MIDDLE TENNESSEE EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee

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The year 2020 started with a focus on a natural disaster, but one that was in our memory.

This year marked the 10th anniversary of the May 2010 Flood that impacted thousands of neighbors. The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee determined that our contribution to the remembrance of the flood was not to look back, but instead to look forward and focus on efforts of preparedness for the next disaster.

No sooner did we bring a group together to reengage a local VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) committee to prepare for a future disaster, when the next disaster — the tornadoes of March 3 — hit our Middle Tennessee community.

This report is a snapshot of The Community Foundation’s role and relationship with the Long-Term Recovery Groups serving Davidson, Wilson, and Putnam counties, and our grantmaking in support of the immediate relief and early recovery from March 3, 2020-August 31, 2020.
**THE NEED:**
What we have learned about the damage?

One of the most important roles we have, as a member of the Long-Term Recovery Group leadership team and as primary grantmaking organization for disaster recovery, is identifying and using data. The earliest data we received was high-level detail by county, as well as zip code level in Davidson County, about damage to single-family homes.

### Single Family Homes in Davidson, Putnam, and Wilson Counties Damaged in the March 3rd Tornadoes

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### Owner-Occupied Davidson County Homes Damaged in March 3 Tornadoes by Zip Code

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We are very aware of a high percentage of renters impacted by the tornadoes. This is a regular discussion among our Long-Term Recovery Groups, especially in Davidson and Putnam counties, communities both facing concerns about the availability and affordability of housing options for renters.

Members of the Long-Term Recovery Groups also maintain open communication to ensure equitable funding and support of tornado survivors in our region’s diverse communities: communities of color, immigrants and refugees, veterans, seniors, and our many neighbors living in poverty.
THE COORDINATION: 
The Important Role of Coordination and Communication

According to the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters’ Long-Term Recovery Guide, “A long-term recovery group (LTRG) is a cooperative body that is made up of representatives from faith-based, nonprofit, government, business and other organizations working within a community to assist individuals and families as they recover from disaster.”

In Middle Tennessee, there are three county-based Long-Term Recovery Groups that have emerged to serve tornado survivors. While county-based, there is some intersection in the organizations represented on the committees.

Underlying the goal of serving tornado survivors are the processes each group has put in place among their members and the broader group of local nonprofits also committed to being part of the recovery process. These groups and their committees have been meeting on a weekly or bi-weekly basis since March to ensure regular coordination and communication to help aid and advance the work of recovery.

Long-Term Recovery Group Committees By County

**Putnam County LTRG Committees**
- Benevolence Committee
- Development Committee
- Environmental Committee
- Vision Committee

**Recover Wilson County LTRG Committees**
- Allocations
- Case Work/Case Management
- Communications
- Construction Management
- Materials Management
- Volunteer Management

**Davidson County LTRG Committees**
- Advocacy
- Allocations
- Case Work/Case Management
- Communications
- Construction Management
- Counseling
- Materials Management
- Volunteer Management
MONEY IN:
MONEY RECEIVED AS OF 8/31/2020:
$12,406,510.58
NUMBER OF DONORS:
22,000+
DONATIONS BY LOCATION:
All 50 States and 35 Foreign Countries ranging from Australia to the United Arab Emirates

MONEY OUT:
GRANT DOLLARS DISTRIBUTED:
$4,467,291*
GRANT DOLLARS PENDING:
$1,125,000
GRANTS MADE:
127
ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED:
100

*A full list of grants distributed can be found at www.TornadoResponse.com
GRANTS BY COUNTY SUPPORTED

SERVING DAVIDSON/WILSON/PUTNAM: $806,000
SERVING DAVIDSON/WILSON: $587,000
SERVING PUTNAM: $348,550
SERVING WILSON: $400,500

GRANTS BY AREA OF SUPPORT

- CASE MANAGEMENT
- CLEANUP/DEBRIS REMOVAL
- DIAPERS/FORMULA
- DIRECT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
- EDUCATION ASSISTANCE
- FOOD ASSISTANCE
- HYGIENE/PERSONAL CARE
- INSURANCE/LEGAL ASSISTANCE
- MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
- MENTAL/PHYSICAL HEALTH
- MULTI-PURPOSE ASSISTANCE
- HOUSING/UTILITIES
- REPAIR/REBUILD

Total: $4,467,291
Grantmaking includes input from both the MTER Advisory Committee and CFMT board members. Committee details available on back cover of report.
A tree knocked over during the tornado onto a parked car in East Nashville.

Workers begin roof repairs on The Church at Lockeland Springs, which was built in 1903.
GRANT ACCOUNTABILITY

Provided here are some initial reports from nonprofit organizations that have received grants. All nonprofits are required to complete a grant report detailing how they spent funds — both in the form of direct support and for administrative expenses, including staff support.

We have also asked what areas of the community have been reached, so we can account for the equitable distribution of resources across neighborhood communities. We will continue to provide updates of the hard work and dedication of our nonprofit partners assisting in disaster recovery and will have a comprehensive report available upon distribution of all funds collected in the Middle Tennessee Emergency Response Fund.

THE FOOD PHARMACY

$30,000 grant to support food totes
13,992 meals delivered to tornado survivors

Households Served:
37076: 30
37122: 2
37203: 185
37206: 108
37208: 327
37214: 12
37216: 38
37218: 146

HOPE STATION

$50,000 initial grant to support working single mothers with rent, utilities and other assistance

66 mothers had rent and utility bills paid as well as receiving supplemental food assistance following power outages.

Households Served:
37076: 8
37206: 8
37208: 30
37209: 8
37211: 2
37217: 3
37218: 7
**MOTHER TO MOTHER**

$100,000 total grants to support diapers and infant/toddler care items

128,992 diapers, 568 cans of formula, and infant/toddler items distributed to tornado survivors to support 2,800 babies and children

*Households served through these community partners:*

- Cookeville Community Center
- East Community Center
- First Baptist Church
- Hadley Park Community Center
- Hermitage Community Center
- Mount Juliet Church of Christ
- One Generation Away
- Putnam County YWCA
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- Victory Baptist Church

**TENNESSEE IMMIGRANT AND REFUGE COALITION**

$30,000 total grants to support direct financial assistance and outreach to immigrant and refugee families in Davidson and Wilson counties

100 immigrant and refugee families impacted by the tornadoes provided food and household items

Organized a day of service with the Hispanic Family Foundation with 500 volunteers mobilized

Developed a multilingual resource guide and coordinated 50 multilingual volunteer interpreters for community partners assisting in disaster including the Red Cross
OUTREACH TO TORNADO SURVIVORS

JULY 2020 OUTREACH ACTIVITIES:

The Davidson County Long-Term Recovery Group and Recover Wilson County conducted community outreach events in July with pairs of volunteers canvassing homes of tornado survivors. Also, the North Nashville Coalition hosted an event at the McGruder Center.

The goals for all efforts were to let tornado survivors know the community was there for them and to introduce them to the Tornado Recovery Connection helpline (615-270-9255) as a resource for their unmet needs.

Following the outreach events, there was a 500 percent increase in calls to the Tornado Recovery Connection, which connected tornado survivors with case managers to work with them in their journey to recovery.

SEPTEMBER 2020 PLANNED OUTREACH ACTIVITIES:

Davidson County Long-Term Recovery Group

- **Early September**: Direct mail piece to survivors encouraging calls to Tornado Recovery Connection helpline for unmet needs and recovery assistance.

- **September 26th**: Community canvassing in East Nashville and Donelson/Hermitage neighborhoods impacted by disaster coordinated by Hands On Nashville. Community event and cleanup canvassing in 37208 hosted by the North Nashville Coalition.

Recover Wilson County

- **Mid-October TBD**: Community canvassing in Wilson County neighborhoods impacted by disaster to reach tornado survivors.

Putnam County Long-Term Recovery Group

- **Early September**: Distribution of a Community Needs Survey to approximately 400 tornado survivors that have received earlier communications. The survey will seek to identify a broad range of community needs, but have some focus on the outstanding repair and rebuild needs.

The Tornado Recovery Connection helpline (615-270-9255) provides tornado survivors with resources for immediate relief and helps identify those with long-term needs. In partnership with the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and Recover Wilson County, local agencies and community groups are coordinating efforts to address these needs and help our neighbors rebuild from the March tornadoes. This helpline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
About Middle Tennessee Emergency Response Fund
The Middle Tennessee Emergency Response Fund provides help to communities affected by disaster, primarily in Nashville and Middle Tennessee. Funds may go to charitable organizations for disaster preparation, short-term relief, long-term restoration, and other needs. In all cases, donor wishes will be followed, and when flexibility is permitted in the use of proceeds, disbursements will be determined by The Community Foundation board and staff. From time to time, the Foundation may create advisory board and committees to assist in this process.

Middle Tennessee Emergency Response Fund Advisory Committee
Members of CFMT’s Middle Tennessee Emergency Response Fund Advisory Committee includes city and civic leaders from communities throughout Nashville and areas of Middle Tennessee affected by the tornadoes.

The MTER Advisory Committee includes: Hannah Davis, Affordable Housing Program Manager, Metro Nashville Mayor’s Office; Karl Dean, former Nashville Mayor and trustee, United Way of Greater Nashville; Jessica Farr, Manager of Examinations, Federal Reserve Bank; Brenda Haywood, Deputy Mayor of Community Engagement, Metro Nashville Mayor’s Office; Sam Hatcher, board member, Community Foundation of Wilson County; Ashford Hughes, Executive Officer for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for Metro Nashville Public Schools; The Rev. Chris Jackson, Pleasant Green Baptist Church and Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship; Lonnell Matthews, Juvenile Court Clerk of Metro Nashville; Jay Servais, District Chief, Metro Nashville Office of Emergency Management; Ron Samuels, Vice Chairman, Pinnacle Financial Partners; Jerry Williams, Community Volunteer and retired, Leadership Nashville; and Brenda Wynn, Davidson County Clerk.

Staff and philanthropic support to the Advisory Committee are: Ellen Lehman, president, The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee; Amy Fair, Vice President of Donor Services, The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee; and Pete Bird, President and CEO, The Frist Foundation.

For up-to-date information on CFMT’s tornado response visit www.TornadoResponse.com