Resource Guide

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GA

A Gift of Love

Walk–in Resource · Standby

3870 Longview Drive, Douglasville, GA

Phone (770) 947–8200
Serves Douglas County, GA
Eligibility Impacted by the 9/09 GA Floods
Service Temporary

Notes from: Douglas Disaster Recovery Community Partner Meeting Notes
Wednesday– September 30, 2009 9:00–11:00am
United Way in Douglas County

Needs and gaps in the community:

Gift of Love (collecting/distributing): school supplies, diapers, paper goods, household items (blankets/sheets), hygiene products

SOURCE: http://www.times–georgian.com/pages/full_story/push?article–A+Gift+of+Love+collecting–+distributing+household+items+for+flood+victims%20&id=3703670–A+Gift+of+Love+collecting–+distributing+household+items+for+flood+victims&instance=west_ga_news

A Gift of Love collecting, distributing household items for flood victims

A Gift of Love will be a drop–off and pick–up site for victims of the flood in Douglas County.

Household items will be collected and distributed to those in need, and there is a need for people to donate items or time.

Starting Friday, A Gift of Love will be collecting and distributing items Monday through Saturday for two weeks. Hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Help is needed to sort and organize donations as they come in. Help is also needed to distribute these items to families that come in to pick up. If you could donate household items such as sheets, towels, comforters, pots and pans, silverware, cleaning supplies, etc. (no furniture) and/or donate your time, you may contact Juanita at A Gift of Love 770–947–8200 or Tracey Morton at 770–947–9744.

A Gift of Love is located at 3870 Longview Drive in Douglasville (next door to the skating rink). Any help you could give would be greatly appreciated.

Any needs with furniture are being met by Faith in Action (FIA). These items include washers, dryers, refrigerators, sofas, dressers, microwaves, televisions, kitchen table and chairs, mattresses and box springs, etc.

The contact number for FIA is 770–833–7236 (leave a message).

Services offered: Cleaning, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Diapers * (ANY/ALL Types/Sizes); Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Cleaning/Clean Up Supplies (Post Disaster); Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Kitchen, Cooking Equipment, Pots & Pans; Linens, Bath, Towels, New or Clean/Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types); Linens, Bedding * (ANY/ALL Types of Bedding) New or Gently Used/CLEAN; Linens, Bedding, Comforters, New/Gently Used; Linens, Bedding, Sheets * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Paper, Paper Goods * (ANY/ALL Types) (paper towels, plates, napkins, etc); School, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Silverware; Toiletries, Personal Hygiene Products * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; United Way
Updated May 15, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4649

First Presbyterian Church of Douglasville

Walk–in Resource · Open

Church – Community Outreach
9190 Campbellton Street, Douglasville, GA

Phone 770–942–0710
Web www.faithwebsites.com/fpcdouglasville
Hours 7:15 pm Every Thursday
Serves Douglasville, Douglas County, GA
Eligibility People in need of Emotional Support
Service Temporary

Emotions Anonymous meets each Thursday at 7:15 p.m. in room 206 of First Presbyterian Church of Douglasville, 9190 Campbellton Street. Group helps people in recovering from emotional difficulties. For information call 770–942–0710.

Services offered: Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated Oct 3, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4660

Tallatoona Cap, Inc. (Tallatoona/Douglas Human Resource Development Center)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Social Services Agency, Disaster Recovery
6287 FAIRBURN ROAD, Douglasville, GA 30133

Phone 770–949–6339
Web www.tallatoonacap.org
Serves Douglas County, GA
Eligibility Low Income Community
Service Temporary

SOURCE: http://douglascountysentinel.com/pages/full_story/push?article–Community+meetings%20&id=2970621–Community+meetings&instance=special_coverage_bullets_right_column

Free medical equipment

If you have need for medical equipment/supplies such as walkers, wheelchairs, hospital beds, etc., contact Tallatoona/Douglas Human Resource Development Center at 770–949–6339. There is no charge for equipment; no income eligibility attached to the program. Agency also takes donations of medical equipment and supplies

TALLATOONA HAS PROGRAMS FOR LOW INCOME CLIENTS IN THE COUNTY
Email: VICTORIAT@ TALLATOONA.ORG

Tallatoona CAP, Inc. provides services to individuals and families by removing obstacles and solving problems that block their ability to achieve economic and social independence. Case management provides life skills training, budget counseling, help with resumes, and referrals to local continuing education programs. When necessary, clients are referred to additional educational facilities, life skills training, and/or job search activities consistent with the individual's employment and life goals.

SSI Advocacy – Through our local office we now offer an SSI Advocacy Program, also known as Georgia Link. Through this program we will help all eligible applicants apply for SSI. Case managers will be able to assist with arranging transportation to and from medical appointments and providing day care, among other services.

Emergency Food Bank – In our local Human Resource Development Center we provide an emergency food bank. The food is available to help someone who has applied for food stamps and has not received them, has a referral to get food or is in an emergency situation. If you or someone you know needs food immediately, please contact our office.

Garden Program – In the spring we distribute seeds and seedlings to eligible applicants to help them start a garden. The elderly are helped the first week of the program, all other ages can then apply.

Distribution of Foods to Families – This program is based on income. Surplus food is available to people in need three to four times a year through the USDA. Program dates will be posted in the newspaper, DFCS, churches and local community agencies and will be announced on local radio stations.

Medical Program — The Indigent Medical Services Program is designed to help low–income clients receive their prescribed medications. Our Advocates work with Pharmaceutical Companies, Physicians and Hospitals to obtain the medications free of charge or at a reduced rate. The medicine is then distributed by the client's physician office. All ages are eligible.

Medical Equipment and Supplies — Medical Equipment and Supplies are available through your local HRDC office. Free of Charge! Please call your Service Coordinator for information on what is currently available.
Tallatoona CAP, Inc. will take donations of medical equipment and supplies.

Eligibility requirements
Client must be under 150% of Poverty
Client can not have insurance or Medicaid that covers medicine
Please note that not all medicines are available, please contact your local office to find out if your medication is available.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Special Needs Folks, Seniors/Elders; Case Management, Low Income (Individuals/Families); Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Clothing Closet; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Assistance; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance (For Seniors/Elders); Food Distribution, Food Bank (Public Distribution Available); Medical, Equipment, Assistive Devices * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Equipment, Assistive Device, Walker; Medical, Equipment, Assistive Device, Wheelchairs, Misc. ; Medical, Equipment, Furniture, Bed, Hospital Bed; Services, Disabled, Services for the Disabled (See also Senior Services); Services, Emergency Services; Transportation, For Seniors/Elders
Campaigns: 2009 SouthEast Floods, September
Updated Oct 3, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4659

The Pantry – Community Food Ministry

Walk–in Resource · Open

Faith–Based Food Pantry
5960 Stewart Pkwy., Douglasville, GA

Phone 770-217-0729
Web thepantrydc.com
Hours Saturdays 9 am to Noon
Serves Douglas County, GA
Eligibility Impacted by the 9/09 GA Floods / Low Income Families
Checks payable to The Pantry
Service Temporary

FROM:

Douglas Disaster Recovery Community Partner
Meeting Notes Wednesday- September 30, 2009
9:00-11:00am United Way in Douglas County

The Pantry- community food ministry- anticipate that the normal 180 families served will double this weekend---need food, food, food. Semi-truck of cleaning supplies delivered this Thursday that can be picked up Saturday after 8am

Services offered: Cleaning, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Hungry; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Diapers * (ANY/ALL Types/Sizes); Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Toiletries, Personal Hygiene Products * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2009 SouthEast Floods, September
Updated Oct 2, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4651

United Way, Douglas County

Info/Hotline · Open

United Way
6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville, GA 30134

Phone 678.623.2862
Web www.unitedwayatlanta.org/b0-county_offices.asp?county=douglas
Serves Douglas County, GA
Service Temporary

Services offered: Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services)
Campaigns: 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; United Way; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Oct 5, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4676

Convoy of Hope – 2009 Georgia Disaster Response Team (Pray's Hill Church, The Pantry, Chappel on the Hill, Crossroads Church, New Georgia Baptist, Glad Tidings Church) (SUPPLY PODs)

Supply POD · Standby

Disaster Relief/Recovery
Pray's Hill Baptist Church, Douglassville; The Pantry, Douglassville; Chapel on the Hill Church, Douglassville; Crossroads Church, Stewart Ave, Douglassville; New Georgia Baptist church, Villa Rica; Glad Tidings Church, Taccoa; Baptist, Sweetwater Drive, Douglassville; Mableton Assembly of God, Mableton, Douglasville Area, GA

Phone Main Number for US Operations 417.823.8998
Web www.convoyofhope.org/go/who
Serves NE GA (Douglasville/Toccoa, GA)
Eligibility Impacted by the 9/09 GA Floods
Service Temporary

9/29/09 GAVOAD meeting: BLEACH AVAILABLE at 7049 S. Sweetwater Rd

9/28/09 GAVOAD Notes:

Convoy of Hope (Steve Irwin)
• Convoy of Hope will be coordinating clean up teams for debris removal in partnership with Mableton Assembly of God in Austell. One community Convoy of Hope is focusing on is the city of Austell located nine miles north of Douglasville. This community has several hard hit neighborhoods that have been neglected.
• A VRC (Volunteer Reception Center) has been set up at the Mableton Assembly of God.
• Stats at a Glance
o Trucks Loads 9
o Pounds of Resources Provided: 384,790 lbs
o Participating Churches: 6
o Partnering Organizations: 10
o Volunteers: 628
o Sites: 6
o Debris removal: Austell, Georgia in the neighborhood of Pontiac Circle
• Since Tuesday, September 22, the Disaster Response Team has worked through five distribution points with 628 volunteers,

helped 4,678 families with 384,790 pounds of water and cleaning products. We are currently working in the neighborhood of Pontiac Circle in Austell, Georgia with debris removal.

9/26/09 GVOAD Notes:

From update sent in Friday evening:
Convoy of Hope activated a full–scale operation on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, in response to the flooding in GA . To date the organization has shipped 366,605 lb of food and supplies to help families who have been impacted by the flood.

Wednesday we opened a distribution site in Douglasville at Pray's Mill Baptist Church. A one day distribution site was set up in Toccoa, GA where Glad Tidings Assembly distributed water to their community which lost their water plant due to the flood.

On Saturday Convoy of Hope is set to open two mobile and walk–in distribution sites; one located in Douglasville and the other in a community in Villa Rica, west of Douglasville. A new drive through distribution site will open Sat in Douglasville.

Starting no later than Monday, Convoy of Hope, will be coordinating clean up teams for debris removal in partnership with Mableton Assembly of God in nearby Mableton. One community Convoy of Hope is focusing on is the city of Austell located nine miles north of Douglasville. This community has several hard hit neighborhoods that have been neglected.

Stats at a Glance
o Pounds of Resources Provided: 366,605 lbs
o Participating Churches: 5
o Partnering Organizations: 10
o Volunteers: 188
o Sites: 4

9/25:

17. Convoy of Hope (Steve Irwin)
• Yesterday:
Prays hill church pod.
Hwy 5 in Douglasville
608 cars– families assisted
Load and half 65000 lbs distributed.

Distributed full load of water in Toccoa at Glad Tidings church.
45,000 lbs

• Today:
Same Pod at Prays Hill church
Running close to same numbers as yesterday

Setting up for Pod at Crossroads church on Stewart ave in Douglasville. Water and food.

Brought mixed load of water and bleach to New Georgia Baptist church in Villa Rica for distribution.
22,000lbs of water and bleach each.

Bringing same type of mixed load to Baptist Op center in Douglasville on South Sweetwater Dr to be used for mobile distribution in the affected areas.

Bringing another load of water to Toccoa for distribution tomorrow.
45,000lbs.

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Joyce Meyer Ministries Sends Disaster Relief Aid to Georgia Flood Region
Water and cleaning supplies already distributed with additional loads en route

Multiple distribution sites set–up throughout northeast Georgia

10 lives claimed, more than 100 roads closed, damage estimates at $250 million

Contact: Randy L. Jones, Joyce Meyer Ministries, 636–349–0303 ext. 2931, rajones@joycemeyer.org

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 25 /Christian Newswire/ –– Joyce Meyer Ministries, through its Hand of Hope missions group, has partnered with Convoy of Hope (www.convoyofhope.org) to bring immediate short–term assistance and aid to the many families and individuals devastated by the destructive floods that have ravaged much of the northeast Georgia region.

The ministry has already sent an initial truckload of water and cleaning supplies that arrived Wednesday, as well as an on–site support team to the hardest hit area of Toccoa, GA. In addition, already dispatched and en route are three additional loads to Douglasville, GA, two of which will be going to a distribution site at Pray's Hill Baptist Church in Douglasville. The local point site is Chapel On The Hill Church who helped set up the Pray's Hill location. Distribution will begin tomorrow morning (Sat., 9/26) at 9:00 a.m.

Also on Saturday, a fifth load will be delivered to a new distribution site opening at The Pantry, a community food ministry located in downtown Douglasville. These new shipments bring the total number of loads to five –– four to Douglasville and one to

Toccoa. All distribution sites are run and staffed by dedicated volunteer teams comprised of local groups who coordinated the distribution of the much–needed drinking water and cleaning supplies.

"Floods can be especially challenging as we are forced to wait for water to recede in areas and people to return to their homes so assistance –– both in supplies, support and service –– can be provided," said David Meyer, CEO, Hand of Hope. "Through our grassroots partnership with Convoy of Hope, we were able to respond quickly by sending an assessment team from their disaster response office to Georgia soon after the flooding began."

Kary Kingsland, Convoy of Hope's vice president of disaster response, emphasizes one of the biggest needs is clean drinking water. "As with all flooding conditions this is a hurry up and wait situation due to inaccessibility, however, Convoy of Hope is being proactive and is sending a tractor–trailer load of bottled water and cleaning supplies to meet the most immediate needs."

There are numerous people who still need help as many have lost everything they own. Throughout the region, boil water orders remain in affect. Compounding their crisis, a large number of them have had to wait for days to return to their homes and are only now in the beginning phases of trying to put the pieces of their lives back together. In addition to our prayers, donations, more supplies, and additional volunteer support are greatly needed.

About Joyce Meyer Ministries
Joyce Meyer Ministries (JMM) is an international nonprofit organization that focuses on reaching people through media with a potential audience of 3 billion people. Impacting lives around the world, through its outreach arm, Hand of Hope, JMM provides life–changing global humanitarian and missions relief. In 2008, JMM provided more than 18 million meals supporting feeding centers in 25 countries and free medical care to over 150,000 people in multiple remote areas. JMM also operates 44 children's homes globally and provides a host of other disaster, missions and humanitarian aid. For more information, please visit www.joycemeyer.org.

About Convoy of Hope
Since 1994, Convoy of Hope, a nonprofit organization, has provided resources to organizations and churches to meet physical and spiritual needs for the purpose of making the community a better place. This is accomplished through domestic and international outreaches, supply lines, and disaster response.

Services offered: Cleanup, Mud–Out, Muck–Out, Flood Cleanup, Volunteer Services; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Cleaning/Clean Up Supplies (Post Disaster); Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Reception / Registration Site/Location, Volunteer; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2009 SouthEast Floods, September
Updated Jun 19, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4535

County Line Baptist Church (WORK CREWS)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Georgia Tornado Relief Resource Directory
1814 N. County Line Rd., Lithia Springs, GA 30122

Phone 770–942–0190
Contact Pastor Jerry Adair
Email clbc @ countylinebc . org
Web www.countylinebc.org
Hours Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 8:00am–5:00pm
Serves Douglas County, GA
Eligibility Impacted by the storms
Service Temporary

Volunteer crews to help clean up debris, trees, etc. and rebuilding.

jerry @ countylinebc . org
Campaigns: 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; 2011 Georgia Tornados
Updated May 20, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4655

FEMA DRC: Lithia Springs 1st United Methodist (CLOSING at end of day on FRIDAY 10/16/09)

Walk–in Resource · Standby

FEMA – Disaster Recovery Center (DRC)
3711 Temple Street, Lithia Springs, GA 30122

Phone 800–621–FEMA (3362), TTY at 800–462–7585
Hours 8:00 am to 7:00 pm
Service Temporary

10/16/09, per FEMA, this site is closing today.

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

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

» More Information on Georgia Severe Storms and Flooding

» 2009 Region IV News Releases

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

Register For Assistance

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

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

FEMA DISASTER PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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

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

Other Forms of Assistance

Disaster Unemployment Assistance –Workers in 17 counties may be eligible for Federal Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) to compensate for loss of income directly related to the September storms and flooding. Unlike state unemployment insurance, DUA provides benefits to self–employed business people, farmers, commission–paid employees, and others not typically covered by the state unemployment insurance program. People who think they may be eligible for benefits should call the Georgia Department of Labor toll–free customer service line at 877–709–8185 or visit www.dol.state.ga.us to be directed to the nearest career center.

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

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

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

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

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

Source: 9/27: FEMA

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Disaster Relief Assistance, Online Registration; Assistance, How to, File Disaster Disability Benefits; Assistance, How To, File Disaster Unemployment Claims; Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, How To, Loan & Grant Application Assistance (Disaster Survivors); Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, How To, Replace Destroyed Documents; Assistance, Referrals, Counseling, Disaster Survivor Counseling Referrals; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Mental Health Resources; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Post Disaster Counseling; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Housing, Rental Assistance; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial

Grants); Grants, Post Disaster (For Rent/Belongings/Home Repairs/Rebuilding, etc.); Services, Document Replacement for Disaster Survivors; Services, Food Stamps Applicant Outreach; Services: Legal Assistance for Disaster Survivors
Campaigns: 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Government, FEMA, DRC (Disaster Recovery Center); Government, Small Business Administration (SBA)
Updated Oct 16, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4583

Douglas County News, GA Flood Response '09

Info/Hotline · Open

News Organization
Various, GA
Serves Douglas County, GA
Service Temporary

http://edition.cnn.com/2009/US/weather/09/22/southeast.flooding/index.html?eref=edition_us

Current Info posted:
http://www.celebratedouglascounty.com/

Flood dangers subside in Georgia Story Highlights

Georgia death toll rises to 8; most caught in cars in floodwaters, governor says

Those killed Monday in Georgia flooding include 2–year–old swept from father's arms

Governor declares state of emergency in 17 hardest–hit counties

September 23, 2009 –– Updated 0240 GMT (1040 HKT)Next Article in U.S. »

ATLANTA, Georgia (CNN) –– The death toll climbed higher Tuesday in Georgia as dry skies over much of metropolitan Atlanta stopped advancing floods.

Floodwater surrounds homes near Atlanta on Tuesday.

1 of 3 more photos » At least eight people have died in the state from the flooding, and one person is missing and presumed dead in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

To the west of Atlanta, Douglas County was particularly hard hit with six people confirmed dead.

The latest victim was a young adult male found dead in the northwest of the county, said Wes Tallon, county spokesman for the emergency management agency.

The death was an "obvious flash flood death," Tallon said, adding that the body was found with a vehicle downstream from a roadway. See photos of flooding »

Parts of northwest and south central Georgia, as well as the metro Atlanta area, were still under a flash flood watch Tuesday night. Standing water remained throughout parts of Atlanta.

But CNN meteorologists said the heavier rain had shifted west of the hardest hit areas in Georgia. They expected significant rain in parts of Mississippi and Louisiana, where the ground was saturated by the earlier storms that moved up from the Gulf of Mexico to cover the southeast.

But slow draining waters Tuesday left portions of highways I–285 and I–20 on the city's west side still closed Tuesday night, and several state roads in the area were closed because of flooding, or bridges and roadways washed away. Watch interstate under water »

Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue pleaded Tuesday with residents to stay off roads, noting that nearly all the fatalities so far were drivers and passengers swept away by the floodwater.

"Stuff is important but it's not nearly as important as your life," he said. "Please give these waters time to recede."

Perdue said he planned to ask President Obama to declare a federal emergency in Georgia. The governor has declared states of emergency in 17 flood–stricken counties. Until just a few months ago, the area was gripped by drought.

Schools in the Atlanta metro area were closed Tuesday as some isolated storms soaked areas around the city. The rains were not as widespread or heavy as they were Monday. Watch flooding in Atlanta's urban core »

In Douglas County, some of the flooding victims spoke to family members while trapped inside their vehicles.

"The last thing they heard was that she was floating away."

Another victim's relative had a similar story:

"His girlfriend was talking to him at 12:30 last night, he said, 'I'm on Pool Mill Road, water's flooding in my car, I cannot get it open,'" the relative told WSB–TV. "He said 'I gotta call 911' and then his phone went dead."

Emergency management spokesman Tallon also reported an adult woman found dead downstream from a car that had washed off the roadway. Watch what caused such torrential rain »

One group in the county was more fortunate. County emergency director Jason Milhollin told CNN that a car was swept off the road during the morning commute, and four other people who tried to rescue the driver were also swept away. All five were later rescued, he said.

"They were fine, no one went to the hospital," Milhollin said. "Luckily they had a fence to hold on to and we got the boat to them."

Elsewhere, a 2–year–old boy and a 39–year old woman were killed. The toddler died when he was ripped from his father's arms by fast–moving floodwater as the father struggled to hold onto bushes, officials in Carroll County, also west of Atlanta, said.

Seydi Burciaga, 39, was swept off a road in Lawrenceville in Gwinnett County, east of Atlanta, when flash flooding trapped her in her vehicle, Gwinnett County police said.

She called 911 and police tried to locate her, but Burciaga could not tell them exactly where she was. Floodwater moved her minivan about 500 feet after she was swept off the roadway, and her attempts to guide rescuers by mentioning landmarks were unsuccessful, police said.

By the time rescuers found the minivan, she was dead.

Some areas west of Atlanta have received more than 22 inches of rain since last week, nearly half of that falling from Sunday night to Monday morning.

After Georgia creeks and rivers burst, swollen by days of rain, residents struggled to escape. iReport.com: Horses pulled to safety from flooded creek

An additional death was reported likely in Tennessee, where a presumed drowning victim was forced into a culvert, or underground storm water drain, Sunday evening, Chattanooga Fire Department spokesman Bruce Garner said. Sylvester Kitchens Jr., 46, was with friend Albert Miller when they decided to swim in a large, flooded ditch, Garner said. He said a Miller family member told him that "basically, it was a bet."

Both managed to grab a chain–link fence while being buffeted by the strong current, Garner said. A neighbor threw a garden hose for them to grab, and Kitchens reached for it but couldn't hold on. Miller clung to the fence for about 20 minutes and was eventually rescued by firefighters, Garner said.

Kitchens' body has not been found, said Garner, who added that it "doesn't appear he could've survived."

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Media, Online News Reports
Campaigns: 2009 SouthEast Floods, September
Updated Oct 5, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4517

Church of Mirror Lake (COUNTY DONATIONS COORDINATION SITE)

Supply POD · Open

Donation Distribution Site
501 Permian Way, Villa Rica, GA 30180

Phone Dana @ 404–610–3311
Web www.churchatmirrorlake.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=121&Itemid=124
Serves Douglas County, GA
Eligibility Impacted by the 9/09 GA Floods
Service Temporary

9/23 GA VOAD: Douglas County coordinating donations through Church of Mirror Lake, 501 Permian Way, Villa Rica. Contact is Dana @ 404–610–3311. Dana mentions that they're planning to receive today & tomorrow and hand out items Sat morning but more than willing to work with voluntary agencies coming in to use their space.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; Government, State/County
Updated Sep 26, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4549

West Georgia SPCA (Animal Services)

Animal Shelter · Open

Animal Rescue/Advocacy
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FROM THE WEBSITE 10/5/09:

Some pets came to FEMA on their own searching for help after the Georgia floods.

A big thank you to Farnam Pet Products for donating a generous supply of Just Born Puppy and Kitten Milk Replacer. It means a lot to have the support of a wonderful company like Farnam!

We have received some emergency funding from PetFinder.com to assist with displaced animals from the flooding. If you need assistance with boarding your pets while you get your house back to a safe condition or while you find a new residence, we can help. Please call us at (770)272–3178 to request assistance.

http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs004/1102350094144/archive/1102725043733.html

9/24 FLOOD UPDATE:

Flood Update
Just a quick update... we have lost phone and internet access (we had to drive out with our laptops to find an open network to send this out), so if anyone needs to reach us for assistance, please call my cellphone at (678)457–7852.

See link above for photo of lost Basset

The Basset girl in the photo was found after the flooding – wet, hungry and exhausted in Winston. Please call me if you know anyone missing a female Basset.

The Douglas County Animal Control Shelter is in need of cat and dog food. Please call (770)942–5961 for more information or drop off your pet food donations there Tuesday–Saturday 10–5 or Sunday 2–5.

Atlanta West Animal Hospital is a designated FEMA emergency site for animals displaced from the flood. Please contact them at (770)459–2253 for more information.

We are expecting a delivery of puppy and kitten milk replacement but are having a difficult time getting it delivered with the roads being closed and washed out. If you are a shelter, rescue group, rescuer or a flood victim in need puppy or kitten milk, please call me at (678)457–7852 and I will let you know when it comes in.

We could use donations for boarding of displaced animals and pet food. Please donate if you can!

Please share this information by clicking on the FaceBook and Twittter share links below.

Thanks for caring about animals!

Martina Hemming
Executive Director
West Georgia SPCA

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Campaigns: 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; ASPCA ~ American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty To Animals; Government, City/Town Agency
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