development of Long Term Recovery Committee(s) as appropriate, in coordination with the State OEM Director of Human Services and the FEMA VAL.

V. At the close of an operation, NYSVOAD Chairperson or Vice–Chair will request a consolidated report from each voluntary organization assisting in disaster response. This report is to include recommendations that will enable NYSVOAD to encourage and implement corrective actions that will enhance future response and recovery operations. Reports will be brought as an agenda item at the next NYSVOAD meeting following the disaster.

NYSVOAD shall support the response to disasters of a level two or less, as appropriate, in the following manner:

I. NYSVOAD Officer (or Designee) will convene a conference call with member agencies and government partners to evaluate the nature and extent of damages. Under special circumstances the VOAD Liaison may be requested to support EOC operations.

II. NYSVOAD Member agencies will support local response agencies as appropriate.

III. NYSVOAD Executive Committee will facilitate the development of Long Term Recovery Committee(s) as appropriate, in coordination with the State OEM Director of Human Services.

IV. At the close of an operation, NYSVOAD Chairperson or Vice–Chair will request a consolidated report from each voluntary organization assisting in disaster response. This report is to include recommendations that will enable NYSVOAD to encourage and implement corrective actions that will enhance future response and recovery operations. Reports will be brought as an agenda item at the next NYSVOAD meeting following the disaster.

NOTE: The primary goal of the NYSVOAD and its member organizations is to work in partnership and support of local VOAD's, disaster response networks, local human services councils and other response organizations, and when required act as a conduit to national resources. It is not the role of the NYSVOAD nor its member organizations to replace local networks or their services.

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LTRC, Ohio Valley Unmet Needs Committee

Info/Hotline · Standby

Disaster Relief
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2011: TF: no news found online about this group. I suggest you look to the Ohio VOAD for status/connections and to give to recovery efforts.

http://www.ohiovoad.org/

Or see the entry in the database at:
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/628

Organizations:
Ohio Valley Unmet Needs Committee

Services offered: LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee Advice
Campaigns: Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; American Radio Relay League, Inc.; American Red Cross; LDS ~ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–day Saints; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; LTRG, Long Term Recovery Group; Lutheran Disaster Response; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Salvation Army; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Tzu Chi Foundation; UCC ~ United Church of Christ; UMCOR Relief Network; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
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Ohio VOAD Quarter Meetings
10 A.M., Worthington Seventh Day Adventist Church
Winter – February 21
Spring – May 16
Summer – August 15 – Ohio EMA Site
Fall Annual – November 14

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; Amateur Radio Emergency Services; American Red Cross; Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Inc.; Churches of Christ Disaster Response Team; Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort; Church of the Brethren, Children's Disaster Services; Church of the Brethren Disaster Response; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency), County; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency) State; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security, National Shelter System (NSS); Government, State/ County; LDS ~ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–day Saints; Lutheran Disaster Response; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Salvation Army; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief; Tzu Chi Foundation; UCC ~ United Church of Christ; UMCOR Relief Network; United Way; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a Chapter Level Member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Aug 16, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1766

OK

VOAD (VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER), State of OKLAHOMA

Info/Hotline · Open

c/o Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management; PO Box 53365, Oklahoma City, OK 73152
Phone 405–521–2481
Web www.okvoad.org
Serves Oklahoma, State of
Service Temporary

No site updates for the Aug. 2012 Oklahoma Wildfires

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2012 Oklahoma – Wildfires; 211 (Affiliation: 211 (choose this ONLY for actual 211 operations); ACTS World Relief; Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; American Baptist Men Disaster Relief; American Radio Relay League, Inc.; American Red Cross; Billy Graham Rapid Response Team; Christian Churches Disciples of Christ; Church of the Brethren Disaster Response; Citizen Corps; CityTeam; Convoy of Hope; CWS ~ Church World Service; Feeding America; Feed The Children; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency) State; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Habitat For Humanity; Hands On Disaster Response; Hands On Network; Hope Coalition America (A Division of Operation Hope); Humane Society of the United States, The; International Relief & Development (IRD); LDS ~ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–day Saints; Lutheran Disaster Response; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Medical Reserve Corps; Mennonite Disaster Service; Mercy Medical Airlift; Nazarene Disaster Response; Noah's Wish; Operation Blessing; REACT International; Salvation Army; Samaritan's Purse; Save The Children; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief; Tzu Chi Foundation; UCC ~ United Church of Christ; United Methodist Church; United Way; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), Associate Member/Informal Affiliation; 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); World Hope International; World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services; World Vision
Updated Aug 9, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9251

OR

VOAD, ORVOAD, Oregon

Info/Hotline · Open

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Serves Statewide, Oregon
Service Temporary

COVID–19 and Oregon fires response

Would you like to volunteer to help or to post a need during the current pandemic or fires in Oregon, or to donate goods and items? ORVOAD and the Oregon State Office of Emergency Management (OEM) are managing these needs and resources through the program below. Click on the link to set up your volunteer account to help, register your organization's needs and to donate resources.

oregonrecovers.communityos.org

For medical volunteer, please provide your information at https://serv–or.org/

Oregon Wildfire Resources
Map of shelters for people and animals in response to the fires in Oregon.
Red Cross – Find open shelters
Find a hotel for emergency lodging – PDF

ORVOAD is on Facebook as a resource to help meet needs.https://www.facebook.com/ORVOAD/

Solidarity

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge that while the COVID–19 pandemic is consuming a lot of our attention, it has not stopped the violence and injustice that exists in the world, and this is very much true for the deep injustices that the black community is facing in the United States.

We stand in solidarity with our colleagues who are feeling the pain of violence and injustice in our state and in our country. We welcome any input as to how we can ensure that ORVOAD acknowledges, listens and acts to make meaningful change around systemic racism.

Transitions

The time between June and July will mark a transition of leadership for ORVOAD. Michelle and Susan are so happy to welcome Rashad Bauman as the new President of ORVOAD.
(Click here to read complete PDF version)

Information sources on COVID–19

The State of Oregon's COVID–19 page
The Oregon Health Authority's COVID–19 page
Information from the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries
The World Health Organization's COVID–19 page
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's COVID–19 page
Call, text, or email 211 for questions about COVID–19 or referrals to programs for food, shelter, health care and more.
Topic Collection: COVID–19 Behavioral Health Resources

ORVOAD – Working Cooperatively in a Crisis

Following a disaster, ORVOAD convenes its members and other agencies to discuss how they will work together cooperatively in the crisis. ORVOAD does not itself deliver services. Instead, its members independently meet relief and recovery needs within the cooperative framework the organization makes possible.

ORVOAD coordinates planning by the many voluntary agencies responding to a disaster so they provide more effective service with less duplication when a disaster strikes.

MEMBERS:
Oregon Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster is not intended to be a competing agency but an umbrella organization of existing agencies. Each member organization maintains its own identity and independence yet works closely with other agencies to improve services and eliminate unnecessary duplication.

ORVOAD consists of voluntary and state government organizations with disaster relief roles. VOAD functions include animal control, building repair, child care, clean up, clothing, communication, counseling, damage assessment, disaster welfare inquiry, financial assistance, food, human relations, mass care, sheltering, transportation, volunteer staffing, and warehousing and bulk distribution.

Long Term Recovery Groups (LTRGs)
Oregon VOAD is currently supporting the following communities with Long Term Recovery Groups:
https://orvoad.communityos.org/cms/LTRG

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Disaster Response, Recovery, Preparedness & Mitigation; Support for "All" Disasters; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Disaster Preparedness
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; 2020 Oregon Fires; Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; American Baptist Churches–USA; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Catholic Charities; Church of the Brethren Disaster Response; Ecumenical Ministries; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Lutheran Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; NW Medical Teams International; Rotary Club (Local Civic Group); Salvation Army; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; UMCOR Relief Network; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster),

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Updated Sep 14, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2132

PA

Mennonite Disaster Service – MDS – HQ Office

Info/Hotline · Open

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Checks payable to	www.mds.mennonite.net/Donate
Service	Temporary

FACEBOOK –
Mennonite Disaster Service
https://www.facebook.com/MennoniteDisasterService

This is the MDS Update for September 2020

Early Response to Hurricane Laura
Project Director and two supporting Leadership Volunteers throughout the fall 2020 months. Specific dates, duties, and location are still developing.

We expect to begin scheduling Leadership Volunteers from our winter 2021 waitlist beginning in early October.

https://mds.mennonite.net/mds–response–to–hurricane–laura/

NOTE: Given the COVID–19 pandemic, MDS has put into place some requirements for how projects will operate in the coming months. These include some additional health & safety practices to ensure the health & safety of our volunteers, clients, and community partners. The specific practices will be put into place at each project and may be updated as recommendations and regulations change. Due to the closure of the U.S./Canadian border, the Canadian government travel advisory against travel to the U.S., and uncertainty about insurance coverage for COVID–19–related medical costs, MDS Canada is currently not sending or supporting volunteers serving in the U.S. We continue to evaluate this situation and look forward to the day when Canadians can again serve on U.S. projects.

This is the MDS Update for July 26, 2012

CURRENT NEEDS
Begin planning now for a short or long–term assignment this fall. Volunteers will be needed in Bastrop, TX, Birmingham, AL, Cordova, AL, Joplin, MO, Minot, ND and West Liberty, KY beginning in October.

If you are interested in any of the opportunities listed, please call (800) 241–8111 or e–mail syoder@mds.mennonite.net for more information.

This is the MDS Update for February 11, 2010

We are forming a list of skilled volunteers interested in serving in American Samoa. For more information, check our website or call (800) 241–8111.

Contributions may be sent to:
USA: 1018 Main Street, Akron, PA 17501 or
Can.: 6A–1325 Markham Rd, Winnipeg, MB R3T 4J6
Donate Online: Donate

Telephone: (717) 859–2210 or (800) 241–8111

Remember the variety of ways you can give to MDS - volunteer your time, give money through cash donations, planned gifts, bequests and traded securities. Call our office to learn more details.

MDS project listings*
All MDS projects will close for Christmas break from December 15, 2007 – January 6, 2008 except for Johnson Bayou RV project which closes on December 20, 2007.
The MDS projects in Greensburg , Mobile and New Orleans have openings for the first two weeks of December but aside from that, all projects are currently full until March.
Occasionally there are cancellations. If you would like to be called about volunteer needs on short–notice (1–3 weeks), please call Sarah Yoder at (800) 241–8111 in advance.
*Except where noted, to schedule, all short–term and US long–term volunteers call (800) 241–8111 . Canadian long–term volunteers call (866) 261–1274 .

SEE URGENT NEEDS BELOW at bottom of list:

Toll-free Project Updates

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Mennonite Disaster Service is a channel through which various constituencies of the Anabaptist church can respond to those affected by disasters in North America.

While our main focus is on clean up, repair and rebuilding homes, this activity becomes a means of touching lives and helping people regain faith and wholeness.

Contributions may be sent to:
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ONLINE: www.mds.mennonite.net/donate

PROJECT LISTINGS

Bayou La Batre, Alabama
http://mds.mennonite.net/Projects/Bayou_La_Batre__AL
This site closed at the end of March.
Completed projects

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February 11, 2010
AMERICAN SAMOA

Disaster: 2009 Tsunami

This week we again started with a number of days of very serious rains! We dash from shelter to vehicle to stay somewhat dry. This week we started at Veli's home. The family had helped us by moving their belongings into an attached "lean". We were able to replace the roof with only a five-minute rain.

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February 11, 2010
Cameron, Louisiana
http://mds.mennonite.net/Projects/Cameron__LA
Cameron, Louisiana
The family for our fourth house could not hide their excitement as they saw the frame of their house take shape on their concrete piers. In addition to the physical changes on the houses, volunteers hoped their week of service provided some confirmation to the people of Cameron that God and God's people care about them

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Chunchula, Alabama (RV Program)
http://mds.mennonite.net/Projects/RVProgram
This site is closed at the end of February.
Completed projects

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February 11, 2010
Diamond, Louisiana
DISASTER: 2005 GULF COAST HURRICANES
URGENT NEEDS

A Project Director and an Office Manager are needed from Mar. 4 to Mar. 20 in Diamond, LA. Office Managers are responsible for bookkeeping and general office duties and Project Directors are responsible for the leadership of the project. If you are interested, please call (800) 241–8111 in the US or (866) 261–1274 in Canada.

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GREENSBURG, KANSAS
Disaster: May 2007 Tornado
Day volunteers call (985) 291–1296 , overnight volunteers call (800) 241–8111 to schedule.

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JOHNSON BAYOU, LOUISIANA
Disaster: 2005 Gulf Coast Hurricanes
This is an RV project.
closes on December 20, 2007.

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Hackberry, Louisiana (RV Program)
http://mds.mennonite.net/Projects/Hackberry__LA
Completed projects

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LIVINGSTON, TEXAS
Disaster: 2005 Gulf Coast Hurricanes
This site will open on January 6, 2008

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April 12, 2007
Mobile, Alabama
DISASTER: GULF COAST HURRICANES
There is space for volunteers from December 1–15.

http://mds.mennonite.net/Projects/Mobile__AL

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February 11, 2010
NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA – RV
Disaster: 2008 Hurricane Ike RV Project
The house we are working on now is getting the old siding ripped off, insulated and new siding put up. We are painting as we go. We will also build a porch and put shutters on the house.

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February 11, 2010
NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA
Disaster: 2008 Hurricane Ike
Several of the volunteers helped Ms. Jacqueline finish packing and moving her belongings so repairs to the floors could begin. Winds from Hurricane Ike damaged the roof, allowing water to come into the house, damaging the floors as well. Rotted flooring has been replaced with new wood.

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February 11, 2010
New Orleans, Louisiana
DISASTER: 2005 GULF COAST HURRICANES
Despite having a smaller crew this week, much was accomplished. The Ms. H house had all of the walls and ceilings covered with sheet rock plus one and a half coats of mud were applied. The Mrs. G house had most of the inside of the house covered with sheet rock, and mudding got off to a good start.
Convent address: 2710 Gentilly Blvd.,
New Orleans , LA 70122

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NEWTON, TEXAS
Disaster: 2005 Gulf Coast Hurricanes
This is an RV project. This site will open on January 6, 2008

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February 11, 2010
CHEEK, TEXAS
Disaster: 2008 Hurricane Ike RV Project
Mr. Chris's house was put on hold until Thursday, waiting for approval to repair more than was originally scheduled. When we began working on the house we found much more damage than met the eye at first glance. As soon as we were granted approval, Jim and Pete began to pull out the bottom half of the drywall to rid the house of mold and also allow for rewiring.

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February 11, 2010
Pass Christian, Mississippi
Disaster: 2005 Gulf Coast Hurricanes
We dedicated Miss Rose Marie's house on Tuesday. Several of her siblings, children, grandchildren, and neighbors showed up for the celebration. Several of our volunteers took part in presenting Miss Rose Marie with a Bible, a wall–hanging, a house key, and an occupancy permit. Tears filled her eyes as she thanked everyone involved in completing her home. She is very excited to be able to "come back home".

PASS CHRISTIAN, MISSISSIPPI (Coordinated by Storm Aid Group)
Disaster: 2005 Gulf Coast Hurricanes

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April 12, 2007
Point Aux Chenes, Louisiana
DISASTER: 2005 GULF COAST HURRICANES

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February 11, 2010
DULZURA, CALIFORNIA
Disaster: 2007 Wildfires
Another week has come and gone, and once again we are happy with progress made. We got another permit last week and this week the ground work started on the P–L home. God continues to guide, give wisdom and safety, and provide the skills needed for the jobs to move forward.

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February 11, 2010
RAMONA, CALIFORNIA
Disaster: 2007 Wildfires
By the end of the week the James' house had transformed itself from stem walls into a house with trusses in place ready to receive the roof sheathing. The weather cooperated and much work was accomplished.

Urgent Needs
There is a need for project leadership various MDS projects. Call (800) 241–8111 to schedule.

http://mds.mennonite.net/Volunteer

Skilled and long–term volunteers always needed
MDS is always looking for workers skilled in building trades, site supervisors, project directors and cooking staff. If you fit any of these categories, please register that you would be available to volunteer with MDS, if not immediately then perhaps in the near future.

This is the Mennonite Disaster Service update for November 21, 2007.

Visit us on the web at: www.mds.mennonite.net
MDS Activity Summary (information to pass along):
Toll–free volunteer Information/scheduling line: (800) 241–8111

Services offered: Cleanup, Disaster Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Construction, Home Repair, Volunteer Services; Construction, Skilled Labor, Volunteer; Jobs, Paying; Volunteer, Long–Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; 2005 Hurricane Wilma; 2008 Hurricane Ike; 2009 American Samoa Tsunami; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2010 Oil Spill Gulf of Mexico; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2012 Colorado – Waldo Canyon Wildfire; 2020 Hurricane Laura; Mennonite Disaster Service; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a

member)
Updated Sep 13, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/789

TX

Mennonite Disaster Service, RV Program – Marble Falls, TX

Volunteer Camp · Standby

Disaster Recovery/Rebuilding
Camp of the Hills; 1552 CR 344, Marble Falls, TX 78654
Phone (830) 613–5936 Jake and Verna Martens
Web mds.mennonite.net/projects/project_blank001
Service Temporary

Project Open Date: October 6, 2008
Volunteer Status: Project is closed.
Volunteers to Date: 42
Jobs Started: 8
Jobs Completed: 8
Project End Date: March 31, 2009

Disaster Description

Marble Falls, Texas was founded in 1887. Falls of Limestone which was mistaken as marble let to the naming of the city. A dam has since been build to form Lake Marble Falls on the Colorado River. The falls are now under water and only visible on those rare occasions when the lake is lowered for repairs.

On Tuesday, June 26, 2007, over 18 inches of rain fell in a few hours in the Marble Falls area. Authorities estimate that approximately 150 businesses and homes were damaged by flood waters.

MDS Response

The MDS RV project will be set up at the Camp of the Hills, a Christian camp that provides summer outdoor camping experiences to inner city kids.

The Marble Falls RV Project will open on October 6, 2008. Weekly reports will be available when work begins.
Campaigns: Mennonite Disaster Service
Updated Feb 11, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3804

Mennonite Disaster Service, RV Program – Newton, TX

Volunteer Camp · Standby

Faith–Based Disaster Recovery Services
c/o First United Methodist Church; 308 High St., Newton, TX 75966
Web mds.mennonite.net/projects/newton_rv
Eligibility Impacted by Hurricane Ike, Rita, Katrina
Service Temporary

Project Start Date: January 2007
Volunteer Status: This project is closed.
Volunteers to Date: 50
Jobs Started: 6
Jobs Completed: 6

Project Schedule:

Project will reopen October 6, 2008
December 19– Closed for Holidays
January 5 – Project Open

For more information on the RV program, contact Don and Marilyn Buller, RV Program Coordinators (US Volunteers) at mdsrv(at)mds.mennonite.net ckearsley(at)mds.mennonite.net or Evelyn Peters–Rojas (Canadian Volunteers) at epetersroja(at)mds.mennonite.net or (866) 261–1274 (toll free).

Volunteer Information:
Please download and read the files listed below if you are planning and preparing for travel to work in Newton.

Newton RV Program Information on website!
Volunteer Information On website!

NOTE from website included:

Although it is hard for the community to watch, feeling as though their hands are tied behind their backs, MDS has called upon its Early Response Teams (ERT) from Arkansas and Missouri. These recently trained groups are well equipped with chainsaws for

cleaning debris, tarping for roofs, and a host of other tools designed for early response assistance. They will be housed in Newton, Texas, an MDS camp site.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with clean up please call our office, (800) 241–8111, to find out current opportunities.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULING
Don't wait until winter to volunteer! Volunteers are needed for the fall months. Fall projects with openings include Newton, Texas and New Orleans, Louisiana.
RV projects will be open in Marble Falls and Newton, Texas.

URGENT NEEDS
Skilled crew leaders are needed in several locations from October 6 to December 12. Call (800) 241–8111 to volunteer. In Canada call (866) 261–1274.

Contributions may be sent to:
USA: 1018 Main Street, Akron, PA 17501 or
Can.: 6A–1325 Markham Rd, Winnipeg, MB R3T 4J6
ONLINE: www.mds.mennonite.net/donate
Telephone: (717) 859–2210 or (800) 241–8111

Remember the variety of ways you can give to MDS - volunteer your time, give money through cash donations, planned gifts, bequests and traded securities. Call our office to learn more details.

Services offered: RV Hook–Ups
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2008 Hurricane Ike; Mennonite Disaster Service
Updated Feb 11, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2643

VOAD – CTX (Central Texas)

Info/Hotline · Open

VOAD
Various, TX
Web www.centraltexasvoad.org
Service Temporary

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Central Texas VOAD Member Organizations

Advocacy, Inc.
American Red Cross
AAIM (Austin Area Interreligious Ministries)
Austin Disaster Relief Network
Austin Free–Net
Capital Area Council of Governments
Capital Area Food Bank of Texas
Caritas of Austin
Catholic Charities of Central Texas
CERT – Austin
CERT – Bastrop County
Church of Scientology
Church World Service
City of Austin, Office of Emergency Management
City of Lakeway
Civil Air Patrol, Grp. III, Texas Wing
Community Action Network
Coordinated Assistance Network (CAN)
Dept. State Health Services (DSHS)

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), Southwestern Synod
Foundation for the Homeless
Helping the Aging, Needy, and Disabled
Indigent Care Collaboration
Jewish Community Association of Austin
Lower Colorado River Authority
Lutheran Social Services, Disaster Response
Mennonite Church
OneStar Foundation
Paws of Austin
Pets America
Refugee Services of Texas
Safe Place
Salvation Army
Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Southern Baptist Convention
St James Episcopal Church
Texas A&M University Center on Disability & Development
Texas Appleseed
Texas Baptist Men Region 21 Disaster Relief Team
Texas Conference of Churches
Texas Department of MHMR
Texas Department of Public Safety, DOEM
Texas Dept State Health Services – Community Preparedness
Texas Federation of Animal Care Services (TFACS)
Texas RioGrande Legal Aide
Travis County Amateur Radio Emer. Serv.
Travis County Health & Human Services
Travis County OEM
Travis County REACTS
Travis County Sheriff's Office
United Methodist Committee on Relief
United Way – Capital Area – 211
United Way Capital Area
United Way Capital Area – Hands on Central Texas
USHeroes
Volunteer Mobile Emergency Response Unit
WIN (Wimberly LTRC)

Minutes from Dec 2010 meeting: http://www.centraltexasvoad.org/minutes/CTXVOADMinutesDec2010.doc

Services offered: Services, Disaster Response, Recovery, Preparedness & Mitigation; Shelter, Red Cross Shelter Updates; Shelter, Updates, Locations; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2011 Texas Wildfires; Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; CAN (Coordinated Assistance Network.); Catholic Charities; CERT (Community Emergency Response Team); CWS ~ Church World Service; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Salvation Army; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief; Texas Baptist Men Disaster Relief; UMCOR Relief Network; United Way; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
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LTRC, Citizens Organization for Rita Relief (CORR)

Info/Hotline · Open

Disaster Recovery
Jasper & Newton Counties, TX
Phone 409–379–4663 / (409) 379–3590
Serves Jasper & Newton Counties, Tx
Service Temporary

Jasper/Newton aid group formed

November 28, 2005

Citizens Organized for Rita Relief (CORR) held their second organizational meeting November 22, 2005 in the conference room of Believers New Life Ministries International in Bleakwood. This group of local pastors, non–profit organizations, public officials and school administrators has formed to coordinate a united and dedicated coalition to provide a central point of intake and referral for people who suffered damage as a result of Hurricane Rita. CORR will provide focus and generate support of local

agencies to provide housing, health care, and other services necessary to recover from the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Rita.

CORR has established an intake center at 107 Court Street in downtown Newton. People who have needs that will not be covered by insurance or FEMA should call (409) 379–4663 or come by the office of Self Help Housing of East Texas to apply for assistance. They will open a second office in Kirbyville in the near future for Jasper residents.

CORR will solicit funds and support from private foundations, corporate donors, and private individuals, to support the efforts of the Mennonite volunteers and other groups who will help repair and rebuild damaged homes. They will also make referrals to East Texas Health Access Network for medical care.

CORR will address the UNMET needs of citizens of Newton and Jasper County. If you have resources available to meet your needs, please do not apply.

The Board of Directors of CORR consists of: Associate Pastor Alton Scott, Rev. Ted Williams, Lee Holbert, Rev. L.D. Matthews, Rev. Joe Miller, Linda Dickerson, Commissioner Willie Stark, and Superintendent Gene Isabell.

For more information contact Kim at 379–4663

ARTICLE FROM The Jasper Newsboy dated 3/8/06:

'This recovery is our business'
CORR helping area fill needs unmet by federal, state funds
By JIMMY GALVAN Managing Editor

On Sept. 23, 2005, Hurricane Rita cut a path through Jasper and Newton counties.

Almost immediately, a need to organize aid was recognized for the victims of the "forgotten hurricane."

Citizens Organized for Rita Restoration (CORR) stepped up to fill that need.

CORR is a faith–based, non–profit organization that is trying to facilitate recovery efforts in the two counties.

"Our goal is to partner with anybody and everybody," said CORR Executive Director Lee Holbert. "We want to make sure no one falls through the cracks."

Holbert said the group gains a number of intakes weekly and tracks any money the applicants receive, either from insurance or federal aid.

"We document if there are needs that are unmet from outside sources," Holbert said. "We try to find a way to fulfill and meet those needs."

CORR operates to assist the elderly, disabled, underprivileged, poor and the victims of discrimination and alienation. CORR exists to assist those who are unable to help themselves recover f rom the devastation of Hurricane Rita.

Holbert said after the storm hit he waited for organization of relief efforts but it became apparent that the federal aid was not going to meet the area's needs.

" We got involved with Church World Services and they told us to form a longterm recovery committee," Holbert said.

To accomplish these purposes, CORR acts as an u m b rella board, providing coordination, networking, guidance and leadership to local non–profits, governmental units, disaster relief organization, and individuals working to maximize the use of scarce resources in the recovery.

" We just knew a lot of people were hurting and needed a lot of help here , " Holbert said.

So far, CORR has completed work in Newton County and has yet to start any projects in Jasper County.

Originally, CORR received manpower donation from the Mennonite Church out of
Arkansas .

"They stayed at the Baptist Encampment in Newton and provided all of the labor for projects in Newton," Holbert said. "Right now, we don't have any resources in Jasper County."

Holbert explained that Newton County used its unmet needs allocation money from the state to purchase materials for CORR projects.

" We didn't have either of those re s o u rces in Jasper County," Holbert said. "We have active cases in Jasper but we don't have any resources in Jasper County."

One change for the county comes in the form of $2.5 million grant from the people of Saudi Arabia that will be administered by the Deep East Texas Council of Governments.

" We now will have money for materials but no labor," Holbert said. "We have many connections with labor and volunteers so we should be able to funnel some of these groups in Jasper and Newton to begin these pro j e c t s . "

Holbert said CORR would like to see human resources donations made to their cause.

"I would to see churc h e s and the Lions Clubs, the chambers organize work groups to help out," Holbert said. "There are a lot of people in Jasper County whose lives are back to normal, the hurricane is over for them.

"But a lot of their neighbors still have leaky ro o f s and are still putting buckets out when it rains," Holbert said.

Holbert said the majority of the volunteer work done on projects has come fro m outside sourc e s .

" We are a community that should serve each other," Holbert said. "God calls on us to love one another and serve our brothers and sisters."

Holbert said the first hurdle of emergency relief has been completed for these two counties.

" However, there are many people who do not have the resources to re c o ver from the damage that has been done," Holbert said. "Many people were alre a d y below or barely above the poverty level prior to Rita's landfall, and their primary residences have been completely destroyed or rend e red uninhabitable. People who have exhausted all other help and means such as private insurance, governmental state and federal programs, and personal savings will be able to apply for help from CORR."

CORR will coordinate the case work and subsequent determination of needs and the allocation of material and human re s o u rces to accomplish the rebuilding of human dwellings and lives.

Anyone needing aid can contact CORR at (409) 3793590.

Tax free donations can be made out to CORR and sent to CORR's office in Newton. Holbert said an office in the Kirbyville area is in the process of being opened.

"This recovery is our business," Holbert said. "We can't rely on people fro m outside to come in and fix us. I hope that people have learned that the government can't do everything and that they shouldn't look to the government for everything.

"When there is a need, we turn to our neighbor for help," Holbert said. "We have seen the government doesn't do a very good job at helping us in a time a crisis. We have to take care of our own and we are well able to do that."

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Case Management, Disabled/Handicapped; Case Management, Hurricane Survivors; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Case Management, Seniors/Elders; Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Rita; CWS ~ Church World Service; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; Mennonite Disaster Service
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VOAD, Texas (TXVOAD – STATE LEVEL)

Info/Hotline · Open

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American Red Cross
Catholic Charities
Convoy of Hope
Lutheran Social Services of the South Disaster Response
Mennonite Disaster Service
Presbyterian Church in America
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Save The Children
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Southern Baptists of Texas Convention
Texas Baptist Men

Texas Food Bank Network
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–day Saints (LDS Church: Emergency Response, etc.)
Tzu Chi Foundation
United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
United Ways of Texas (AS)

Services offered: Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Ike; 2011 Texas Wildfires; Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; Aidmatrix; American Red Cross; Catholic Charities; Convoy of Hope; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; LDS ~ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–day Saints; Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest; Mennonite Disaster Service; Save The Children; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief; Texas Baptist Men Disaster Relief; Tzu Chi Foundation; UMCOR Relief Network; United Methodist Disaster Response; United Way; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
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