EMERGENCY DONATIONS FOR DISASTER RESPONSE

Many individuals and churches have called and asked what they can do to assist with the needs in times of need like we are now experiencing. Below are my suggestions for those who would like to help.

Cash and gift cards are the best way to help. Donate at <u>GIVE NOW</u> (scroll down to "Hurricane Relief" and click on it) or mail **checks** to Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, PO Box 682789, Franklin, TN 37068 earmarked "Hurricane Relief". Donations policy can be found at <u>Click here</u>.

Gift cards can be mailed to the Missions Mobilization Center, 6434 John Hagar Rd., Mount Juliet, TN 37122. These are much easier to use to meet specific needs of a family.

However, we know that some want to help in a tangible way therefore, the following is a list of goods that will be accepted at the location below for transport to the affected areas. There are two lists attached. Frequently in the immediate aftermath of an event, towns are flooded with immediate response items. I encourage you to look not just in the short term, but also the long term and the needs that arise when people are trying to set themselves up in new housing accommodations. Please consider long term needs and not just immediate needs. Please note we are NOT accepting any used clothing. We will however accept new clothing with labels attached and in original packaging.

Missions Mobilization Center (MIDDLE TN)

6434 John Hagar Road Mt. Juliet, TN 37122 Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Call first.) Call (615) 371-7926 or (615) 371-7927 to schedule a delivery.

If you need to drop off at a time different to the operational hours, please reply to this email and we will make every effort to have someone available to accommodate your schedule.

Any questions should be directed to the MMC at 615-371-7926. Or email us at wjones@tnbaptist.org or eholmes@tnbaptist.org

Alternate Drop-off locations are:

God's Warehouse (EAST TN)

3441 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy., Morristown, TN Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Call first.) *Call (423) 312-6883 to schedule a delivery.*

Knox County Baptist Association (EAST TN)

7709 Westland Dr, Knoxville, TN 37919

Hours of operation are Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Call first.) Call or text Brenda Davis @ (865) 363-8011 or Karen Millsap @ (865) 387-7686 to schedule a delivery.

For drop offs for all locations, you must call in advance to make sure someone will be present to receive the goods.

DISASTER LONGTERM RECOVERY DONATIONS

At the beginning of a disaster many people, churches, and organizations flock to meet the immediate need of those who have experienced a disaster. Often towns are overrun with donations and must spend time and labor finding places to put everything and them find people to manage the flow of goods. I would like for us to think a little longer term. Think about what people would need to go back in and set up a house. Think about when you moved into your first home or got married, what were the things that you needed to fill out your home? That said, I want to suggest the following types of new items for you to consider:

Kitchen Set-up kits

- Pots and Pan set
- Skillet
- Silverware set 4 or 8 place settings
- Dishes set 4 or 8 place settings
- Drinking Cups
- Coffee cups
- Knives
- Potato peeler
- Pizza cutter
- Spatulas
- Serving spoons/utensils
- Dish Towels
- Dish Cloths
- Potholders/glove
- Small hand mixer
- Mixing bowls
- Serving bowls
- Pyrex dishes
- Storage dishes for Refrigerator
- Coffee maker???
- Cookie sheets
- Pizza sheet
- Can opener

Bath Essentials

- Bath Towel. Hand Towel and Washcloth sets.
- Bathmat sets

Bedroom Essentials

- Sheet sets
 - King
 - o Queen
 - o Double
 - o Twin
- Blankets
- Comforter Sets
- Wall clocks

Clothing - No Used Clothing

- New Underwear and bras- All sizes in original package.
- New Socks in all sizes
- New shoes, sneakers, slippers, and sandals
- New Adult clothing
- New Baby clothing
- New Children's Clothing

Misc.

• Gift cards

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