Resource Guide

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GA

Operation Blessing (Hosted by Assembly of God Tabernacle)

Volunteer Camp · Standby

Disaster Relief/Recovery

Assembly of God Tabernacle; 1580 Agape Way, Decatur, GA 30035

Phone To Volunteer call 757–226–3407
Web www.ob.org
Serves Powder Springs, Decatur & Douglassville, GA
Eligibility Impacted by the 9/09 GA Floods
Service Temporary

5/2/11: Dan Responded. They aren't in Georgia this time around. Alabama only.

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Notes from old disasters:

In response to recent flooding in Atlanta, Ga., Operation Blessing is looking for volunteer teams of 2 or more to help gut flood–damaged homes in the Atlanta area.

Operation Blessing will provide food, lodging and work coordination. Volunteers will be responsible for transportation to and from the work sites.

To volunteer, please register with Operation Blessing by calling 757–226–3407. You can also e–mail us at volunteer @ob.org

Can't volunteer but still want to help? Your gift of $25, $50 or more can help provide immediate relief to families devastated by the floods.

http://www.ob.org/volunteer.asp

The group is gearing up for recovery. VOLUNTEER HOUSING will be available. FREE, but you must work on Operation Blessing work orders. Showers and Kitchen Available. 50 beds, plus the homes of individual parisioners. Volunteers MUST have their own local transportation to/from work sites. Volunteers MUST be in work teams of 2.

9/30/09 GAVOAD ConCall Notes:

Operation Blessing (Jody Herrington)
• Still working from previous 2 locations. Have had about 200 volunteers.
• Special thanks to LDS for outreach to avoid duplication of agency efforts.
• Extending appeal for photos of volunteer flood recovery work to include in Atlanta Braves Foundation slideshow during select games. Email photos to Jody by 5:00 PM today.
• Exploring possibilities for community–level rebuild project with local businesses, if interested contact Jody.

9/29/09 TF phone call with Chris Williams. He says that they are managing clean up crews. All set for supplies right now.

9/28/09 GAVOAD ConCall Notes:

Operation Blessing (Jody Herrington)
• Still doing mud–outs in Powder Springs on Lindsey Dr. Also looking at a neighborhood in need in Decatur.
• Volunteer base camp set up on Agape Way in Decatur at Assembly of God Tabernacle. Point of distribution at Warehouse of Hope in Douglasville.

Services offered: Cleanup, Mud–Out, Muck–Out, Flood Cleanup, Volunteer Services; Facilities: Shower Facilities for Volunteers; Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Volunteer Housing (FREE); Kitchen, Kitchen Privileges (For Volunteers); Management, Volunteer Placement; 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); Volunteer Work Orders/Projects (provided by this facility); Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; Operation Blessing; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)

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Paws Atlanta

Animal Shelter · Open

No Kill Animal Shelter

5287 Covington Highway, Decatur, GA 30035

Phone 770–593–1155
Web www.pawsatlanta.org
Hours See Notes
Serves DeKalb Co., GA
Service Temporary

PAWS Atlanta is a private, 501c3 organization and receives no federal, state or county funds. PAWS Atlanta stands for Pets Are Worth Saving, and was founded in 1966 as a No–Kill animal shelter. The organization exists entirely off grants, fundraisers and donations and was previously known as The Dekalb Humane Society.

A No–Kill animal shelter does not place time nor financial limits on adoptable animals that are in that organizations care. PAWS Atlanta is the oldest and largest No–Kill animal shelter in the metro Atlanta area.

PAWS Atlanta is sometimes full, and can't accept any new animals.

The metro Atlanta area has a very large problem with pet overpopulation. Each day in Atlanta approximately 260 pets are killed, due to either irresponsible ownership or feral populations.

Moving? Can you move to a residence that can accommodate pets? Behavioral problems? There are many great dog trainers in Atlanta, one of them can certainly assist you. Busy schedule? There are some doggie day care centers that your dog would love to spend the day at. Not enough money? We have resources that can help you with discount vaccinations.

ADOPTION FEES:
For dogs, it's an adoption fee of $175, cats $100. All animals adopted from PAWS Atlanta are spayed/neutered, have all their shots, de wormed and have a microchip for identification. If you want to adopt a puppy, it may not have it's rabies shot, as it's too young.

Executive Director, ed@pawsatlanta.org

Program Development Manager, Trey Burley, ext. 16, tburley@pawsatlanta.org

Shelter Manager, Tara Mitchell, sheltermgr@pawsatlanta.org

Assistant Shelter Manager, Phillip Smith, psmith@pawsatlanta.org

Business Manager, Susan Thornburn, extension 15, businessmanager@pawsatlanta.org

PAWS Atlanta is open Sunday through Friday 12–6 and on Saturday from 10–6

PAWS Atlanta is conveniently located near I–285, 2.5 miles outside the perimeter on your right on Covington Highway. Covington Highway is exit #43 off of I–285.

Services offered: Advocacy, Animals, Community Outreach Programs; Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Animals, Adoption, Animals for Adoption; Animals, Animal Care Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Animals, Animal Control Professionals; Animals, Medical, Spay / Neuter Program; Animals, Rescue, Animal Rescue Services; Shelter, Animals, Animal Shelter; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Volunteer Orientation & Training; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers); Volunteers, Youth Volunteers (This facility accomodates Youth Volunteers)
Updated Aug 2, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3495

SHELTER, Clairmont Hills Presbyterian Church (2009 STORM SHELTER CLOSED) (RED CROSS)

Shelter · Standby

Church/Shelter
1995 Clairmont Rd; (1194 Clairmont Rd, per RCNSS), Decatur, GA 30033
Web outside.in/places/clairmont–hills–baptist–church–decatur
Service Temporary

9/29: Not on FEMA/GEMA's open shelter list TF

Evac Capacity (per RCNSS: 200)

Source:

http://www.11alive.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=135470&catid=3

MARIETTA, Ga.–– It's not home, but it's dry. The 215 people sleeping on cots at the Cobb County Civic Center have similar stories: when everything you own is underwater, you pack what you can and head for safety.

The Red Cross now expects to keep shelters open for up to two weeks. Spokesman Ruben Brown says, "We'll be here as long as they need us. This is their home right now, and we want them to be safe."

There are several Red Cross Shelters up and running right now: The Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta, Clairmont Hills Presbyterian Church is Decatur, The First United Methodist Church in Lawrenceville, The Cherokee Recreation and Parks Agency in Woodstock, and the Pentecostal Worship Center in Summerville. Brown says the Red Cross will open more shelters if needed.

Cobb County Sheriff Deputies were on duty at the Civic Center. They say it was a quiet night. Just before 5:00AM, a shelter volunteer handed 11Alive's Julie Wolfe a list. "This is what they really need right now," he said. The shelter has run out of: soap, socks, towels, toothpaste, pampers, sanitary napkins, and mouth wash. You can drop off donations at the Civic Center. You can also donate money to the Red Cross at www.redcross.org.

To donate to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish) or mail your donation to the American Red Cross at P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Water, * Bottles (ANY/ALL Types of Bottled Water)
Campaigns: 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; American Red Cross Service Center (this site is a RCSC); Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
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FEMA DRC: Browns Mill Rec. Ctr. (DRC operation CLOSING at end of day on FRIDAY 10/16/09)

Walk-in Resource · Standby

FEMA – Disaster Recovery Center (DRC)
5101 Browns Mill Road, Lithonia, GA 30058

Phone 800-621-FEMA (3362), TTY at 800-462-7585
Web www.fema.gov
Hours M-Sat: 8 am to 7 pm, Sun: 1 pm to 7 pm
Serves DeKalb County, GA
Eligibility Impacted by the 9/09 GA Floods
Service Temporary

10/16/09, per FEMA, this site's DRC operation is closing today.

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

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

2009 Region IV News Releases

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

Register For Assistance

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

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

FEMA DISASTER PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

Other Forms of Assistance

Disaster Unemployment Assistance -Workers in 17 counties may be eligible for Federal Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) to compensate for loss of income directly related to the September storms and flooding. Unlike state unemployment insurance, DUA provides benefits to self-employed business people, farmers, commission-paid employees, and others not typically covered by the state unemployment insurance program. People who think they may be eligible for benefits should call

the Georgia Department of Labor toll–free customer service line at 877–709–8185 or visit www.dol.state.ga.us to be directed to the nearest career center.

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

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

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

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

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

Source: FEMA 9/29/09

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