2020 Hurricane Sally: 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

MO

Convoy of Hope – World Headquarters

Info/Hotline · Open

Mailing address; 330 S. Patterson Ave., Springfield, MO 65802

Phone 417.823.8998
Web www.convoyofhope.org
Service Temporary

West Coast Fires 2020
https://www.convoyofhope.org/blog/features/disaster-response/convoy-of-hope-responds-to-west-coast-fires/
https://www.convoyofhope.org/donate/disasterservices/west-coast-wildfires-2020/

CONVOY OF HOPE IS RESPONDING TO HURRICANE SALLY
https://www.convoyofhope.org/blog/features/disaster-response/hurricane-sally/
https://www.convoyofhope.org/donate/disasterservices/hurricane-sally-2020/

FROM RELIEF WEB:

Team headed for Japan
Source: Convoy of Hope (COH)
Date: 23 Mar 2011

A Convoy of Hope disaster response team is headed to Tokyo. They will continue the work of an initial team of responders, which was temporarily based in the Philippines and shipped to Japan enough food, water and relief supplies to fill a 40-foot-long container.

While in Japan, the team's primary goals will be to work through port logistics, ensure current channels are in working order and Convoy of Hope's footprint in Japan is expanded.

Help Convoy of Hope help Japan.

"Since the earthquake and tsunami we have been able to provide food and supplies, through our in-country partners, to meet people's needs," says Kary Kingsland, senior vice president of Global Initiatives for Convoy of Hope. "We will continue meeting needs and are dedicated to finding the most efficient ways to help many more survivors now and in the coming weeks and months."

Convoy of Hope's medical advisor, whose knowledge base will be a valuable asset to the team and the treatment of Japanese nationals, will accompany the team headed for Japan.

FROM THE SITE 3/12/11:

If the tsunami causes major devastation on the West Coast, Convoy of Hope will deploy teams and supplies to devastated areas.

Ron Showers, director of Global Outreach, is in Honolulu making preparations for an upcoming community outreach. Last night he left his hotel and moved to higher ground after tsunami sirens started to sound.

“Thousands of people fled the low-lying areas,” he says. “Gas stations were packed with people trying to get fuel, many locals and tourists fled to high ground and sought shelter in hospitals and high school gyms.”

Showers will monitor the situation in Hawaii after the tsunami hits.

According to Kingsland, the Disaster Response team will closely monitor further developments and move forward with plans to help the victims of the disasters.

Convoy of Hope is not seeking volunteers at this time.

FACEBOOK –
http://www.facebook.com/convoyofhope

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Mobile Distribution of Disaster Relief Supplies; First Responder, Nationwide (All U.S. Regions); Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Water, * Bottles (ANY/ALL Types of Bottled Water)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2020 California Fires; 2020 Hurricane Sally; 2020 Oregon Fires; 2020 Washington Fires; Convoy of Hope; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member)
Updated Sep 18, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5833

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

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
Updated Sep 29, 2024 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1714

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
Updated Oct 20, 2026 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5637