Mercy Chefs: Resource Guide

Ongoing

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AL

Mercy Chefs ~ 2011 AL Tornadoes

Walk–in Resource · Open

Tuscaloosa, AL

Service Temporary

The Road to Recovery in Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Founder and President, R. Gary LeBlanc left Virginia with Mercy One for Tuscaloosa, vteer central

Alabama on Friday, April 29th. Our teams of professional chefs and volunteers have prepared and served over 3000 hot, handcrafted meals to victims, first responders, and volunteers throughout the vicinity, heavily damaged by a massive tornado outbreak. Click Here to view Mercy Chefs' Day Six operations, including testimonials from grateful victims and gracious volunteers: http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=1953163438140

Mercy Chefs is now transitioning from the mass–feeding of victims and volunteers crescent ridge to the direct support of volunteer work crews and local law enforcement. These dedicated groups are undertaking heavy restoration work and beginning the long road to recovery. Mercy Chefs will be on–site as long as needed, thanks to the generous financial support of people like you.

There is still much to be done. If you would like to be a part of our continued relief efforts, please email info @ mercychefs.com to volunteer or visit Mercy Chefs to make a secure online donation. We are able to do what we do because of you!

Please Click Here to view a short video depicting Mercy Chefs' Day One set–up and initial operations in Tuscaloosa, as well as the lingering emotional effects on the devastated population of the area: http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=1947330012308

FACEBOOK: http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=1947330012308#!/MercyChefs

Services offered: Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Long Term Recovery Support; Meals, Cooked Meals; Meals, On Site Meals Served to Disaster Survivors; Meals, On Site Meals Served to First Responders; Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; Mercy Chefs

Updated May 9, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7998

FL

Mercy Chefs [Hurrican Idalia response]

Volunteer Camp · Open

Suwannee High School, Live Oak, FL

Web www.facebook.com/MercyChefs
Service Temporary

The above FBook page appears to have more real time info.

Their main website has a donation button:
https://mercychefs.com/idalia

Services offered: Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2023 Hurricane Idalia; Mercy Chefs

Updated Sep 3, 2023 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10603

Haiti

Mercy Chefs – 2010 Haiti Earthquake

Walk–in Resource · Open

Faith–Based Disaster Relief

Web www.mercychefs.com/index2.php
Serves Chambrum Camp
Service Temporary

FROM THE SITE:

From our newsletter:
What an amazing four years for Mercy Chefs. We have crossed the 100,000 total meal mark and have fed well over 14,000 people in Haiti. As you can imagine Mercy Chefs has grown to the point that that it needs more than part time attention. The door is open and I have answered the call to a full time position with Mercy Chefs. As I take this step of faith I ask for you to step out with me and for your continued financial partnership.

This year we have doubled our domestic response capability. This hurricane season 09 chefsis now upon us and forecast to be very active and destructive. We are ready, but we have been seriously stretched this year. We need your help now so we can continue to respond whenever there is a need.

All of this while we continue our work in Haiti in support of medical and rebuilding missions. We have moved over $85,000 of kitchen equipment into Haiti and have opened a full kitchen in Chambrun. Mercy Chefs has logged over 125 09 chefschef days and will continue support as long as needed. There is great excitement as we move forward. Thank you for making it possible for us to go and feed people who are hurting and in need. Your generous gifts are more important now than they have ever been.

SEE CAT FACILITY RECORD for Mercy Chefs–HQ at:

https://reliefdb.org/shelters/edit/5637

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Donations, Disaster Fund; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Meals, Hot Meals; Meals, On Site Meals Served to Disaster Survivors
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Mercy Chefs
Updated Sep 1, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6224

KY

Mercy Chefs, Kentucky Tornado Response [meals]

Walk–in Resource · Open

His House Ministries; 1250 KY–303, Mayfield, KY
Service Temporary

The nonprofit that serves meals following natural disasters has set up at His House Ministries, 1250 KY–303, Mayfield, Kentucky, and will distribute food over the next few days. Donate funds at https://mercychefs.com/donation.

source: https://www.yahoo.com/now/want–help–kentucky–communities–affected–205453564.html?soc_src=social–sh&soc_trk=ma
Campaigns: 2021 December, US Tornadoes; Mercy Chefs
Updated Dec 15, 2021 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10497

LA

Mercy Chef – 2012 Hurricane Isaac

Info/Hotline · Open

LA
Phone http://www.mercychefs.com/donate/
Service Temporary

from e–mail: September 7, 2012

Mercy Chefs Response to Hurricane Isaac –
Hurricane Isaac made landfall on August 27th and Mercy Chefs responded immediately with their kitchens headed to these flooded areas on August 28th, 2012.

Hurricane Isaac from its beginning proved to be a trickster storm causing damage not only to its victims but also to Mercy Chefs however Mercy Chefs pressed on and was able to get to its first areas within days of the storm hitting.

One kitchen arrived in Kenner Louisiana serving the community while the other kitchen pressed on to Slidell, Louisiana. All in all Mercy Chefs in these two areas served over 10,000 hot meals.

Within days of arriving to Kenner and Slidell Mercy Chefs again set up a third area in Baton Rouge Louisiana to help feed people. By Wednesday September 5th Mercy Chefs had relocated its efforts to LaPlace Louisiana and by that evening served over 5000 people in need.

Since Wednesday Mercy Chefs has concentrated all their efforts in LaPlace Louisiana. Mercy Chefs is feeding between 4500–5000 each day and the numbers may increase now that people are returning home.

To date Mercy Chefs has already served over 25,000 hot meals. PRAISE GOD!!!

Please continue to pray for Mercy Chefs and all the volunteers that have come out to help these people affected by Hurricane Isaac.

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

Services offered: Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Kitchen, Mass Feeding Disaster Survivors; Meals, Mobile Meals, Disaster Survivors (Available To)
Campaigns: 2012 Hurricane Isaac; Mercy Chefs
Updated Sep 7, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9318

VA

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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