2020 Hurricane Laura: Resource Guide

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AL

United Methodist Disaster Warehouse

Warehouse · Open

3220 Hwy 31 South – Building F, Decatur, AL 35603

Phone 256–341–9961
Web umdisasterwarehouse.com
Service Temporary

https://www.waff.com/2020/09/17/local–disaster–relief–warehouse–sends–thousands–supplies–hurricane–sally–victims/

Local disaster relief warehouse sends thousands of supplies to Hurricane Sally victims
The United Methodist Disaster Relief Warehouse team is preparing to send even more supplies down to the Gulf Shores area
Warehouse preparing supplies for hurricane victims

https://www.umcna.org/postdetail/14229907
August 29, 2020
Here is our first information for needed supplies at our Disaster Response Warehouse in Decatur. You or your church will be responsible for delivery to Decatur. We do not have the resources to pick them up. Thanks in advance for your help.
Watch for future updates.

Supplies:
Supplies used in the Tornado Bucket or Cleaning Kit.
Tarps: 12–17ft X 20–30ft. We desperately need tarps. We are sending all we have of these sizes to Louisiana.)
Garden Rakes
Shovels
2 Wheel––Wheel Barrows
We are staging a half to full semi–trailer load of supplies for shipment to Louisiana early next week.

Monetary Donations:
For supplies and shipping costs. Please send a check to:
UM Disaster Relief Warehouse
PO Box 1133
Decatur, AL 35602
OR
Donate on our website
www.umdisasterwarehouse.com
https://www.umcna.org/postdetail/14229907

You Can Be A Volunteer
Our UMCOR kits are often one of the most important services we provide to those in need after a disaster. Learn how you, your church or volunteer group can help. Give us a call 256–341–9961 or email us for more information.
https://umdisasterwarehouse.com/volunteering/

If you would like to volunteer for the U.M. Disaster Warehouse please review the calendar below then fill out and submit the form below it.
We have tasks for everyone and anyone. We do have some tasks for folks with limited mobility. Our volunteers range from youth to retirees. The warehouse itself is not climate controlled, however we do have some tasks in a climate controlled area. Also, bring a camera. You will have fun! If it is a group coming in the winter, a pound cake would be graciously shared with all. We can provide the coffee, plates and utensils. We always have cold bottled water available. Just about any type of food for lunch is available nearby the warehouse. Campers and RV's are welcome at Point Mallard Camp Ground, just three–and–a–half miles away. (Nice full hook ups.) Thanks, U.M. Disaster Warehouse Staff 256–341–9961 U.M. Disaster Warehouse is located at 3220 Hwy 31 South, Building "F", Decatur, AL 35603.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS! Give us a call at 256–341–9961

Services offered: * KITS, CLEANING/CLEAN UP KITS; * KITS, HEALTH KITS; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Work Orders/Projects (provided by this facility)
Campaigns: 2020 Hurricane Laura; 2020 Hurricane Sally; United Methodist Disaster Response
Updated Sep 18, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10352

DC

American Red Cross International Service (Headquarters)

Info/Hotline · Open

Non–Profit Disaster Relief
2025 E. Street NW, Washington, DC 20006
Phone 1–800–RED–CROSS
Web www.redcross.org
Service Temporary

From the InterAction site – 2010 Pakistan Floods

The American Red Cross is helping people affected by flooding in Pakistan through a $100,000 contribution to the International Federation of Red Cross and Crescent Societies. To meet the immediate humanitarian needs from the flooding, the global Red Cross network is providing food, relief items, shelter, water and sanitation services and emergency healthcare. The American Red Cross continues to work with our Red Cross and Red Crescent partners to evaluate additional response options.

From the site – 2010 Pakistan Floods:

Mules Bring Relief to Pakistan's Stranded Flood Survivors

By Patrick Fuller, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Friday, August 06, 2010 — Pakistan continues to reel from the historic floods, which the UN now estimates have affected 4.5 million people. As the monsoon rains continue, the flooding is penetrating further south in the country.

The government ordered the evacuation of more than 350,000 people in Sindh province where new areas are expected be engulfed as swollen rivers fail to contain the vast body of water heading south toward the Arabian Sea.

In the northwest part of the country, the Pakistan Red Crescent Society continues to dispatch truckloads of food relief to desperate communities who have been forced from their homes by the floodwaters. For Atta Muhammad with the German Red Cross, reaching some of the worst hit areas is no easy task.

Atta works in the remote districts of Kohistan and Shangla in Pakistan's northern province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. These districts remain virtually cut off from the rest of the country since the floods swept down from the mountains six days ago. All the bridges in the area have been destroyed and no other aid groups are delivering relief in the area. Atta's team of volunteers is on their own and they face a tough task, but because they are based in the area they know the communities here well.

"The only way to reach the affected areas is by foot. But trying to get food to 25,000 people scattered in small settlements throughout these valleys isn't simple," said Atta.

The solution is a tried and tested means of traditional transport in Pakistan's mountain ranges: mules.

"Today we sent a week's rations by mule train to Olander village for 120 families. It's a ten–hour return trip and in the coming days we'll be doing the same for other villages."

Finding food for the ration packs hasn't been easy. Stocks of basic commodities such as wheat flour, rice lentils and oil have dried up in Kohistan and reaching the nearest wholesale market has been a major challenge.

"It took our volunteers eight hours to reach the town of Besham yesterday. They went by foot and used tractor trolleys and a manual chair lift to cross rivers where bridges had been washed out," explained Atta.

Tales from survivors recount a wall of water that swept through the valley taking with it many of the small settlements that once stood along the banks of the Khan Khwer River. Mohammed Abdullah and his four brothers could only watch as their homes and the green fields surrounding them were engulfed in the flash floods.

"All that remains is a pile of rocks," recounted Abdullah. "We are a family of 40 and now we are living in the house of a relative in a single room. The women and children are weeping and sobbing; they can't sleep at night and cry at the sound of any loud noise. I don't know what will happen to us. We have lost everything."

Over the next nine months, the collective global Red Cross and Red Crescent network plans to support the Pakistan Red Crescent Society in its plans to aid 35,000 families with relief items, emergency healthcare, access to safe drinking water, sanitation services and psychosocial support. As part of these efforts, 5,000 families are expected to receive basic shelter support in the form of tools and building materials. The American Red Cross is providing an initial $100,000 to support their ongoing relief efforts targeted at the most vulnerable populations, including women and children.

Services offered: Counseling, Post Disaster Counseling; Donations, Disaster Fund; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Online Networking, YouTube; Medical, Services, Emergency Medical Services; Sanitation, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Disaster Preparedness; Services, Disaster Response; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Water, Potable Water
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2020 California Fires; 2020 Hurricane Laura; 2020 Hurricane Sally; 2020 Oregon Fires; 2020 Washington Fires; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; InterAction
Updated Aug 9, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6126

World Central Kitchen – Disaster Relief (WCK's Relief Team)

Walk–in Resource · Open

1342 Florida Avenue NW, Washington, DC, DC 20009

Phone 202–844–6330
Web wck.org
Service Temporary

9–30–24

Global relief organization World Central Kitchen will distribute free meals for the public beginning at Noon on Sept. 30 at Bear's Smokehouse, 135 Coxe Ave. downtown, in the South Slope district, according to a local food outreach organization, Food Connection.

(snip)

Hearts with Hands will continue relief efforts by distributing food boxes and water from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Sept. 30 at the outreach ministry's outreach's warehouse, 850 Warren Wilson Road in Swannanoa. The organization intends to add hot meal food distribution later.

World Central Kitchen was founded by celebrity chef José Andrés in 2010 to provide fresh food on the frontlines of humanitarian disasters in the United States and around the world. The organization lost seven workers in a drone attack in Gaza earlier this year, causing it to temporarily pause its operations in the war–torn enclave.

The organization has teams in four states assessing needs and serving meals in the wake of Hurricane Helene, including Florida, Tennessee and Georgia.

source: https://www.democraticunderground.com/100219518102

2020 –

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SEPTEMBER 23, 2020
Updates from the field: Gulf coast hurricanes and wildfires in Oregon
https://wck.org/news/gulf–hurricanes–oregon–wildfires

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https://wck.org/news
https://twitter.com/wckitchen
https://www.facebook.com/WorldCentralKitchen

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CHEF RELIEF TEAM – We will be there.
https://wck.org/chef–relief–team

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Hurricane Sally
#ChefsForAlabama

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COVID 19 FOOD RELIEF
Putting Restaurants Back to Work
As part of its #ChefsForAmerica nationwide emergency food relief program, World Central Kitchen has purchased over 7 million meals from local restaurants totaling more than $90 million, and delivered those meals directly to Americans that need assistance.
https://wck.org/chefsforamerica
#ChefsForAmerica

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Donate to World Central Kitchen

Help us provide fresh meals to communities in need
https://donate.wck.org/give/236738/#!/donation/checkout

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; First Responder, International; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food Distribution, Canteen, Mobile Food Canteen; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster, Mobile; Food Distribution, Food Boxes, Emergency Food Boxes * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Cooked Meals; Meals, Mobile Kitchen Trailor Unit; Meals, Mobile Meals, Disaster Survivors (Available To); Meals, On Site Meals Served to Disaster Survivors; Meals, On Site Meals Served to First Responders; Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Services, Disaster Relief; Support for "All" Disasters; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, International; Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities

Campaigns: 2019 "HURRICANE DORIAN"; 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID-19; 2020 California Fires; 2020 Hurricane Laura; 2020 Hurricane Sally; 2020 Oregon Fires; 2024 Hurricanes Milton/Helene; World Central Kitchen
Updated Oct 1, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10364

NC

Samaritan's Purse – HQ

Info/Hotline · Open

Faith-Based Disaster Relief & Recovery
P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607
Phone (828) 262-1980
Web www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php
Service Temporary

DISASTER RELIEF NEWS
Helping Storm Victims
Disaster relief teams are responding in New Jersey, Vermont, and North Carolina in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene (go to link for more details)
http://spvolunteernetwork.org/

(SEE CURRENT PROJECTS)
http://spvolunteernetwork.org/projects/hurricane-irenetropical-storm-lee-response.aspx
Skills Needed: Volunteers of all skill levels are needed. Volunteers will assist with debris clean up, mud outs, chainsaw work and placing tarps on roofs.

Minimum Age: Volunteers must be at least 14 years old. Youth under 18 years old must comply with our youth policy.

August 28, 2011
Responding to Hurricane Irene

Samaritan's Purse is sending help in the aftermath of the powerful storm

Samaritan's Purse staff and equipment are on their way to eastern North Carolina to help victims of Hurricane Irene. A Disaster Relief Unit, which will serve as a base to house volunteers and equip them with tools and supplies, was dispatched on Sunday morning
SEE WEBSITE FOR FULL STORY!!

Helping Tornado Victims
April 17, 2011
http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/articles/helping_nc_tornado_victims/

http://spvolunteernetwork.org/projects/north-carolina-tornado-response-.aspx

Project: Tornado Response
Location: Central and Eastern North Carolina
Length of Project: Approx. 10-14 Days
Length of Stay: No Minimum Stay Required (Day/local volunteers are welcome.)
Maximum Team Size: There is no limit on team size for this response.
Skills Needed: Chainsaw skills are helpful but not required.

Project Description: Samaritan's Purse is responding to the most devastating outbreak of tornadoes in the state in more than 20 years. According to news reports, the storms killed at least 23 people statewide including 14 people in Bertie County. The state of emergency management director described the storms as "the most severe, wide-spread tornadoes we have seen since the mid-1980s." Governor Beverly Perdue declared a state of emergency for the entire state. Samaritan's Purse will set up in three locations in Central and Eastern North Carolina. Volunteers are needed for all three sites.

For volunteer project opportunities go to:

http://spvolunteernetwork.org/

NOTE – URGENCY NEEDS were pre-set to Tornado response! Items added for Hurricane Irene/Lee needs!!!

Services offered: Cleanup, Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Distribution, Clothing, For Disaster Survivors; Donations, Disaster Fund; First Responder, Carribean Region; First Responder, International; First Responder, Nationwide (All U.S. Regions); Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; International Disaster Response; Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Medical, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Sanitation, Supplies, Water Treatment/Purification/ Filtration Supplies/Equipment * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Sifters, Ash/Fire Debris Sifters; Support for "All" Disasters; 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, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2008 Hurricane Ike; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2010 Pakistan Floods;

2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2011 Tropical Storm Lee; 2017 Hurricane Harvey; 2018 HURRICANE FLORENCE; 2020 California Fires; 2020 Hurricane Laura; 2020 Hurricane Sally; 2020 Oregon Fires; Ending Extreme Poverty; Samaritan's Purse; 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 22, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6257

NY

Church World Service (CWS) – HQ

Info/Hotline · Open

Faith–Based Disaster Recovery & Relief
HQ: 475 Riverside Dr., Suite 700, New York, NY 10115
Phone 212–870–2061 / 800–297–1516
Web www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=homepage
Service Temporary

From the NYVOAD Member Directory:

Disaster Program

The Church World Service (CWS) Emergency Response Program assists disaster survivors through support of local faith–based partner organizations. CWS achieves this mission by helping the faith community play its special role in disaster mitigation, preparedness, and response in the United States and around the world. One aspect of this mission is enabling its 36 member communions to collaborate in disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery. CWS encourages religious organizations to coordinate with others in the faith community so that when disaster strikes, those affected will receive efficiently the most effective assistance.

CWS trains and equips faith–based partners to mobilize resources for survivors of natural and human–caused disasters, as requested, through:

• community organizing for disaster recovery
• seed grants for developing recovery organizations
• pastoral care to support survivors and care–givers in the recovery process
• material resources such as blankets, clothing, basic health care supplies, school supplies, and household supplies

CWS Disaster Response & Recovery Liaisons work year–round in planning for and mitigating against disaster impact as well as in response and recovery. This year–round responsibility is carried out in liaison with the inter–religious community, the American Red Cross, State and Federal Emergency Management Agencies and VOAD's.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, International Policy; Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; First Responder, Worldwide; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, MySpace; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Online Networking, YouTube; * KITS, BABY SUPPLY KITS, NEW Items ONLY; * KITS, CLEANING/CLEAN UP KITS; * KITS, HYGIENE KITS; * KITS, SCHOOL BAG KITS, NEW Items ONLY; Long Term Recovery Support; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Immigration, Refugee Resettlement (See also "Assistance"); Support for "All" Disasters; Training, Disaster Recovery, Long Term Recovery Webinars; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; 2020 Hurricane Laura; 2020 Hurricane Sally; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; CWS ~ Church World Service; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Jan 7, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6234

OR

Reach Out WorldWide (ROWW)

Info/Hotline · Open

OR
Phone 626–421–6561
Web roww.org
Service Temporary

DEPLOYMENTS
West Coast Wildfires 2020
What: Immediate Emergency Supply Distribution
When: September 2020
Why: West Coast Wildfires

West Coast Wildfires 2020
ROWW is responding to the unprecedented wildfires that are scorching the west coast and is currently in

Phase 1: Immediate Emergency Supply Distribution. We have partnered with Direct Relief and Lowe's Home Improvement to distribute hygiene kits, first aid and emergency preparedness kits, wildfire kits, tarps, EZ ups, pet cages, generators, medical supplies, PPE, and more to the thousands of displaced people all across the State of Oregon.

As active fires die down and recovery needs shift, ROWW will transition to
Phase 2: Response Kits (generators, fuel, tarps, portable heaters, shovels, chainsaw oil, clean up supplies, etc). We hope to send in teams and potentially heavy equipment to help with physical debris removal and clean up.

Our Phase 3: Long Term Recovery may include rehabilitation projects, appliance packages, shed construction, and more to be determined as we assess individual needs.

If you or someone you know are displaced due to the fire and have immediate needs, please contact us for information on how to access these resources from our current Phase 1 response.
https://roww.org/project/west-coast-wildfires-2020/

RESOURCES FOR POTENTIAL VOLUNTEERS
To apply to volunteer, email responders@roww.org and ask for our volunteer application.
https://roww.org/volunteer/

FACEBOOK:
https://www.facebook.com/reachoutworldwide

Reach Out WorldWide is constantly looking for great new volunteers to add to Team ROWW. We recruit all sorts of volunteers, from day volunteers for local events to specialized personnel to lead our teams responding to natural disasters.

We are primarily recruiting chainsaw operators, doctors, nurses, EMTs, paramedics, firefighters, contractors/construction workers, and heavy equipment operators.

Some experience with disaster relief, EMS, military and/or construction is preferred depending on the type of deployment.

Alabama Tornado
If you do not have any relevant experience, that's ok, too! When we travel, we are always looking to recruit local volunteers. You never know when a disaster may strike near you.

We've arrived! The @directrelief supplies are being flown in and our team of volunteers is transporting them to various distribution centers from Eugene to Southern Oregon for victims of the ongoing wildfires. Our teams have also loaded up tons of supplies from @loweshomeimprovement to get people back on their feet. As more and more planes arrive we'll be continue caravanning the loads to those who need it the most. Stay strong everyone!

To get involved please head to the link in our bio!
#ROWW #ReachOutWorldWide #Wildfire #EmergencyResponse #OregonStrong

Also:
To get involved please head to the link in our bio! #OregonFires #Eugene #Talent #Medford #PhoenixOregon #roseburgoregon #Nonprofit #HelpEachOther

Services offered: Cleanup, Mud-Out, Muck-Out, Flood Cleanup, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, Tree Cutting and Removal, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, * Volunteer Services (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Disaster Relief Supplies; Events, Donation Drive; First Responder, Gulf Region; First Responder, International; First Responder, Nationwide (All U.S. Regions); First Responder, West Coast Region; First Responder, Worldwide; First Response Supplies/Items * (ANY/ALL Types); * KITS, MUCK-OUT, FLOOD KITS; NEEDS, Wishlist Available online; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster Response; Services, Disaster Response, Recovery, Preparedness & Mitigation; Tarps; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, International; Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online
Campaigns: 2010 Chile Earthquake; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Other Disasters; 2013 Philippines Super Typhoon Haiyan-Yolanda; 2016 Lousiana Flood; 2017 Hurricane Harvey; 2017 Hurricane IRMA Response; 2017 HURRICANE MARIA; 2018 HURRICANE FLORENCE; 2019 "HURRICANE DORIAN"; 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/ COVID-19; 2020 Hurricane Laura; 2020 Oregon Fires; Direct Relief International
Updated Sep 20, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10357

PA

Mennonite Disaster Service - MDS - HQ Office

Info/Hotline · Open

Faith-Based Disaster Recovery Services
1018 Main Street, Akron, PA 17501
Phone (717) 859-2210 / FAX is: 717-859-4910
Web mds.mennonite.net/Home

Hours Mon – Fri, 8:00–5:00
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

1–800–241–8111
Volunteer Information
See projects listed below for specifics.

MDS Extension Office
6A–1325 Markham Rd
Winnipeg , MB R3T 4J6
CANADA
T: (866) 261–1274 (Can. only)
T: (204) 261–1274

F: (204) 261-1279
mdscn@mds.mennonite.net

MDS Binational Office
1018 Main St
Akron , PA 17501
USA
T: (717) 859-2210
F: (717) 859-4910
mdsus@mds.mennonite.net

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:
: 1018 Main Street , Akron , PA 17501 or
: 6A-1325 Markham Rd , Winnipeg , MB R3T 4J6
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)
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VA

Operation Blessing International – HQ [supply depots]

Info/Hotline · Open

Non–Profit International Faith Based Disaster Relief
977 Centerville Turnpike, Virginia Beach, VA 23463

Phone	757–226–3401 / to volunteer 757.226.3407
Web	www.ob.org
Serves	Worldwide
Checks payable to	Operation Blessing International

Service Permanent

Hurricane Helene:

Operation Blessing: This group works with emergency management and local churches to bring clean water, food, medicine and more supplies to people with immediate needs in disaster areas. Donate to their Helene fund on their website.

source: https://eu.statesman.com/story/weather/hurricane/2024/09/27/hurricane-helene-how-help-victims-relief-organizations-charities/75412916007/

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

HURRICANE SANDY: OPERATION BLESSING PREPARES DOMESTIC DISASTER RELIEF TEAM IN VIRGINIA

Group Will Pre-Stage In Virginia Beach In Case Local Effort Needed, With Eye To The North

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (October 26, 2012) - The domestic disaster relief team of Operation

Blessing International (OBI) is preparing for relief efforts as Hurricane Sandy sets its course on the East Coast.

The team is pre-staging equipment, staff and supplies at its Virginia Beach headquarters in case relief efforts are needed in the Hampton Roads area, with the possibility of a deployment in the north should that be needed. The equipment includes:

--Mobile Kitchen – Capacity to feed approx. 2,000 meals per day with enough provisions on board for 6,000 meals before new supplies are needed
--Mobile Command Center with communication technology such as VHF radio, satellite,
satellite news feed, and a base of operations for the team
--2 Construction Trailers with tools and safety equipment to equip our construction foremen and volunteers with the tools needed for debris removal, tarping roofs, flood clean-up and gutting homes
--Box Truck with 100 cots, tarps and firing strips for 50 homes, water, MREs, and kerosene
heaters
--CAT 924 Loader for debris removal
--100 heaters in the event that cold weather comes in during power outages
--OBI's fleet of Semi-Trailer Trucks (75 trailers and 18 power units) from its Hunger Strike force are also standing by and will be utilized as needed
--Shower Trailer for volunteers

The team, under the direction of Jody Herrington-Gettys, director of U.S. disaster relief, will monitor the storm over the weekend and decide on Sunday where to deploy based on the projected track of the storm. "Our first priority is to serve the Hampton Roads community," said Herrington-Gettys.

Should deployment be needed further north, however, OBI has already planned with partner organizations in NY, NJ and Rhode Island.

Operation Blessing's Haiti office is currently responding to massive flooding in that country after then-Tropical Storm Sandy dumped upwards of 12 inches of rain. Today, OBI will deliver food, water filtration units, chlorine, and toiletries to 55 families that lost their homes due to severe flooding along the river Grise near Croix de Mission, Haiti.

For more information, please log on to www.ob.org.

Services offered: Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; First Responder, Nationwide (All U.S. Regions); First Responder, Worldwide; Food Distribution, Canteen, Mobile Food Canteen; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Food Distribution, Food Pantry, Mobile Food Pantry; Furniture, Beds, Cots; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Medical, Services, Emergency Medical Services; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Support for "All" Disasters; Tools * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, International
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2007 Hurricane Dean; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2008 Hurricane Ike; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2012 Hurricane Isaac; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; 2020 Hurricane Laura; 2020 Hurricane Sally; 2024 Hurricanes Milton/ Helene; Operation Blessing
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Mercy Chefs – HQ

Info/Hotline · Open

Food Pantry & Mobile Food Program
VA

Phone 1.757.292.4264 – Email us at info @MercyChefs.com and we will try to be of service to you
Web www.mercychefs.com
Service Permanent

https://mercychefs.com/press

2026 Disaster responses –
https://mercychefs.com/article/team–prepositioned–ahead–of–isaias/
https://mercychefs.com/article/mercy–chefs–deploying–to–nepal–following–deadly–flash–flooding/

2025 California Wildfires:
https://mercychefs.com/california–wildfires–response/

FROM THE SITE 10/27/12 (LTel)

From the Desk of:
Gary LeBlanc, Mercy Chefs

Dear Facebok Friends,

A quick update to let you know that our Mercy Chefs team is closely monitoring Hurricane Sandy which is now expected to make landfall along the I–95 Northeast corridor.

The storm could impact 65–70 million people, with millions losing power. Throughout the weekend, I will be in close contact with state emergency management officials as well as our ministry partners to ensure that Mercy Chefs can provide relief as needed to the hardest hit areas.

Tomorrow, we will begin moving Mercy Chefs resources into Virginia. This will allow us to respond to the earliest possible impact while putting us within hours of reaching almost anywhere along the northeast corridor.

If this storm takes the track now projected, we could witness a very serious emergency event impacting the most densely populated region in the entire nation. There is even the possibility of heavy snow on the back side of the storm. This could result in massive power outages inland as well as in coastal regions.

BE PREPARED!

If you live along the northeast corridor, I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to be prepared. Storms of this magnitude can be extremely dangerous. And once power is lost, the world changes dramatically. FEMA has many useful resources posted, including emergency kit checklists. Go here:

http://www.ready.gov/hurricanes

I will be sending you email updates as events warrant. The fastest way to get the latest information from Mercy Chefs is to through our Facebook page.

Finally, thank you so much for your prayers and support. I am so grateful for friends like you who make it possible for our team to provide the comfort of a hot meal to those whose lives have been turned upside down by disasters.

May God bless you.

Gary LeBlanc
Founder/President
Mercy Chefs Inc.

P.S. As I noted, we are moving our kitchen resources into position and will be staged in Virginia so we can respond as quickly as possible as events warrant. Much of our expenses occur prior to deployment as we stage and equip our Mercy Chefs facilities. If you would like to make a tax–deductible gift today to help us prepare, please visit our website: www.mercychefs.com/donate

Services offered: First Responder, International; First Responder, Nationwide (All U.S. Regions); Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Food Distribution, Food Pantry, Mobile Food Pantry; Meals, Mobile Meals, Disaster Survivors (Available To); Support for "All" Disasters; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, International; Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2008 Hurricane Ike; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2012 Hurricane Isaac; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; 2020 Hurricane Laura; 2020 Hurricane Sally; 2021 December, US Tornadoes; 2025 California Wildfires; 2025 Texas Flooding; 2026 Hurricane Isaias / tropical cyclone; 2026 Nepal Flood/Landslide Response; Mercy Chefs
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Worldwide

Direct Relief International HQ [medical]

Medical Facility · Open

Medical Care
27 S. La Patera Lane, Santa Barbara, 93117
Phone 805–964–4767
Web directrelief.org
Serves Nationally / Served Tea Fire Santa Barbara Residents / Jesusita Wildfire 5/09
Service Permanent

Hurricane Helene response:

Direct Relief: Direct Relief brings long–term medical aid specifically needed by local officials and agencies. The organization has just made more than $74 million in medicines and medical supplies available for healthcare providers in the path of Hurricane Helene, according to an email. You can donate to their general fund or choose Hurricane Helene Response in the dropdown at their donation page.

source: https://eu.statesman.com/story/weather/hurricane/2024/09/27/hurricane–helene–how–help–victims–relief–organizations–charities/75412916007/

5/23/2013: From DRI Blog
Relief's Emergency Management Team landed in Oklahoma last night to assess the needs of healthcare partners responding to the deadly tornadoes. The team is reporting that severe thunderstorms soaking the town of Moore are inhibiting the response to the needs of people affected by the tornadoes.

Direct Relief has sent seven emergency medical deliveries valued at over $211,000 (wholesale) to three health center sites serving people affected. Direct Relief is in contact with more than 300 clinic and health centers in storm–affected areas and more priority shipments are planned over the next several days.

Lighthouse Medical Ministries, located just five miles outside of Moore, Oklahoma, have opened their clinic to assist with the response. In the absence of typical transportation options, vans are being sent out to collect people with medical needs and bringing them to the clinic. To reduce the risk of tetanus in the aftermath of the disaster, Lighthouse Medical Ministries requested Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) Vaccine. Donated by GlaxoSmithKline, 210 doses of Tdap vaccine were shipped immediately and delivered yesterday.

SEMO Health Network also requested and received Tdap vaccine. Direct Relief is sending today an additional shipment of personal care items, anti–inflammatory drugs, diabetes supplies, wound care, gloves, and eye care products. These items will support the deployment of a mobile medical unit to Oklahoma on Friday. The mobile medical unit was donated by Direct Relief after the tornadoes that devastated Joplin, Missouri in 2011.

Community Health Center, Inc in Spencer, Oklahoma was not damaged in the tornadoes and is providing care to people who are displaced or injured. Direct Relief has delivered Similac, Family Dental Kits, pelican cases, blankets and infant hats, and prescription medications and supplies to Community Health Center to help with their response.

Additional medical aid to five clinics are planned this week, including medications, medical supplies, personal care items, and 170 vials of Lantus insulin shipped directly from Sanofi US.

11/8/2012: From Website
International, announced today that they have joined together and established a special fund to support the patients and nonprofit health centers and clinics in areas affected by Hurricane Sandy.

All contributions to the Sandy Safety–Net Fund will be used exclusively to support nonprofit healthcare safety–net facilities and related activities in affected communities.

DRI is currently working with partners in Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, Staten Island, Red Hook, Rockaway and throughout New Jersey.

Spring 2011 Tornadoes – See blog about response with medical supplies and medications to the many regions in the U.S. devastated by the tornadoes:

http://www.directrelief.org/EmergencyResponse/2011/SevereWeatherSoutheastUS.aspx

1/12/10
Haiti Earthquake
http://www.directrelief.org/EmergencyResponse/2010/EarthquakeHaiti.aspx

Donate Now
to support our earthquake response in Haiti.
100% of your donation goes to programs.

Jesusita Fire: Direct Relief Delivers Protective Masks to First Responders
May 6, 2009

5:50 p.m. In response to the rapidly expanding Jesusita fire, Direct Relief has furnished N95 particulate respirators at the request of local emergency response for use by responders to the Jesusita Fire in Santa Barbara County. Watch a video about our response.

The request for protective masks was made to Direct Relief Emergency Response Coordinator Brett Williams, who was meeting at the Santa Barbara County Emergency Operations Center as sundowner winds fanned the flames, forcing more evacuations. See a map of the evacuation area.

Direct Relief has a formal agreement with the County of Santa Barbara to assist in public emergencies, and Williams participates in meetings and drills routinely to ensure smooth coordination in the event of an emergency. The current situation is being described as an “extreme fire emergency.”

Direct Relief Provides $12,000 in Grants to Tea Fire Victims
100% of all Tea Fire contributions going directly to residents
January 29, 2009

Direct Relief International has approved cash grants totaling $12,000 to residents affected by the devastating November 2008 Tea Fire, which destroyed 210 homes in the foothills of Santa Barbara and Montecito. The grants are being paid with designated contributions Direct Relief received to support Tea Fire victims.

Aid recipients were identified through the Tea Fire Long Term Recovery Committee, an interagency working group coordinating assistance among local nonprofit organizations including the American Red Cross and the United Way. A caseworker hired by the committee has assisted the residents with their aid requests and confirmed the extent of their loss.

Among the grant recipients are Lance and Carla Hoffman. The couple escaped through the flames but suffered serious burn injuries that have required specialized care in Orange County since the fire. The cash grant will help them cover medical expenses, which surpass $95,000. Other grants have been approved for uninsured residents identified as being in extreme financial hardship directly caused by losses in the fire.

These cash grants were made possible by generous donors who contributed to Direct Relief’s response and recovery efforts, including the leading software company QAD, based in Santa Barbara.

During the incident, Direct Relief tapped internal funds from its general emergency account to purchase and distribute thousands of protective N95 particulate masks to residents and emergency personnel. Tea Fire contributions were not used for those expenses or internal personnel costs related to the response because the organization determined the actions were the type of activities for which it raises general funds.

As a result, Direct Relief is using 100% of all contributions specifically designated for the Tea Fire for direct financial assistance to fire victims. “In all emergencies that generate restricted contributions, we believe it important to articulate very clearly how such contributions are used, including explaining our internal accounting practices,” said President and CEO Thomas Tighe. “We

are very fortunate to have supporters who understand that emergencies are difficult to predict and allow us the discretion to use funds as needed.

“Because of that general support to Direct Relief," he continued, "we were able to respond fast and, in this case, use every designated dollar we received to support local residents only and precisely for that purpose.”

Remaining Tea Fire funds will be allocated to affected residents identified and approved through the interagency process. People affected by the Tea Fire may contact Pamela Voge, Long Term Recovery Coordinator, at the Santa Barbara Chapter of the American Red Cross to apply for assistance: (805) 687–1331 ext. 107.

QAD Makes Computer Workstations Available for Tea Fire Residents
In–kind donation supports those who lost home offices

January 5, 2009
For Santa Barbara and Montecito residents who lost their home offices in the Tea Fire, QAD has made a generous in–kind donation through Direct Relief International of temporary computer workstations at QAD’s headquarters in Summerland.

Between 20 and 30 temporary workstations outfitted with Internet–accessible laptop computers will be available to applicants on a first come, first served basis. The work stations are available starting January 5, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Users are asked to respect a 30–day limit per person, with laptops available for in–office use only.

To apply for a QAD temporary workstation, contact Damon Taugher at Direct Relief: (805) 964–4767, or dtaugher @directrelief.org.

Please Note: Direct Relief sends medical aid to areas affected by emergencies. We cannot send volunteers to assist with emergencies

Services offered: Computer, Desktop; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Disaster Relief System Development Guidance; Distribution, Supplies, International Distribution of Supplies; Distribution, Supplies, National Distribution of Supplies; Donations, Disaster Fund; First Responder, West Coast Region; Masks, Face Masks, N95 (w/Respirator/Cartidges); Medical, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Medication, Rx, * Prescription Medicine * (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Disaster Recovery
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; 2007 California Wildfires; 2007 Tropical Cyclone Sidr; 2008 California Wildfires; 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Mississippi Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; 2013 Oklahoma Tornadoes; 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; 2020 California Fires; 2020 Hurricane Laura; 2020 Oregon Fires; 2020 Washington Fires; 2024 Hurricanes Milton/Helene; Direct Relief International; FedEx; Partnership for Quality Medical Donations (PQMD)
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Other locations

00 Red Cross/FEMA NSS Nationwide Shelter Search Tool (FIND OPEN Red Cross SHELTERS)

Shelter · Open

Shelter
Web www.redcross.org/get–help/disaster–relief–and–recovery–services/find–an–open–shelter
Service Temporary

Go to the link above to find RED CROSS sponsored shelters. (there are usually MANY MORE shelters other than "Red Cross sponsored" shelters...run by local gov't, run by private groups)

[Editor's NOTE: we've noticed lately that the link DOES NOT WORK for people who don't allow cookies and other surveillance apps on their devices. The Red Cross is a great org, providing badly needed first response. However, we do not like that the link doesn't work on ANY device, and fear that this is a trend that's related to the "need" for large non–profits to gather a ton of personal info before they will help you. If that's the case, shame on you Red Cross. If it's not the case, please excuse our ignorance]

See the map at the link for open shelters. Below that is a list of openshelters.

You can also search by state/address.

Open Shelters are flagged. Put your mouse over a flag to get more info, click on it, and give it a moment and you'll see the address of the shelter and a capacity (number of people), if the information is available.

Here's the old address, that doesn't work as well, but for reference purposes: http://app.redcross.org/nss–app/

Services offered: Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Shelter Referrals, Youth Focused; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of

Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Individual/Family; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Individual/Family; Facilities: Shower Facilities, Disaster Survivors (Available To); First Responder, Gulf Region; First Responder, Mid–Atlantic Region; First Responder, MidWest Region; First Responder, Mountain States; First Responder, Nationwide (All U.S. Regions); First Responder, NorthEast Region; First Responder, NorthWest Region; First Responder, SouthEast Region; First Responder, SouthWest Region; First Responder, West Coast Region; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Shelter, Evacuation/ Shelter Information & Updates; Hotline, Shelter Hotline (Find Help); Housing, Online Housing Directory Resource; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Evacuation, Disaster Evacuation Guidance for Residents in Disaster Zones; Information Resource, Map; Information Resource, Maps, County/Parish Level; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; News Source, Online, Disaster Coverage; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services, Disaster Preparedness; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster Response; Shelter * (ANY/ ALL Types); Shelter, Capacity (# of people, total capacity); Shelter, Capacity (# people, current population); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Special Needs ; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Winter Shelter; Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Youth Focused; Shelter, Evacuation Shelter; Shelter, Evacuation Shelter, Updates/Status; Shelter, Evacuation, Special Needs Evacuation Shelter; Shelter, Red Cross Shelter Updates; Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian

Campaigns: 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Georgia Tornados; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Mississippi Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 North Dakota Flood; 2011 Other Disasters; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2011 Texas Wildfires; 2011 Tropical Storm Lee; 2015 January Northeast Blizzard; 2017 Hurricane Harvey; 2017 Hurricane IRMA Response; 2020 Hurricane Laura; 2020 Oregon Fires; 2020 Washington Fires; 2024 Hurricanes Milton/Helene; 2025 California Wildfires; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Government, City/Town Agency; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency), County; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency) State; Government, Federal, In–Country; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security, National Shelter System (NSS); Government, State/County; Government, State Government Department/Agency; 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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