Resource Guide

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VA

Charities Aid Foundation America (CAFAmerica)

Donor · Open

1800 Diagonal Road, Suite 150, Alexandria, VA 22314

Phone 703-549-8931
Web www.cafamerica.org/dnn
Service Temporary

CAFAmerica works with a number of international emergency response and relief organizations who are providing services and support for the communities impacted by the earthquake and subsequent tsunami in Japan.

March 2011
Massive Earthquake and Tsunami Devastates Japan

At 2:46 p.m. local time on March 11, 2011, a massive earthquake with a magnitude of 8.9 slammed Japan's northeastern coast and triggered a 30-foot tsunami, killing hundreds and washing away buildings, cars and homes in a matter of minutes. Northern coastal cities such as Sendai, Ofutano City and Onahama bore the immediate effects of the quake and tsunami most heavily, though fires have broken out and millions are without electricity in cities as far south as Tokyo. Police have recovered approximately 300 bodies in Sendai so far, and the number of casualties throughout the country is expected to rise dramatically in the coming days.

CAFAmerica works with a number of international emergency response and relief organizations who are providing services and support for the communities impacted by this tragedy. These include the IFRC, Oxfam UK, Doctors Without Borders and Christian Aid. This list will be expanding as more of our organizations turn their focus to providing support.

We are your comprehensive global connection
CAFAmerica serves thousands of foreign nonprofit organizations in more than 76 countries. We are an integral part of the CAF International Network which spans 5 continents and handles more than $4 billion of charitable funds worldwide.

We offer extensive knowledge of local needs and issues through our seven CAF offices in Australia, Bulgaria, India, Russia, Southern Africa, United Kingdom and United States, and our partner organizations. As a comprehensive global network, we are advancing best practices in philanthropy and providing a holistic and consistent approach to grant making.

Services offered: Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants)
Campaigns: 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC); OXFAM
Updated Mar 12, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7727

Volunteers of America National Headquarters

Info/Hotline · Open

1660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Phone (800) 899-0089 / (703) 341-5000
Web www.volunteersofamerica.org
Service Temporary

Seeking Services?

* Help for Homelessness ~
Working To End Homelessness

Volunteers of America works to prevent and end homelessness for individuals and families. As one of the largest recipients of federal homeless assistance grants, Volunteers of America reaches out to homeless individuals through street outreach and mobile outreach services. Once Volunteers of America engages homeless individuals, youth and families with children, we stay with them for as long as it takes to return them to self-sufficiency — providing assistance that ranges from paying a first month's rent to offering permanent supportive housing so that people with disabilities can become stable and productive members of their communities.

* Help for Housing ~
Providing Affordable Housing

For Volunteers of America and the people we support, a home is far more than shelter. It's the foundation of life. We guide individuals and families by providing not only safe, affordable housing, but also the vital support services they need to thrive.

We are one of the nation's largest nonprofit providers of quality, affordable housing for low and moderate-income households. We create and manage housing for the homeless, families with children, the elderly, and people with disabilities, including physical and mental disabilities.

Wherever there are people who need homes, Volunteers of America will be there, extending a smile and a helping hand.

* Help for Long–Term Care ~
For over 100 years, Volunteers of America has responded to the nation's health care needs. Today, we are a major provider of professional long–term nursing care for seniors and others coping with illness or injury. We offer a continuum of services that extends to the elderly and disabled people requiring long–term health support, including nursing care, assisted living, memory care, home health care, rehabilitation and much more.

Volunteers of America owns and operates 25 health care facilities throughout the United States and is dedicated to providing supportive, nurturing environments with services designed specifically for each individual. Learn more about our individual facilities and services.

* Help for Mental Health ~
Fostering & Empowering

Volunteers of America provides services and supports to people with mental illness throughout our programs. We operate many programs for people who have spent long years in state hospital systems. Sometimes these individuals enter our services in nontraditional ways, maybe through homelessness, substance abuse, or tragically, the corrections system. However, a person comes to us, Volunteers of America focuses on assisting those with significant and persistent mental illness to live lives of independence in their communities. Our supports range from crisis hotlines to 24–hour residential supports, low–income housing options, counseling, medication management and assistance with the activities of daily living. In keeping with the tradition of our founders and our faith–based values, we believe that all individuals should be treated with respect and dignity and receive the individualized supports they need to live in their community.

* Help for Seniors ~
Continuing a Tradition of Service to Seniors

Volunteers of America's services programs promote health and independence for the elderly. Volunteers of America is one of the nation's largest nonprofit providers of quality, affordable housing for seniors and a major provider of professional long–term care, including assisted living, home health care and nursing home care. Support services include senior centers, transportation, intergenerational programs, information and referral services, protective services, meal programs, handyman repair services and others.

* Help for Veterans ~
Assistance for Homeless Veterans

Nearly 154,000 veterans are homeless on any given night and twice as many experience homelessness during a year. Right now, the number of homeless Vietnam era veterans is greater than the number of service persons who died during that war. Already, veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan are appearing in the homeless population.

Volunteers of America is committed to ending homelessness for those already on the street and preventing others from becoming homeless. Volunteers of America provides a wide array of well–designed and managed services to meet the specific needs of homeless veterans.

A Voice for Homeless Veterans

Volunteers of America is also an outspoken advocate for homeless veterans. In October 2006, the organization, along with the Corporation for Supportive Housing and the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, convened a policy leadership dialogue on the issue, producing a report, titled "Ending Homelessness Among Veterans Through Permanent Supportive Housing." Participants called on the 110th Congress to act quickly both to create more permanent supportive housing for disabled veterans and to target resources to increase income support, employment, health, and housing programs that assist all veterans.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Case Management, Mental Health; Demographic Served: Homeless; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Seniors / Elderly; Facility: Veterans Benefits/Facility/Services; Housing, Affordable Housing Builder, Gov't Sponsored; Mental Health Services; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Volunteers of America
Updated Sep 1, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4752

Water Environment Federation (WEF)

Info/Hotline · Open

601 Wythe Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone 1–800–666–0206
Web www.wef.org/publicinformation/default.aspx
Service Temporary

http://www.wef.org/PublicInformation/page.aspx?id=90
General Public –

Whether it's keeping fats, oils, and grease out of drains, supporting upgrades to local wastewater facilities, putting trash in the trash can instead of the toilet, or even picking up after your pet, everyone can play an important part in protecting the world's water resources. To help you learn more, resources here include a series of fact sheets on common water quality topics, and a glossary of water terms. You can also visit the Water Heroes page to meet real–life professionals who work very hard to keep our

water resources clean and safe. It's up to everyone to help preserve and protect the world's limited water supply, and your participation is important!

The following chart from the Water Environment Federation will show you effective ways to dispose of household waste and contribute to a sustainable clean environment.

http://www.wef.org/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=685

Students & Teachers K–12
Includes Video

http://www.wef.org/coloringbooks/?ekmensel=c57dfa7b_19_0_101_2

College Students

http://www.wef.org/PublicInformation/college.aspx?id=119&ekmensel=c57dfa7b_19_0_119_3

Job Bank and Other Career Resources
The new and improved Job Bank offers enhanced search capabilities and allows you to apply online and even post your résumé online. You can also register to be notified by e–mail whenever a job meeting your specifications is posted. The Job Bank is updated daily, with an average of 25–30 new positions added each month.

http://jobbank.wef.org/

Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental, Water; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Documentation, Environmental Education; Jobs, Paying; Sanitation, Services, Sanitation / Water Systems Restoration; School * (ANY/ALL Types); Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction)
Updated Jan 21, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7572

Building Goodness Foundation

Info/Hotline · Open

PO Box 4325, Charlottesville, VA 22905
Phone 434.973.0993
Web www.buildinggoodness.org
Service Temporary

CLICK ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS FOR DETAILS & DONATIONS
SEE CURRENT PROJECTS –
http://www.buildinggoodness.org/index.php/projects/current_projects/C1/

Haiti –
Thomassin
L'Acul

Virginia –
Charlottesville
Mattaponi Reservation
Fluvanna

DONATIONS –
In–Kind Giving
Over the years, we have been fortunate to receive many in–kind donations of construction materials and services unique to each project and volunteer event.

For a current list of materials or services that match a project need, please contact Ethan Tate at etate @buildinggoodness.org or 434.973.0993

Volunteer
The BGF volunteer experience
We bring together volunteers from every part of the construction industry to design and build structures for communities in need. We extend this opportunity to all interested volunteers—always welcoming an offered hand. By helping those most desperately in need, the lives of all involved are enriched in ways few can adequately describe. After volunteering on a BGF project, participants often speak of having had an experience that changed how they view their role in the world. Qualified leaders on every trip take a personal interest in every volunteer to ensure he or she has the most fulfilling experience possible.

Our expectations
We respect all individuals and cultures we encounter and seek to make the lives of our fellow human beings better. Core members, new volunteers, partners, and community members work together in a respectful, collaborative manner. Through pre–departure orientations, team members get acquainted with each other and set the goals and expectations for the trip. While we do not require that volunteers have construction skills, a cooperative, positive attitude and willingness to contribute to the goals of the team is a must!

SEE DETAILS AT:
http://www.buildinggoodness.org/index.php/volunteer/volunteer

Other ways to help
You don't have to be a carpenter, mason or designer to make a difference. There are many other ways to volunteer at BGF including working on a committee, preparing mailings, event support and representing BGF in outreach activities.

Contact our office for more information on this ever–present need.

Services offered: Rebuilding Status: In Process "Case Managed" Projects; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Habitat For Humanity; Rotary International; United Way
Updated Sep 30, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6493

Building Goodness in April (by referrals for renovation)

Info/Hotline · Open

PO Box 5747; Charlottesville, Charlottesville/Albemarle, VA 22905
Phone 434–973–0993
Web www.dardengoodness.org
Service Temporary

5/24/2010
We are now accepting referrals for projects for Build Day 2011, which will take place on April 9, 2011. Please click on the "Refer a Project" link to submit a referral form.

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Construction, * Volunteers (ANY/ALL types); Demographic Served: Low Income Folks
Updated Sep 30, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6490

CITY OF, Chesapeake, Virginia – Official Website

Info/Hotline · Open

City Run
306 Cedar Road, Chesapeake, VA 23322
Phone Chesapeake Customer Contact Center: (757) 382–CITY (2489)
Web www.cityofchesapeake.net
Serves Chesapeake, VA
Service Temporary

Hurricane Sandy resources available on this website

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; Government, City/Town Agency
Updated Oct 27, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6228

Gleaning For The World (GFTW)

Info/Hotline · Open

Mailing Address:; PO Box 645; Concord, VA 24538; 7539 Stage Road, Concord, VA 24538
Phone 1–877–913–9212 | 434–993–3600 (Office)
Web gftw.org
Service Temporary

WHAT WE DO –

For Humanitarian Organizations –

Humanitarian organizations have a tough job reaching and providing care for those in desperate need. Often, they must use urgently needed funds to locate, store, sort, inventory and ship supplies to people working in the field. A study completed by Gleaning For The World demonstrated that it costs the average organization tens of thousands of dollars per 40–foot container of product to manage the supplies, even if the products have been donated. This is where Gleaning For The World becomes an invaluable asset.

Gleaning For The World does not have its own mission projects. We partner with other humanitarian organizations to provide and manage supplies, saving them thousands of dollars in desperately needed funds each year. Our expertise in international aid delivery, including tight quality control, detailed documentation and a global network of resources, ensures that goods successfully make their way through customs and to their intended recipient.

Product Procurement
Using a professional staff, proficient supply chains, and an army of volunteers, GFTW can locate supplies, sort, inventory and load containers for less than one percent of the value of the product. The types of products GFTW typically offers include:

■Medical Supplies (first aid supplies, over–the–counter medications)
■Surgical Supplies (surgical kits and instruments)
■Medical Equipment (hospital beds, gurneys, dental chairs, x–ray units, etc.)
■Food and Drink (nutrition bars, vitamins, bottled water, nutritional drinks)
■Shoes (new shoes of various types)

Product Management
For organizations that have received donated products, GFTW provides management services including sorting the supplies, providing inventory control, and warehousing the product until the shipment is needed — all for less than what most non–profit organizations pay for warehouse staff. The product remains the property of the non–profit as does donor information.

For Business/Industry –

Disaster Network –

Gleaning For The World rapidly reponds to natural disasters here in the United States and overseas. Critical supplies are loaded and shipped only hours after an earthquake, hurricane, tornado, flood, winter storm or other deadly disaster strikes. Our Disaster Network reaches across the globe to other organizations, companies and individuals who help Gleaning meet the needs.
Gleaning For The World is anticipating an active hurricane season as the NOAA predicts 14 storms to develop and 7 to become major hurricanes. The magnitude of storms predicted will affect the livelihood of many people, not only in the coastal regions, but inland. Help us to help you prepare.
Supplies that are needed include non–perishable food, personal care items, baby products, cleaning supplies, and paper products.

Mobile Medical Clinic –

One of the most difficult challenges in providing medical care to impoverished communities or disaster areas is getting there. Refugee camps are rarely located on main roads. People with AIDS are often too weak to travel to a city for treatment. Hurricanes and other natural disasters can cripple stationary medical facilities and destroy roads and bridges. And epidemics are best contained when people remain in place.

In response, Gleaning For The World has developed the Mobile Medical Clinic (MMC) to address many of the challenges faced by organizations providing medical care to the world's most impoverished people — starting with getting there. Conventional mobile clinics are impractical in areas where roads are rough or non–existent. The MMC is designed to withstand the rigors of travel on rugged roads and can be transported by helicopter to remote areas or places where roads have been destroyed by natural disaster.

Designed for use in the mission field, the MMC's standard configuration includes:

■Three water tanks (total capacity 100 gallons) for clean, safe water
■Charcoal filtration system that allows water to be continuously resupplied
■On–board water heater for almost instant hot water. Maintains water temperature during use.
■60–cycle generator with a deep–cycle emergency battery back–up system. Doctors are able to use the instruments they are comfortable with, eliminating the need to change electric cycles.
The MMC can be customized to meet the needs of your organization — whether to provide a specific type of medical care, to be used for food service in areas of famine or disaster, or to provide clean, filtered water. GFTW can also stock the MMC with medical supplies and equipment at less than one percent of their estimated value.

Whatever your mission, we have one goal in mind… to help you get there, equipped to meet the needs of people who are desperate for help.

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Donate Goods –
GFTW is eager to partner with any company wishing to donate products and supplies. We are specifically interested in the following:

Medical and Surgical Supplies
Over–the–Counter Medications
Health and Hygiene Products
Food and Nutrition Products
New Clothing and Shoes
Cloth
Furniture

For more information on donating products to GFTW, please call us at 1–877–913–9212

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Volunteer –
Each month, hundreds of volunteers provide assistance at Gleaning For The World. They come from various community organizations, Boy and Girl Scout troops, churches and youth groups, and vary in age and background. But all of them have one thing in common: the desire to make a difference in the lives of hurting people.

Volunteers serve in many ways, including:

■Sorting medical supplies
■Repackaging donated product
■Packing stuffed animals
■Sorting and boxing new clothing and shoes
■Answering the phone
■Sending e–mails
■Preparing mailings
… and more.
These volunteers make it possible for GFTW to save thousands of dollars in staff time — savings we pass on to the humanitarian and mission organizations we serve.

To find out more about how you or your group can volunteer at Gleaning For the World, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 1–877–913–9212

Services offered: Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Supplies, International Distribution of Supplies; Distribution, Supplies, Regional Distribution; Donations, Coordination, Large Donation Coordination; Donations, In–Kind Donations Services, Corporate (Large); Medical, Facility, Clinic, Mobile Field Medical Clinic; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake
Updated Jan 8, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7437

Ruritan National

Info/Hotline · Open

Community Civic Club
P.O. Box 487; 5451 Lyons Road, Dublin, VA 24084
Phone 877.787.8727, Ext. 23
Web www.ruritan.org/main.htm
Service Temporary

Ruritan National has nearly 34,000 members throughout the United States, that work to improve more than 1,200 local communities. Since the organization's beginning in 1928, Ruritan Clubs have served America with Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service. Ruritan is a civic service organization made up of local clubs in urban areas, small towns and rural communities.

Ruritan's purpose is to create a better understanding among people and through volunteer community service, make America's communities better places in which to live and work. The slogan of Ruritan is "Fellowship, Goodwill and Community Service." Club membership represents a cross–section of the community in which the club serves, and is not restrictive with regard to occupation, social position, or any other specific criteria.

Unlike most civic service organizations, Ruritan rarely has national programs. Rather, each club surveys its own community as to the needs of that community and then works to meet some of those needs. Nearly all clubs work locally with FFA, 4–H and other organizations serving youth. Nearly one in every three Ruritan clubs sponsors a Boy or Girl Scout unit.

Ruritan is a non–profit service organization with the purpose of creating a better understanding between people and, through volunteer community service, making America's communities a better place to live and work.

The slogan of Ruritan is Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service. Each Ruritan Club surveys the needs of its community and then works to meet those needs. Ruritans believe in the basic value of neighbors helping neighbors.

Ruritan Clubs provide a wide range of community services, including: flood relief and disaster assistance, food drives, environmental projects, and scholarships to deserving students. Most clubs also support local youth groups such as 4–H, FFA, Little League, and scouts.
Monthly Meetings

Ruritan Clubs hold informative and educational meetings that give members an opportunity to share ideas about community improvements and service projects. Meetings are held once a month and feature a fellowship meal, a club business session, and an educational or entertaining program for club members. Most club meetings last an hour and a half or less.
Youth Programs

The Ruritan National Foundation annually provides financial assistance to students to further their education past high school. Also, hundreds of Ruritan Clubs award annual scholarships and grants to local students.

The Ruritan Student Program introduces youth to the Ruritan spirit of Fellowship, Goodwill and Community Service by sponsoring students as members of local Ruritan Clubs.

Services offered: Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Grants, for Youth; Scholarships; Youth Program
Campaigns: Boy Scouts of America; Girl Scouts of the USA
Updated Aug 31, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1332

Commonwealth Humane Society

Animal Shelter · Open

4122 Leonard Drive, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22030
Phone (703)385-5700
Web www.humane.pro/contact.php
Service Permanent

12/6/12: Email from Chris Haslam
Dear Rescue Supporters and Friends

You are all hero's, and first and foremost I want to thank all of you that gave, and gave, and gave again helping meet the dire needs of the animals in NY, the ones hardest hit.

Thanks to you and people like you, we delivered over 50,000 pounds of supplies, two large trucks full, filled with urgently needed food and supplies. This included more than 25 gas powered cooking stoves, three new large generators, hand warmers, human and animal food, and water, lots of water.

The second truck, driven by Our team member and colleague, Denise Painter, started in South Carolina, and after many stops along the way delivered a second full load to Bayshore, Long island. POSH made no attempt to keep the supplies, but rather open handedly gave wherever the need was seen. Thus together, we were able to help a number of rescues, many of which had nowhere else to turn, and whose need was considerable. They included:

Bobbie and The Strays
Anarchy Animal Rescue
All About Spay and neuter
Hempstead Animal Shelter
Canine Counsel
Shelli's Sanctuary
New Leash Animal Rescue
New Beginnings
Four Paws Sake
Feral Cat Rockaways
Long Beach Humane Society
Sayreville Animal Shelter
Rock Hill Shelter
Hamptons Hurricane Release Fund
Urgent Death Row dogs
Brooklyn Animal Care and Control
Manhattan Animal Care and Control
Shale Mountain Rescue
Ridgeback Rescue
Heavenly Angels

If you would like to see some of the pictures taken during phase I, please click here and take a look at our web site: http://www.humane.pro/ny.php

Phase Two ++

Now we are moving forward with phase two of the operation and planning multiple new transports of the much needed supplies. This part of Phase two is to include others, willing and able to drop off supplies directly to Bayshore Long Island, NY. We have a specific location ready to accept donations. Those of you that would like to bring supplies directly to where the need is greatest, please contact me and I will give you the address to make deliveries. The POSH contact is Mellie McClellan at 1-631.383.8903. Due to phone problems in NY, personally, I find it easier to use Text Messages or Facebook. Another part of this phase is for us to work with manufacturers and distributors and have material drop shipped to Bayshore, LI,

Phase Three:

This is the biggest and most important portion of this rescue and relief effort and is aimed at placing as much as possible right into the hands of those that need it most. Mellie and the POSH team has identified additional rescues, fosters, and animals families

that need help the most. Working with the smaller and less well organized groups, we have had food and supplies delivered door to door, in fact directly at their front door.

A very big part of this phase is the boarding of desperate animals in healthy clean kennels, and foster homes, and for this we ask that you consider a monetary donation to our “Donate” button on our website www.humane.pro This is no small matter and we are already paying large kennel fees to keep as many animals as possible of the Euthanasia lists ate the NY area shelters. Given that many of the animals have medical issues, like Kennel Cough, this is a critical issue as the shelters do not have the resources to keep and treat sick animals.

Items still very much in need
1. Dog and Cat Dry Food
2. Dog and Cat Wet Food
3. Flash Lights and Batteries
4. Paper Towels
5. Water Proof Dog Houses
6. Tarps, Plastic Drop Cloths & Shower Curtains
7. Rope
8. Candles

All donations will be allocated “For the Animals in New York”, and they will get every cent.

We will issue IRS donation letters to all donors and since we are a recognized 501C3 you may deduct your donation to the full extent of the tax laws.

Anyone seeking more information and especially anyone willing to help drive a load of donations upto Long Island, please call me directly at 703.568.3600, or better yet send me an e–mail to Chris.Haslam@Humane.Pro or Info@humane.Pro or even my personal e–mail Chris.Haslam@Cox.Net

Those that use face book, please place a link onto your page explaining what is needed and how your friends can help.

For those of you that wish to be deleted from this mailing list, please click on Unsubscribe@Humane.Pro , we will do our very best to keep you off all future lists and e–mail distributions. Thank You

Chris C. Haslam

11/8/2012: Email from Chris Haslam
There are rescues in Staten island, Long Island and new Jersey that have to live and serve the animals they care for in wet, freezing cold conditions. Conditions without heat and light, with no dry food for the animals and no end in sight. The normal sources of food and supplies are shut down and without power. The poor animals look to us in the rescue community to provide for their needs in their time of desperate plight. Many of these people could just abandon their animals and go to human rescue shelters, where they can find warmth and comfort. BUT NO, like all real rescues they stay with their animals and fight to help them survive. Providing what food they can, loving on the animals, and caring for their needs and also reaching out to other rescues and foster that like them have chosen to make their stand for the animals they love so very much. This may well be the rescue communities “Finest Hour”.

Commonwealth Humane and its supporters, like many others are stepping into the breach, and will undertake a mercy run this coming Thursday the 8th of November, but we cannot do it alone, and we need your help.

We have a large van and trailer being loaded with warm blankets, dog and cat food, and other supplies that are so desperately needed.

Money is not much good to the folks in NY, since they have nowhere to spend it. Therefore any and all monetary donations will be converted into food, fuel, and other much needed supplies and every last cent will be given to them. They are telling us what they need most and we will purchase whatever items they need.

For those too far from NVA to be able to deliver the supplies you may consider a monetary donation to our “Donate” button on our websitewww.humane.pro

Please indicate your donation “For the Animals in New York”, and they will get every cent.

We will issue IRS donation letters to all donors and since we are a recognized 501C3 you may deduct your donation to the full extent of the tax laws.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Animals; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location
Campaigns: 2012 Hurricane Sandy; Humane Society of the United States, The
Updated Dec 6, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9519

Fairfax County International Urban Search & Rescue (VATF1)

Info/Hotline · Open

4600 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

Phone (703) 815–5523
Web www.vatf1.org
Service Temporary

Source:

Fairfax search–and–rescue team headed to Japan
http://www2.timesdispatch.com/news/virginia–news/2011/mar/11/fairfax–search–and–rescue–team–headed–japan–ar–899843/
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; USAID–OFDA (Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance)
Updated Mar 11, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7721

IAEM (International Association of Emergency Managers)

Info/Hotline · Open

Non–Profit INTL Emergency Mgmt. Education
201 Park Washington Court, Falls Church, VA 22046

Phone Phone: +1 (703) 538–1795 Fax: +1 (703) 241–5603
Web www.iaem.com
Checks payable to IAEM Scholarship Program

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) is a non–profit educational organization dedicated to promoting the goals of saving lives and protecting property during emergencies and disasters.

IAEM Membership is for professionals who...

(1) Are in the field of emergency management (mitigation, preparedness, response, and/or recovery).
(2) Are interested in protecting lives and property through an all–hazards approach.
(3) Are concerned with national security.
(4) Have an emergency management/ civil defense assignment in government, the military, and industry or volunteer organization.
(5) Want up–to–date information and guidance to help fulfill your emergency management role.

CONTACT IAEM

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Services offered: Facility: Job Center; Scholarships; Training Classes, Disaster * (Any & All Types)
Campaigns: American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; CWS ~ Church World Service; Humane Society of the United States, The
Updated Aug 31, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2196

SBCV Disaster Relief (Southern Baptist Convention – SBC of Virginia)

Info/Hotline · Open

Church – Disaster Relief
HQ: 4101 Cox Road, Suite 100, Glen Allen, VA 23060

Web www.sbcv.org/disaster_relief
Service Temporary

2011 Tornado –
Disaster Relief Teams Serve in Pulaski
http://www.sbcv.org/disaster_relief/article287431c4435584.htm

Nationwide volunteer opportunities on this site in response to disaster

Ministry Regions
A Decentralized Approach
At the SBC of Virginia, we believe strongly that having a local missionary in the area, working hand–in–hand with God's people, will have a far more meaningful impact on the spread of the Gospel than we could hope to provide from a central location. Because of this, we've divided our state into five ministry regions, each having dedicated church planting strategists and church health strategists to assist local churches with their individual needs.

Our five ministry regions are as follows:

North
Serving the region
in and around the Shennandoah Valley, Northern Virginia, and Greater DC

Central–East
Serving the region
in and around Greater Richmond, the Piedmont, and the Northern Neck

Central–West
Serving the region
in and around the Roanoke Valley, Greater Lynchburg, and the Southside

Southeast
Serving the region
in and around Hampton Roads and the Eastern Shore

Southwest
Serving the region
in and around Appalachia, the Highlands, and the New River Valley
The Southwest Region includes the following counties:

Bland, Buchanan, Bristol, Carroll, Dickenson, Floyd,
Galax, Giles, Grayson, Lee, Montgomery, Norton, Patrick, Pulaski,
Radford, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, Wythe

Rebuilding the Gulf
There are many volunteer opportunities throughout the Gulf Region. Churches may contact the following numbers directly if they desire to serve. It is requested that if you take a long term rebuild trip, to please contact Mark Gauthier at mgauthier@sbcv.org upon your return to report that the good news might be shared.

Volunteer Opportunities
Florida – Wilma and 2004 Rebuild
800–226–8584 ext 3121

Louisiana – Katrina Rebuild
877–487–4658 ext 265 (DR Trained)
504–235–6462 (not trained in DR)

Mississippi – Katrina Rebuild
601–292–3334 (DR Trained)
601–292–3335 (not trained in DR)

Services offered: Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; First Responder, Nationwide (All U.S. Regions); Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Support for "All" Disasters; Training Classes, Disaster * (Any & All Types); Volunteer, Long–Term Volunteer Opportunities; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Wilma; 2009 American Samoa Tsunami; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief
Updated Apr 18, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4722

Virginia United Methodist Center

Info/Hotline · Open

Mailing Address: PO Box 5606, Glen Allen, VA 23058–5606; 10330 Staples Mill Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060

Phone 1–800–768–6040 or (804) 521–1100
Web www.vaumc.org
Service Temporary

2011 Hurricane Irene
http://www.vaumc.org/Page.aspx?pid=2092

Disaster Response
http://www.vaumc.org/Page.aspx?pid=692

For the most recent updates from UMCOR, visit the UMCOR website at: http://gbgm–umc.org/umcor/ Click on “UMCOR Hot Line Weekly News Update.” Below the “Weekly Update” link, you will find a list of current emergencies with the Advance Special giving number listed.

For the most recent updates from Annual Conferences in the midst of recovery efforts, visit the specific annual conference sites. You can find a directory of all the annual conferences at www.umc.org. It is best if you contact each annual conference disaster response and recovery center Web site to view their unique needs for teams, donations, and supplies. Any appeals made to the entire denomination will be posted on our conference Clergy Net and Laity Net e–mail groups.

Robert M. Pihlcrantz
Virginia Conference Disaster Response Coordinator
Mobile phone: (757) 408–6653

Office: (757) 482–2364
Home: (757) 389–5721
Toll–free: 1–866–264–8488
E–mail: vacdrt @ cox.net
Campaigns: UMCOR Relief Network; United Methodist Church
Updated Sep 27, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8992

City of Hampton, Virginia

Info/Hotline · Open

City
22 Lincoln Street, Hampton, VA 23669
Phone Call us at 311 or (757) 727–8311
Web www.hampton.va.us
Service Temporary

HURRICANE IRENE UPDATES:

http://www.hampton.va.us/media/weather_updates/hurricane_updates.html

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene
Updated Aug 25, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6232

Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula

Warehouse · Open

9912 Hosier Street, Newport News, VA 23601
Phone 757–596–7188
Web hrfoodbank.org
Service Temporary

The director of this foodbank is the local Virginia Peninsula Regional VOAD President. See CAT Facility record at:

https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6227

FROM THE SITE:

Our most requested items include:

Meats, Fish, and Protein – canned tuna, ham or chicken, beef stew, chili, peanut butter, canned or dried beans
Fruits and Vegetables – 100% fruit juice, canned fruits and vegetables, instant potatoes, fruit preserves
Complete Meals – pasta and sauce, boxed meals, hearty vegetable soups
Grains – cereal, rice

No glass containers, perishable items, or home–canned foods, please!

MEMBER AGENCIES:

http://www.nnfoodbank.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=102&Itemid=108

Services offered: Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Food Distribution, Children, BackPack Program ; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Food Distribution, Food Bank (This Site Supplies Food Pantries/Agencies); Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/ Twitter Feeds; Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Kid's Cafe Program (Youth); Support for "All Local" Disasters; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Handicapped Volunteers (This facility accomodates Handicapped Volunteers); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers); Volunteers, Youth Volunteers (This facility accomodates Youth Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; Feeding America
Updated Oct 27, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6237

Physicians for Peace

Info/Hotline · Open

Medical Care
500 East Main Street, 9th Floor, Norfolk, VA 23510
Phone 757.625.7569
Web www.physiciansforpeace.org
Service Temporary

Burn Care Program | Dental Program | Eye Bank & Eyeglass Distribution | ODU Student Exchange Program | Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) | Pediatric Ophthalmology Program | Philippines Project | Walking Free Program | Women & Children's Health Initiative

Since the early 1980's, Physicians for Peace (Physicians for Peace) has sent teams of volunteers, including physicians, dentists, nurses and other healthcare providers, on medical education missions to places where their healing skills are needed most,

including Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central America, Eastern Europe, the Middle East and beyond. Our teams have united doctors from Iran and Iraq, Turkey and Greece, Palestine and Israel, the Philippines and Japan.

FROM THE SITE:

http://www.physiciansforpeace.org/medical–volunteer.html
Medical Volunteer
Becoming a Volunteer

Volunteers are the life blood of Physicians for Peace. They are the dedicated individuals who give of their time and resources to reach out to the world and help those in need. Physicians for Peace mobilizes volunteers in several categories: medical professionals, communications correspondents, administrative support, and mission support. If you would like to be considered for a volunteer position, please visit our "volunteer interest page" to complete a questionnaire.

Volunteer Interest Page:

http://giving.physiciansforpeace.org/volunteer_interest

Services offered: Medical, Education, Health Awareness; Medical, Services, Emergency Medical Services; Medical, Services, International Medical Services; Medical, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Medical, Volunteer, First Response, Volunteer Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Volunteer, General, Medical Volunteer Services; Medical, Volunteer, Surgical Volunteer Services; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, International
Updated Sep 1, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2644

CITY OF, Poquoson, VA – Official Website

Info/Hotline · Open

City Run
500 City Hall Avenue, Poquoson, VA 23662

Phone (757) 868–3000
Web www.poquoson–va.gov
Serves Poquoson
Service Temporary

Situation reports and updates resources for the community related to Hurricane Sandy can be found on their facebook page and website.

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

Services offered: Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Residents; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/ Group; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; Government, City/Town Agency
Updated Oct 27, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4749

Youth Matter, Inc

Donor · Open

Non–Profit – Charity
PO Box 396, Portsmouth, VA 23705

Phone 757–686–8181
Web www.youthmatter.org
Checks payable to See http://www.youthmatter.org/donation.htm
Service Permanent

There are many concerns facing today's youth. In every community there are hundreds of girls and boys left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets. An increasing number of children spend many hours at home with no adult care or supervision, or no one to help them with homework. Dependent youth sometimes become victims of parental neglect, abuse, incapacity and /or abandonment.

There is a great need to focus on serving youth most at risk of not reaching their full potential, especially youth in low–income communities. Young people need to know that someone cares about them because they matter – youth matter.

In 2002 Youth Matter, Inc. became the lead organization for the City of Portsmouth in having it designated through a statewide initiative as a "Right Choices For Youth" community to promote the message for youth people through high school to avoid alcohol, drugs, sex, tobacco, and violence.

Youth Matter, Inc. is a IRS approved 501(c)3 non–profit community development corporation.

* EMERGENCY RELIEF – HURRICANES KATRINA & RITA AFTERMATH

A cooperative effort of Youth Matter, Inc.&#65533; and its Partners ask for your assistance because . . . Victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita are still attempting to recover from the massive storm that disrupted the lives of so many families, young and old, all races and cultures. We need to continue to make a difference in their lives by continuing to raise funds to help them. Families are still separated, homeless, broke, and in mourning. Assist us by making a financial contribution to Youth Matter, Inc. so that we

can continue to fill the needs of hurricane families, youth, and individuals. Remember that we were all children at one point in our lives, and ALL YOUTH MATTER, no matter where they live.

It's so important for youth and teens to access fun, educational and safe websites. Listed in the link below are a few websites that Youth Matter, Inc. have come across. If you locate other websites designed especially for youth and teens, please let us know by contacting us.

http://www.youthmatter.org/coolkidssites.htm

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Demographic Served: Children; School, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training Classes, Literacy Training; Training, Employment, Job Skills, Youth; Tutor, Tutoring, Volunteer; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; 2010 Hurricane Earl
Updated Sep 1, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1089

EMA, Emergency Management Agency, Virginia (VDEM)

Info/Hotline · Open

EMA
ADMIN HQ: 10501 Trade Court, Richmond, VA 23236
Phone Switchboard Number: (804) 897–6500
Web www.vaemergency.gov
Service Temporary

Hurricane Sandy updates and situation reports available on their website, Facebook page and Twitter:

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

TWITTER –
https://twitter.com/vdem

Services offered: Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Residents; Information Resource, Evacuation, Disaster Evacuation Guidance for Residents in Disaster Zones; Information Resource, Map; Information Resource, Maps, Weather Maps & Storm Tracking; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Information Resource, Online Networking, YouTube; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Services, Disaster Response, Recovery, Preparedness & Mitigation; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training Classes, Disaster * (Any & All Types)
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Hanna; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Other Disasters; 2011 Tropical Storm Lee; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; 2018 HURRICANE FLORENCE; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency) State
Updated Oct 27, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6221

Virgina.gov

Info/Hotline · Open

State
111 East Main St Suite 901, Richmond, VA 23219
Phone (804) 786–4718 Toll Free: 1–877–4VA–EGOV (1–877–482–3468)
Web www.virginia.gov/cmsportal3
Service Temporary

FROM THE SITE:

Emergency officials will provide information about open shelters through local media. Shelters can fill quickly, and shelter information may change frequently. Shelter information will be available by calling 211.

Services offered: Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Residents; 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; Information Resource, Road Closures/Conditions; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2010 Hurricane Earl
Updated Aug 31, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6220

SHELTERS, Media List of Open Shelters, VA & MD

Shelter · Open

STATEWIDE, VA
Web www.wboc.com/story/15339959/hurricane–shelters–on–delmarva
Service Temporary

Counties across Delmarva have established emergency shelters as Hurricane Irene approaches. Following are the shelters that county officials supplied to WBOC. We will update this information as we get it:

Accomack County, Va.

NOTE: WBOC has received conflicting information throughout Friday about shelters in the county. Following are the two shelters listed in a release at 7 p.m. Friday night on the county's website:

Nandua Middle School, 26350 Lankford Hwy, Onley – open 6 a.m. Saturday, no pets, no food or cots provided.
Arcadia Middle School, 29485 Horsey Road, Oak Hall – open 6 a.m. Saturday, no pets, no food or cots provided.
From the county's website: "Emergency shelters should only be used if you are unable to find a safe location to stay with family or friends. You should bring everything needed to be self sustaining for three days."

Caroline County, Md.

Federalsburg VFD, 208 N. University Ave. – open 10 a.m. Saturday, no pets; limited assistance for pets is available at the Caroline County Humane Society (410-820-1600)
Goldsboro VFD, 700 Old Line Road – open 10 a.m. Saturday, no pets; limited assistance for pets is available at the Caroline County Humane Society (410-820-1600)
Dorchester County, Md.

Maces Lane Middle School, 1101 Maces Lane, Cambridge – open 9 a.m. Saturday. Not pet friendly
Kent County, Del.

Lake Forest High School, 5407 Killens Pond Rd., Felton – open, pet friendly
Smyrna Middle School, 700 Duck Creek Parkway– open, no pets
New Castle County/Wilmington

William Penn High School, 713 E. Basin Rd., New Castle – open, no pets
Middletown High School, 120 Silver Lake Rd., open, pet friendly
Queen Anne's County, Md.

Church Hill Elementary School – open Saturday at 12 p.m.
Centerville Middle School – open Saturday at 12 p.m.
Somerset County, Md.

Washington High School – open 4 p.m. Friday. Pets allowed; bring shot records, medication and crates. Transportation will be provided at all local fire departments, Woodrow Wilson Center, and Crisfield High School beginning at 8am on Saturday. Residents should bring blankets, pillows, sleeping bags, medications and personal hygiene items. If you have special dietary needs, bring your own supplies.
Sussex County, Del.

Beacon Middle School, 19482 John J. Williams Highway, Lewes – open, no pets
Indian River High School, 29772 Armory Road., Dagsboro – open, pets friendly
Milford High School, 1019 N. Walnut St.., Milford – open, pet friendly
Talbot County, Md.

Easton High School, 723 Mecklenburg Ave. – open 8 p.m. Friday, pet friendly
Wicomico County, Md.

Wicomico Youth & Civic Center – Open, pets welcome
Worcester County, Md.

Stephen Decatur High School – open 5 p.m. Friday
Stephen Decatur Middle School – open 5 p.m. Friday
Snow Hill High School – open 5 p.m. Friday
Pocomoke High School – open 5 p.m. Friday

Additional links or resource links–

RED Cross link –
http://app.redcross.org/nss-app/

Media links–

http://www.delmarvanow.com/article/20110826/NEWS01/110826013/Local-shelter-information-by-county

http://www.wboc.com/story/15339959/hurricane-shelters-on-delmarva

Hampton Roads storm shelters
http://www.wtkr.com/news/wtkr-local-shelters-20110825,0,1449668.story

Services offered: Shelter, Updates, Locations
Campaigns: 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene
Updated Aug 28, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8807

National Wildlife Federation – 2010 Oil Spill

Info/Hotline · Open

Wildlife Rescue
11100 Wildlife Center Dr, Reston VA 20190; GULF STATES, Various, VA

Phone 1-800-822-9919
Web www.nwf.org/Oil-Spill/On-The-Ground.aspx
Hours M-F 8 a.m to 8 p.m. EST
Service Temporary

The National Wildlife Federation is looking for volunteers and support to help spot distressed or oiled wildlife, and to assist in the cleanup and restoration efforts along the coast of Louisiana. You can text the word "NWF" to 20222. That'll donate $10 to the National Wildlife Federation through your phone bill.

How NWF is Helping Wildlife Impacted by the BP Oil Spill
NWF on the ground in Louisiana

The National Wildlife Federation has been on the front lines responding to the wildlife crisis unfolding in the Gulf since the BP Oil Spill started on April 20.

Our Louisiana-based staff--already working on existing Coastal Louisiana restoration efforts before the spill--was deployed to help with the initial response. They have been joined by national staff, affiliates in the region and a growing network of volunteers.

We believe strongly we have an obligation to find out what is happening, share this information with the public and do everything we can to help wildlife survive this tragedy.

Support our work by donating to the Gulf Oil Spill Restoration Fund: http://www.nwf.org/Oil-Spill/Oil-Spill-Restoration-Fund.aspx

What We are Doing:

1. We are expanding the "Search" in "Search and Rescue"

NWF, along with its five Gulf state affiliates and other partners, are establishing an extensive Gulf Coast Volunteer Surveillance Network to track and report on the impacts of the oil spill, support wildlife rescue and rehabilitation efforts, and restore damaged delicate coastal ecosystems in the Gulf of Mexico.

We are recruiting people in the Gulf area with developed wildlife observation skills (birders, hunters, anglers) and with a respectable knowledge of local lands and waters.

Volunteer for National Wildlife Federation's Gulf Coast Surveillance Teams

In response to the catastrophic oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the National Wildlife Federation, its five Gulf state affiliates, and other partners are establishing an extensive volunteer wildlife surveillance network to track and report on the impacts of the oil spill, support wildlife rescue and rehabilitation efforts, and restore damaged delicate coastal ecosystems in the Gulf of Mexico.

Learn more about the Surveillance Teams and how you can support this effort:

http://www.nwf.org/Volunteer/Find-Opportunities/Gulf-Coast-Surveillance.aspx

We are looking to recruit volunteers who are:

* Skilled in wildlife observation and tracking (bird-watchers, naturalists, or sportsmen).
* Knowledgeable about the Gulf Coast and its waters.
* Know many of the species of birds, fish, turtles, marine mammals and other animals that will be at risk from the oil spill.
* Preferably local to one of the surveillance locations.

Services offered: Community Outreach Programs; Donations, Disaster Fund; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online
Campaigns: 2010 Oil Spill Gulf of Mexico
Updated Dec 26, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5998

Mother Health International

Medical Facility · Open

8004 Trevor Place, Vienna, VA 22182
Phone US – 703.732.1700
Web motherhealthinternational.org
Service Temporary

Facebook msg:

October 6 at 3:46am
Mother Health International needs volunteer midwives to come during the months of November & December to work in Jacmel, Haiti.

If you are willing to donate three or more weeks of time please go to the MHI website, www.motherhealthinternational.org and download the volunteer application. All questions can be directed to info@motherhealthinternational.org.

Please share this with anyone interested.

Thank you.

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Located in the country's southern coast, Jacmel, suffered extensive causalities as well as left it littered with crumbled buildings after the January 12, 7.0 earth quake.

Mother Health International sent a team of seven medics and midwives on January 28, 2010 to Jacmel, Haiti via Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic to offer disaster relief to women and children. With the help of the Dominican Republic's Chamber of Commerce were were provided thousands of pounds of medical supplies and food plus offered a place on the DR Navy boat which was traveling to Jacmel. Shortly after arriving, we recognized the great need beyond disaster aid and began the process to build a maternal birth clinic in the heart of one of the most under served areas in Haiti, St. Helen Parish. On March 10, 2010 we officially opened our doors to pregnant women and started doing prenatal evaluations immediately.

Our birth clinic is the one and only, midwifery modeled birth clinics to serve birthing women and children in Jacmel. With the blessings of the Haitian Minister of Health, MHI has been granted a license from the Haitian government to operate our birth clinic. We have also been granted by the Haitian government official NGO status in Haiti.

Our birth center is housed in a 44 ft dome structure (1500 sq. feet) on a piece of land with a small house in front of it. The house serves as our office and sleeping quarters for our volunteers. A dome is a geometric structure that is able to withstand high winds and earth quakes.

Community Outreach Educational Programs in Haiti
With the blessings of the Haitian Minister of Education, we have created programs to train community educators who will receive certification to facilitate community–based education workshops, on well mother health, in neighborhoods surrounding Jacmel. We have also created educational programs for the pregnant women who are receiving care from our clinic. They include classes on breastfeeding, natural child birth, infant care, nutrition, sexual abuse awareness, and peaceful child parenting. In addition, we developing a training program that will certify Haitian women as Certified Professional Midwives (CPM). These CPM's will have the opportunity to work for Mother Health International and be paid for their midwifery services.

Birth Statistics in Haiti and the Need for the Mother Health International Model of Care

•Roughly 670 of 100,000 mothers die in childbirth in Haiti
•150 of 100,000 die in childbirth in Dominican Republic, Haiti's neighbor
•13 of 100,000 die in childbirth in the United States
•Haiti is ranked 36 world wide in infant deaths with 48.8 children dying per 1,000 births. 71.5 die before they reach the age of 5 per 1,000

HAITI RECORD AT:
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5972

Services offered: Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Medical, Facility, Birthing Center; Medical, Services, Prenatal Care; Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake
Updated Oct 13, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5971

Mercy Medical Airlift

Info/Hotline · Open

4620 Haygood Road, Ste. 1, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Phone 757–318–9174
Web mercymedical.org
Service Temporary

Services offered: First Responder, Worldwide; Support for "All" Disasters; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types); Transportation Assistance (To Receive Medical Care)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; 2010 Hurricane Earl; Mercy Medical Airlift; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member)
Updated Sep 1, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6236

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

2012 Hurricane Sandy – Virginia INDEX

Info/Hotline · Open

VA
Service Temporary

Animals –

Pet Evacuation, Pet Friendly Emergency Shelters, Disaster Preparedness for Pets
http://www.petfriendlytravel.com/?page=pet_shelters#VA

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Emergency Management – (#6221)
http://www.vaemergency.gov/
https://www.facebook.com/VAemergency
Hurricane Sandy Blog –
http://hurricanesandy2012.tumblr.com/

City of Chesapeake –
http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/
Find your Storm Surge Zone – Searchable by Address –
http://gisweb.cityofchesapeake.net/slosh/
https://www.facebook.com/CityofChesapeake

Hampton –
http://www.wvec.com/my-city/hampton/Hampton-declares-emergency-opens-shelter-176101731.html?ref=next
Residents can get Hampton-specific information by:

* visiting hampton.gov frequently for updates
* calling 311 (727-8311 from outside Hampton or from a cell phone)
* signing up for free email updates at hampton.gov/enews
* visiting facebook.com/HamptonVA or twitter.com/cityofhampton

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POWER –
Dominion Virginia –
http://outagemap.dom.com/DomComFlexOutageViewer/index.html

Media –
http://www.wvec.com

More than 9 million gallons of raw sewage spill into Shingle Creek in Suffolk –
http://www.wvec.com/my-city/suffolk/Sewage-spill-may-impacct-Suffolk--177024021.html

Shelters –
http://wtkr.com/2012/10/27/hurricane-sandy-update-shelters-in-norfolk/

http://www.wvec.com/my-city/norfolk/Norfolk-to-open-shelters-Saturday-night-176102631.html

EVACUATIONS –

Chesapeake: Voluntary evacuation for some, shelters –
http://hamptonroads.com/2012/10/chesapeake-voluntary-evacuation-some-shelters

FACEBOOK –

Hurricane Sandy –
https://www.facebook.com/HurricaneSandyNews

The Disaster Distress Helpline –
https://www.facebook.com/distresshelpline

TWITTER –

HurricaneSandyNews
@sandy_hurricane
http://facebook.com/HurricaneSandyNews
https://twitter.com/sandy_hurricane#

Campaigns: 2012 Hurricane Sandy
Updated Nov 3, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9404

211 – VIRGINIA

Info/Hotline · Open

211, United Way
VA

Phone 211 / Hearing Impaired Users: Dial 711 for Virginia Relay then dial 2–1–1 / VideoPhone users dial 1–800–230–6977
Web www.211virginia.org/211provider/consumer/index211.do
Service Temporary

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Hanna; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211)
Updated Aug 31, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6222

Air Force Aid Society

Donor · Open

Non– Profit
National Headquarters; 241 18th Street; Suite 202; Arlington, VA 22202, VA

Phone 1–800–769–8951
Web www.afas.org
Eligibility See Notes, below
Service Permanent

Eligibility:

Active duty members and their dependents

Retired Air Force personnel and their dependents, but not on a continuing basis. Case by case review.

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve personnel on extended duty over 15 days, away from their home station, under Title 10, U.S. Code.

Spouses and dependent age children of deceased Air Force personnel (who died on active duty or in retired status).

Need and Circumstances

Financial assistance is given when a qualifying individual cannot otherwise pay for specific basic needs essential to continued personal effectiveness as an Air force member.

The Society believes that it is better to err on the side of generosity in assisting with need. However, AFAS does not provide assistance for nonessentials, nor does it supplement the income of people who consistently lack sufficient self–discipline to live within their means.

The Society does not use contributed dollars to assist members with "wants" and "desires" –– needs are first priority.

Loans and Grants

Emergency Assistance can be given as an interest free loan, a grant, or a combination of both.

Most assistance is provided as interest free loans with repayment set according to budget surplus.

Grant or combination loan/grant given when repayment would cause a genuine hardship, but should not be given to reward financial irresponsibility. Grants are sometimes given for basic needs; e.g., food, utilities, emergency travel, medical or dental expenses. They are not normally used for rent, vehicle repairs, moves, or education. Unique cases should be coordinated with HQ AFAS..
ASSISTANCE POLICY
Each case is evaluated on its own merits.

Emergency Assistance is given when:
A member cannot otherwise pay for specific basic needs –– lack of which would affect the member's Air Force job or the essential quality and dignity of life the Air Force wants for its people.

The need is essential.

It is aimed at specific needs –– and, generally limited to relatively short term periods.

Emergency Assistance is not given (except to alleviate an immediate hardship):
If it merely postpones a long–term inability to exist on present pay and allowances. Note: If counseling and a stringent budget, coupled with a loan or grant won't solve the problem, then command participation may be necessary.

For non–essentials –– or to supplement the income of people who consistently lack sufficient self discipline to live within their means.

For continuing long–term assistance commitments.

To replace funds due to garnishment (e.g. DPP, government issued travel cards, military fines).
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Examples of Financial Assistance Covered By Society Policies

Assistance policies are reviewed continuously to insure responsiveness to the essential needs of all eligible. Current policy is to help as follows:

(a) BASIC LIVING EXPENSES
Short–term costs related to the necessities of everyday living. The goal is to avoid privation, for example: FOOD RENT UTILITIES

(b) MEDICAL CARE
Assistance for authorized care under TRICARE or MEDICARE for the patient's share of charges and for payment required in advance. AFAS is not able to finance medical care for cronic illness of indefinite duration.

For all health services, equipment, and supplies determined to be within the TRICARE range of benefits.

May include related expenses such as (1) temporary homemaker/baby sitting, (2) transportation, or (3) prosthetic devices, hearing aids, orthopedic shoes, etc. not covered by TRICARE.

(c) DENTAL CARE
Assistance can be provided when the member does not have sufficient funds to cover dependent dental care payments required in advance or patient's share of charges not covered by dental insurance.

For essential care, not purely cosmetic treatment.

Costs should be reasonable and the care consistent with that given in uniformed services facilities.

Base dental surgeons should be asked to evaluate requests for dental assistance to verify the appropriateness/reasonableness of care and safeguard against unnecessary care/cost.

AFAS can help with required orthodontics care. Assistance is normally given for the down payment and the member can work out a payment plan with the dentist.

Dental assistance is not authorized for dependents of members who disenroll from the insurance program unless approved by HQ.

(d) FUNERAL EXPENSES
Most active duty members receive SGLI when a spouse or dependent child dies.

AFAS provides bridge loan assistance when needed to cover necessary costs of funeral until SGLI pays.

Assistance up to $3500 may be given to cover necessary costs for the funeral of a dependent parent living with the member.

Often requires chain of command to get actively involved in negotiating cost of services with local funeral home and acting as an agent for the member, to include requesting the assistance when the member is unable to do so.

AFAS goal is MINIMUM red tape.

Active duty members faced with the expenses of burying immediate family members (i.e. parent, brother, sister) may seek AFAS assistance if there is no other means of providing for the burial. This assistance is provided on a case–by–case basis, and is usually a loan.

(e) RESPITE CARE – "The Gift of Time"
The Respite Care Program provides a "break" of a few hours a week or month to active duty military families who have the responsibility of 24 hour–a–day care for an ill or disabled family member.

Assistance is given in the form of a grant and is based on need – the need for respite time, as well as financial need.

Families are referred to AFAS through the EFMP Officer or Family Advocacy.

(f) VEHICLE REPAIRS
Assistance can be given to repair a vehicle that is essential for everyday functioning of an individual or family for commuting to work, shopping, medical appointments and household errands.

AFAS objective is to help you assure that members have suitable essential transportation.

Vehicle repair assistance is usually provided as a loan.

Assistance should be approved prior to having the vehicle repaired.

(g) ASSISTANCE WITH OTHER EMERGENCIES
Assistance can be provided for expenses related to travel on a personal emergency.

Generally requires that the person be on emergency leave or have support from unit commander indicating the travel is essential.

Active duty member stranded on either emergency or ordinary leave may be provided assistance to return to duty station.

Accidents or breakdowns while traveling to a new duty station pose special problems.

Remind your people that the Red Cross and other service relief agencies will represent AFAS when an Air Force base isn't nearby. (AFAS ultimately reimburses all other agencies who make disbursements)

Although government allowances usually cover PCS moves, young families may experience unexpected out–of–pocket costs that AFAS might help with.

Because emotions run high and definitions of personal emergencies vary, don't hesitate to seek clarification on available AFAS assistance.

(h)PAY/ALLOTMENT PROBLEMS
Even the best of pay systems can turn unfriendly –– perhaps with a move or the start/stop of allotments.

AFAS will help overcome a short term pay crisis. At some point you may be asked to verify the situation.

Help is provided on the basis of essential need rather than replacing the reduction of normal income.

(i)DISASTERS
American Red Cross has primary responsibility for relief of emergencies caused by widespread disasters.

AFAS is prepared to supplement Red Cross assistance on a needs basis.

In case of a solitary disaster (e.g. a home fire), AFAS will assist with immediate emergency needs for living essentials to include temporary lodging.

AFAS cannot take the place of homeowners or renters insurance.

AFAS will not automatically replace losses. Each case is assessed individually and immediate needs are addressed.

(j)ASSISTANCE TO SURVIVING DEPENDENTS
AFAS provides emergency assistance to surviving spouses and dependent minor orphans at the time of, or shortly after, the death of an Air Force member.

The object is to relieve the surviving dependent of immediate financial distress, normally for short term basic living expenses.

(h) OTHER

See website for other special circumstances involving rehabilitation and/or medical care.

* What AFAS Can't Do

We can aid in many ways but we do have some restrictions.

Funds of the Society are not available as a matter of convenience. For instance, assistance is not given:
To pay for non–essentials such as second automobiles, television sets, VCR's, microwaves.

To pay for essentials that cost more than the average standard.

To provide basic needs on a continuing basis.

To finance business ventures, to purchase a home, or similar permanent investment.

To finance vacations or activities on normal annual leave.

To pay credit card debt including government issued travel cards.

To cover bad checks, provide bail, or pay fines.

To pay DPP bills or replace funds due to garnishments.

To pay taxes and legal expenses.

To make contributions to other charitable or religious organizations.

To assist in maintaining a standard of living inconsistent with the pay allowances of the Air Force member.

To fund non–TRICARE approved medical procedures such as abortions.

Services offered: Facility: Veterans Benefits/Facility/Services; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types)
Updated May 1, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2919

FACEBOOK – 2011 VA FLOOD – INDEX

Info/Hotline · Open

VA

Service Temporary

** Prince William County

* Woodbridge

Holly Acres/Marumsco flood relief clearinghouse –
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Holly-AcresMarumsco-flood-relief-clearinghouse/218940938160645

AfterShare –
https://www.facebook.com/AfterShare

Services offered: Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group
Campaigns: 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene
Updated Sep 15, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8950

FEMA – Declared Disasters & Emergencies – Virginia

Info/Hotline · Open

VA
Web www.fema.gov/news/disaster_totals_annual.fema
Service Temporary

Declaration Date: February 16, 2010
Incident Type: Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm
Incident Period: December 18-20, 2009
http://www.fema.gov/news/event.fema?id=12308

The counties of Albemarle, Allegheny, Amherst, Arlington, Augusta, Bath, Bedford, Botetourt, Buchanan, Caroline, Culpepper, Dickenson, Fairfax, Grayson, Greene, Hanover, Highland, Lee, Louisa, Madison, Montgomery, Nelson, Orange, Page, Prince William, Rockbridge, Russell, Scott, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Wise and the independent cities of Alexandria, Charlottesville, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park, Norton, Staunton, and Waynesboro.

(Assistance for emergency protective measures (Category B), including snow assistance):

The counties of Albemarle, Allegheny, Amherst, Arlington, Augusta, Bath, Bedford, Botetourt, Caroline, Fairfax, Grayson, Greene, Hanover, Highland, Louisa, Madison, Montgomery, Nelson, Orange, Page, Prince William, Rockbridge, Spotsylvania, and Stafford and the independent cities of Alexandria, Charlottesville, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park, Staunton, and Waynesboro.

Declaration Date: December 9, 2009
Incident Type: Severe Storms and Flooding Associated with Tropical Depression Ida and a Nor'easter
Incident Period: November 11, 2009, and continuing
http://www.fema.gov/news/event.fema?id=12128

The counties of Halifax, Isle of Wight, King and Queen, Northampton, and Surry and the independent cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach
Campaigns: 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2010 Snow & Ice Storms; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security
Updated Mar 30, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5739

HREMC (Hampton Roads Emergency Committee)

Info/Hotline · Open

EMA
None listed, VA
Phone 757-385-1076
Web www.hremc.org
Service Temporary

This site has surge zone maps and press releases on current disasters.
Hampton Roads is targeted to take the brunt of Hurricane Earl in VA.

Services offered: Information Resource, Maps, Flood Maps; Training Classes, Disaster * (Any & All Types)
Campaigns: 2010 Hurricane Earl; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency), County
Updated Sep 1, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6225

MAPS, State of Virginia – INDEX

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COUNTY MAP FOR VIRGINIA:

http://www.mapwatch.com/multi-maps/full/west-virginia-county-map.gif

REGIONAL/ROAD MAP OF VIRGINIA (Mountain/Piedmont/Coastal):

http://www.vappa.com/Images/virginia_map_regions.jpg

LOUDON COUNTY VA MAP:

http://searchforhomesmdva.com/image_store/uploads/4/8/7/4/8/ar119940731084784.gif

CITY/COUNTY MAP OF VA:

http://www.close-enoughs-miniature-horses.com/yahoo_site_admin/assets/images/virginia-county-map.208113425_std.gif

REGIONAL/CITY/COUNTY MAP OF VA:

http://research.surnames.com/images/virginia_map.gif

Services offered: Information Resource, Maps, County/Parish Level; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2012 Hurricane Sandy
Updated Sep 1, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6219

MEDIA – Hurricane Sandy, Virginia (Radio, TV, Newspapers, Web, Blogs etc.) – INDEX

Info/Hotline · Open

Various – LINKS
VA
Service Temporary

http://www.wdbj7.com/
http://www.dailypress.com/news/virginia/

http://hamptonroads.com
Cities –
http://hamptonroads.com/cities

National –
Directory of Newspapers:
http://www.refdesk.com/paper.html
http://www.town-usa.com/news/
http://www.50states.com/news
http://newslink.org

Radio:
http://www.radio-locator.com/
http://www.ontheradio.net/Stations.aspx#StateList

Weather Underground

US Severe Weather Map
http://www.wunderground.com/severe.asp

Services offered: Media, Online News Reports; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2008 Hurricane Hanna; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2012 Hurricane Sandy
Updated Oct 28, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3662

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

National Association for Search & Rescue (NASAR)

Info/Hotline · Open

Training & Networking Association
25671 Tremaine Terrace; South Riding, VA 20152, VA

Phone (703) 222–6277, (877) 893–0702
Contact General Info available at Main Number and Email Below
Email info@nasar.org
Web www.nasar.org
Service Permanent

NASAR does training. It also appears to be an excellent place to network, if you want to specialize in Search & Rescue. If you NEED Search & Rescue, call 911.

Education is the HEART of NASAR!

Our programs are designed to give you the skills necessary to serve your jurisdiction with confidence. When you successfully complete one of our official courses, you will receive a certificate of completion. Recognized by agencies and organizations both nationally and internationally as the standard of training for their personnel, this certificate is invaluable as you expand your SAR education. The most comprehensive SAR training anyone has to offer is available from NASAR!

Some of the long list of courses available:

General Search and Rescue Courses
Canine Search and Rescue Courses
Water Rescue
Lost Person Incident Training
Avalanch Response

See their website for info on where/when

Services offered: First Responder, Animal Rescue ; First Responder, Nationwide (All U.S. Regions); Services, Emergency Services; Services, First Response, Emergency Rescue Services; Training Classes, Animals, Animal Rescue & Training Certification, Online; Training Classes, Animals, First Responder, Animal Rescue; Training Classes, Animals, First Response, Canine Ops; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Disaster Relief/Recovery, Online; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Volunteer Training; Training Classes, Disaster Response; Training Classes, First Response, Avalanche Ops; Training Classes, First Response, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types); Training Classes, First Response, Search & Rescue
Updated Dec 27, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2783

SHELTERS, Red Cross/FEMA, National Shelter System (List of Open Shelters/Updates), VA

Shelter · Open

Red Cross Shelter Updates
VA

Phone 1-800-GET-INFO
Web www.redcross.org/find-help/shelter
Serves Virginia, Statewide
Eligibility Disaster Evacuees
Service Temporary

The State of Virginia and the American Red Cross have collaborated to provide a public view of current shelters listed in the Red Cross National Shelter System. This information is updated as regularly as possible and may be immediately out of date. Due to the complexity of a disaster response, anyone who uses this information should be prepared to make adjustments to their immediate plans.

To see current open shelters in a particular county, go to:
https://virginia-nss.communityos.org/cms/

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Services offered: Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Red Cross Shelter Updates; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; American Red Cross; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security, National Shelter System (NSS)
Updated Oct 27, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4101

SHELTERS, VIRGINIA – 2012 HURRICANE SANDY – INDEX

Shelter · Open

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HURRICANE SANDY – VIRGINIA SHELTERS INDEX
SOURCE: http://wtkr.com/2012/10/27/hurricane-sandy-update-shelters-in-norfolk/

Chesapeake:

Chesapeake will open the following shelters at 7pm Sunday night:

RESIDENT SHELTER

The City of Chesapeake will open a Storm Shelter tonight, Sunday, October 28, at 7:00 p.m. at Oscar Smith High School, 1994 Tiger Drive. Residents who decide to come to a shelter need to understand that conditions are extremely basic. Residents should bring adequate food, water, medical supplies, bedding and comfort items for each member of their family for a stay of at least 48 hours due to the anticipated severity of the storm. Shelters provide a safe, dry location during the storm. In addition, access to electrical power (other than lighting) is extremely limited or may not be available at all.

MEDICAL NEEDS SHELTER

The City will open a medical needs shelter for residents who are oxygen dependent or who need electricity for medical equipment today Sunday, October 28, at 7:00 p.m. at Greenbrier Middle School, 1016 Greenbrier Parkway. This shelter is intended for those whose medical needs cannot safely be met at home during the storm.

The shelter does not take the place of a hospital and is intended only for those whose conditions are stable. A primary caregiver should accompany each individual to the shelter to provide support.

Residents coming to the shelter need to bring durable medical equipment and oxygen tanks, medication and supplies, personal care items, special foods, and vital documents. Service animals only are permitted. They must also bring their own bedding and comfort items.

PET SHELTER

A Pet Shelter will open tonight at 7:00 p.m. at River Crest Community Center, 1001 River Walk Parkway. The shelter will accept domestic animals only, with the exception of snakes which are not permitted. Owners should bring food, a towel, any medications, and their animal's crate/cage, if possible. Loaner crates are available as supplies permit. Birds and pocket pets MUST be in their own cages. Pet owners will be provided shelter at Oscar Smith High School and owners will be allowed to return to the Pet Shelter to walk and visit their pets as weather conditions permit.
Residents with questions or concerns should call: 382–2489

Newport News:

Warwick High School, located at 51 Copeland Lane, will open as shelter at 8:00 a.m. Sunday, October 28th. Residents should bring the following:

any medications or special needs equipment as well as caregivers;
air mattresses, blankets, and pillows;
special items for babies and toddlers, the elderly and handicapped;
reading materials and games;
toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc.);
clothing;
water (at least one gallon per person per day);
non–perishable food; special diet foods, including foods for seniors and infants;
first aid kit; and
battery operated radio, flashlight and extra batteries.

There is limited capacity for pets (dogs and cats only) at the shelter. Residents who bring pets need to bring a kennel, cage or crate, pet food, and water, and be prepared to care

for your pet. Animals will be housed at the shelter, but separately from people.

Norfolk:

The city of Norfolk will open the following four shelters tonight Saturday October 27, 2012 at 6:30 p.m:

Bayview Recreation Center (Pet–Friendly Shelter)
8613 Willow Terrace

Campostella Elementary School
1106 Campostella Road

Norview High School
6501 Chesapeake Blvd

Granby High School
7101 Granby Street

Bayview Recreation Center will accommodate household pets such as a dog, cat, bird, rabbit, rodent or turtle. Household pets do not include: reptiles (except turtles), fish, insects/arachnids and farm animals. Owners are required to remain at the shelter with their animals at all times. Bring all necessary food and medications. All pets must be on a leash or in a carrier.

Residents are advised to bring bedding materials, toiletries, medicine, food and any other items they deem necessary to ride out the storm.

Virginia Beach:

The City of Virginia Beach will open an emergency shelter at 10 a.m. Sunday to accommodate residents during Hurricane Sandy at Birdneck Elementary School, 957 S. Birdneck Road.

Portsmouth:

An emergency shelter will open Sunday morning at Lakeview Elementary School at 8 a.m. The address is 1300 Horne Avenue.

Mathews County:

A shelter will open at 8 am Sunday at Thomas Hunter Middle School.

Services offered: Shelter, Animals, Small Pet/Animal Emergency/Evacuation Shelter; Shelter, Evacuation Shelter
Campaigns: 2012 Hurricane Sandy
Updated Oct 28, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9410

Virginia Department of Social Services – Statewide Office INDEX

Walk–in Resource · Open

Government Agency
Various – see site, VA
Web www.dss.state.va.us/localagency
Serves Statewide, VA
Service Temporary

This site is an index for all Social Services office in the state of VA

Services offered: Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services)
Campaigns: Government, State/County
Updated Sep 1, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6226

Virginia Dept of Emergency Mgmt Twitter Feed

Info/Hotline · Open

VA
Web twitter.com/VDEM
Service Temporary

also see main database record for Virginia Dept of Emergency Mgmt: https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6221
Campaigns: 2018 HURRICANE FLORENCE
Updated Sep 12, 2018 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10120

Virginia, Hampton/Newport News area disaster response/shelter/resources page, updated regularly

Info/Hotline · Open

VA

Web www.dailypress.com/news/weather/dp-nws-hurricane-florence-category-3-story.html
Service Temporary

Regular updates for what looks like may be a first-impact-zone

Updated Sep 12, 2018 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10124

Virginia, Hampton/Newport News area disaster response/shelter/resources page, updated regularly

Info/Hotline · Open

VA

Web www.dailypress.com/news/weather/dp-nws-hurricane-florence-category-3-story.html
Service Temporary

Regular updates for what looks like may be a first-impact-zone

Campaigns: 2018 HURRICANE FLORENCE

Updated Sep 12, 2018 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/10125

VOAD, State of Virginia – INDEX (of Chapters)

Info/Hotline · Open

VOAD

VA

Web www.vavoad.com
Service Temporary

FROM THE SITE:

Virginia VOAD Chapters Directory/INDEX:

(Forming) Eastern Piedmont Reg. VOAD:

http://www.vavoad.com/Home/FormingEasternPiedmontRegVOAD/tabid/67/Default.aspx

The Eastern Piedmont Regional Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) is in the formative stage. Regionally, this VOAD will include the counties of Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock.

Religious and civic non-profit organizations in this region who are interested in assisting victims of natural or man-made disasters, are encouraged to contact the Virginia VOAD Representative located at the Central Virginia Chapter of the American Red Cross; 1105 Rose Hill Drive; Charlottesville, VA 22903. Telephone: 434-979-7143 for more information.

(Forming) No.Shenandoah Valley Reg. VOAD:

http://www.vavoad.com/Home/FormingNoShenandoahValleyRegVOAD/tabid/68/Default.aspx

The Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) is in the formative stage. Regionally, this VOAD will include the counties of Frederick, Clarke, Warren, Shenandoah and Page and the cities of Winchester and Front Royal.

Religious and civic non-profit organizations in this region who are interested in assisting victims of natural and man-made disasters, are encouraged to contact the Virginia VOAD representative located at the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Offices, 13302 Fieldstone Way; Gainesville, VA 20155. Telephone: 1-703-743-5220 for information.

(Forming) So.Shenandoah Valley Reg. VOAD:

http://www.vavoad.com/Home/FormingSoShenandoahValleyRegionalVOAD/tabid/69/Default.aspx

The Southern Shenandoah Valley Regional Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) includes the counties of Augusta, Bath, Highland, Rockbridge and Rockingham and the cities of Buena Vista, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton and Waynesboro.

Religious and civic non-profit organizations in this region who are interested in assisting victims of natural and man-made disasters, are encouraged to contact the Virginia VOAD representative located at Grace Lutheran Church; 500 South Wayne Avenue; Waynesboro, VA 22980. Telephone 1-866-946-4598 (toll free) for additional information.

Southeastern Virginia Regional VOAD:

http://www.vavoad.com/Home/SoutheasternVirginiaRegionalVOAD/tabid/55/Default.aspx

CURRENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

George Harden – President
Rev. Bob Pihlcrantz – Vice President
Secretary – Ruth Bigio
Jolynn Matte – Member's seat is vacant

Ed Keegan – Member
Ken Kurtz – Member
Rev. Bob Pihlcrantz – Member

Southwestern VA Regional VOAD:

http://www.vavoad.com/Home/SouthwesternVirginiaRegionalVOAD/tabid/75/Default.aspx

The Southwestern Virginia Regional VOAD encompasses the counties of Alleghany, Bedford, Bland, Botetourt, Buchanan, Carroll, Craig, Dickerson, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Grayson, Henry, Lee, Montgomery, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Pulaski, Roanoke, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise and Wythe and the cities of Bedford, Bristol, Clifton Forge, Covington, Danville, Galax, Martinsville, Norton, Radford, Roanoke and Salem.

Religious and civic non–profit organizations in this region who are interested in assisting victims of natural and man–made disasters, are encouraged to contact the Virginia VOAD representative located at the Episcopal Church Diocese of Southwestern VA; PO Box 2279; Roanoke, VA 24009–2279. Telephone: 1–540–342–6797 for information.

Virginia Capital Area Regional VOAD:

http://www.vavoad.com/Home/VirginiaCapitalAreaRegionalVOAD/tabid/76/Default.aspx

The Virginia Capital Area Regional VOAD serves the Counties of Amelia, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Powhatan and the City of Richmond.

Religious and civic non–profit organizations in this region who are interested in assisting victims of natural or man–made disasters, are encouraged to contact The Virginia VOAD Representative at the Virginia Baptist Mission Board; PO Box 8568; Richmond, VA 23226. Telephone: 1–804–915–5000 for further information.

Williamsburg Regional VOAD:

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The Williamsburg Regional VOAD serves James City County, the City of Williamsburg and the Bruton District of York County.

Religious and civic non–profit organizatgions in this region, who are interested in assisting victims of natural and man–made disasters, are encouraged to contact the Virginia VOAD representative located at the Colonial Williamsburg Chapter of the American Red Cross, 1317 Jamestown Road, Suite 105; Williamsburg, VA 23185–3364. Telephone: 757–253–0228 for information.

Northern Virginia Regional VOAD:

http://www.vavoad.com/Home/NorthernVirginiaRegionalVOAD/tabid/77/Default.aspx

Service Area:

The Northern Virginia Regional VOAD serves the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William as well as the cities of Alexandria,Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park.

SEE SITE FOR CONTACTS

Virginia Peninsula Regional VOAD:

http://www.vavoad.com/Home/VirginiaPeninsulaRegionalVOAD/tabid/65/Default.aspx

The Peninsula Regional VOAD serves Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson and the counties of Gloucester, Matthews and York (except for the Bruton District of York.)

Religious and civic non–profit organizations in this region, who are interested in assisting victims of natural or man–made disasters, are encouraged to contact:

Mr. Steve Terveer, Chief Executive Officer, Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula. Telephone: 757–596–7188 (office) or 757–869–8037 (cell). Email: sterveer @nnfoodbank.org

Rappahannock Regional VOAD:

http://www.vavoad.com/Home/RappahannockRegionalVOAD/tabid/78/Default.aspx

The Rappahannock Regional VOAD serves the counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, Stafford and the City of Fredicksburg.

Religious and civic non–profit organizations in this region who are interested in assisting victims of natural and man–made disasters, are encouraged to contact the Virginia VOAD representative located at the Rappahannock United Way; PO Box 398; Fredericksburg, VA 23404. Telephone: 1–540–373–0041 extension #314 or eMail sbeck @rappahannockunitedway.org for further information.

Regional VOAD Meetings are held at the Rappahannock United Way 3310 Shannon Park Dr., Fredericksburg, VA 22408

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC;

Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; 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 1, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6227

WorkWorld, Virginia, Social Services Info Database

Info/Hotline · Open

OnLine Resource
VA

Phone web only
Web www.workworld.org/wwwebhelp/basic.htm
Eligibility this is a tool to search for government programs. each program has different eligibility requirements, many programs are geared towards disabled, vets, homeless, low income, etc
Service Temporary

This appears to be a web navigational tool that has either gathered/input info by hand, or automatically gathered it. Either way, it seems to be a VERY robust tool that guides the user through a series to screens to help them learn what services they have available to them. There "may" be some way to download some kind of user–software that helps the user "match" to the correct services. But it's not clear how that works. To just see the web pages, follow these instructions:

http://www.workworld.org/wwwebhelp/basic.htm

1. In the upper left, click on "Contents". A directory "strip" (window) should expand on the left hand side of the screen.

2. Then choose "benefit programs" from that left hand strip/window.

3. Then choose "state specifics", which is just up from the bottom of the list of options in the left hand strip/window.

4. Then choose your state. Now focus on the right hand window. And follow various buttons to find services that are related to your situation.

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Special Needs, Services for Special Needs Folks; Information Resource, ADA & Useful Info for Disabled Folks; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Booklets, Resource Materials for Volunteers
Campaigns: WorkWorld
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