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KENOSHA COUNTY TORNADO DISASTER FUND ESTABLISHED

“The Official Kenosha Countywide Tornado Disaster Fund has finally been established for Kenosha County Tornado Survivors,” stated Ben Schliesman, Director, Kenosha County Emergency Management. “It has been established through the WI VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters), which is a 501(c) 3 Non-profit Corporation so that all contributions are tax deductible. Clifton-Gunderson, a local CPA firm has volunteered their fiscal services to control the account, receipt money and issue checks to the victims.”

Currently there exists under the WI VOAD, the WI Long-Term Recovery Committee – Region IV, which covers Kenosha and Racine Counties. Under the Region IV Recovery Committee, an Unmet Needs Subcommittee has been formed with one member from each of the four affected municipalities hit by the tornadoes, plus one extra person (total of five people), who will work with trained volunteer caseworkers. The caseworkers will be gathering information on every tornado survivor’s household by first sending them all a profile case sheet to fill out listing what their unmet/uninsured needs are and then by following-up with each of them by either going door-to-door or calling them. Once the caseworkers have all of the information they need (i.e. the form is completely filled out), they will then remove the name and address of each survivor’s household and present the case to the Unmet Needs Committee to decide how much money they should receive. That information will then go to the Region IV Long-term Recovery Committee for approval. “This is the same process that was basically used for the Stoughton Tornadoes and it served all of the affected Communities well,” said Schliesman.

Checks and any/all tax-deductible contributions can be made out to:

Kenosha County Tornado Disaster Fund
C/o Clifton-Gunderson
7500 Green Bay Road
Kenosha WI 53142