



C. A. L. R. T. Mission Statement

Chapman Area Long-Term Recovery Team will strive to provide spiritual, emotional and physical resources to those affected by the June 11, 2008 tornado.

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CHAPMAN AREA LONG-TERM RECOVERY TEAM

meeting unmet needs
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On behalf of C. A. L. R. T.

welcome

to the first issue of the C.A.L.R.T. newsletter. This first issue is to introduce you to C.A.L.R.T.'s mission and its members as well as provide helpful information. We are in the organizational stage so the particulars of fulfilling our mission are still developing. The Shamrock Café will be the sight of our next meeting on September 3rd at 10 a.m. If you have comments for this committee please contact Marita Campbell at 785-922-6509. We will be using this newsletter as well as other media sources to keep you informed as plans are put in place.

C.A.L.R.T. WILL BE HERE TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF THE CHAPMAN AREA FOR AS LONG AS WE ARE NEEDED.

SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army is still providing financial assistance to those affected by the tornado of June 11, 2008. Please call **Deb Folkerts at 620-388-4684** to inquire about assistance with household items, building materials, appliances and furniture.

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

USDA Rural Development will continue to provide important long-term recovery assistance with **Agency staff present in Chapman** at Astra Bank on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Additional information can be obtained by calling **785-776-7582 (extension #4)**. Individuals may also call the Agency's state headquarters at 785-271-2700 or log onto the state's USDA Rural Development website at: www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks.

- M** Pastor Ken Trickle, United Methodist Church
- E** Amy Truhe, Parish Minister, Scherer Memorial Lutheran Church
- E** Marita Campbell, Parish Life Coordinator, St. Michael's Catholic Church
- M** Millie Fink and Joan Taylor, C.A.L.R.T. Volunteer Coordinators
- B** Pastor Bob Frasier, Dickinson County Ministerial Alliance
- E** Sandy Hendrickson and Warren Cico, United Methodist Disaster Response
- R** Dan Glamann, Lutheran Disaster Response
- S** Karen Hauser, Catholic Charities of Salina, Inc.
- S** Ken Stout, American Red Cross
- S** Deb Folkerts, Salvation Army
- S** Katie Allen, United Way of Dickinson County
- S** Elda Reeder, USDA Rural Development

LESSONS LEARNED

from our Greensburg partner

Many of you may be in various stages of developing a plan of action for your property. These are some thoughts from others who want to be helpful while you go through this process.

- Don't work with a contractor who is not approved by the city or county agencies (However this works in your area).
- Don't give a contractor a "draw" to move you up in line or to buy materials.
- Only pay for materials off of invoices and delivery tickets that match up and pay attention to what's delivered to your project.
- If possible, pay vendors directly rather than paying the contractor. If that's not possible, pay particular attention to the lesson above.
- Only pay "draws" after the work passes city inspections- obtain copies of the inspection reports before payment and ask the inspector any questions you may have.

Don't lose heart - everything takes longer than you think it will. Progress is made a step at a time - keep moving forward, even if it's slow.

CHAPMAN U.S.P.S.

If your mail is delivered to a post office box, please remember to use that address for delivery of orders. Example: checks, if you list your street address only, that is where delivery will be directed.

ADD YOUR POST OFFICE BOX TO YOUR ADDRESS

C. A. L. R. T. newsletter: created to serve as a voice for information and resources that will benefit Chapman area residents.

V O L U N T E E R

The downtown Volunteer Center, located at the Chapman Community Center/Senior Center at 439 Marshall Street is now under the direction of C.A.L.R.T. coordinators **Millie Fink and Joan Taylor**. The Volunteer Center staff has the responsibilities of processing requests for help from Chapman area people affected by the June 11, 2008 tornado and assigning tasks to individuals and groups volunteering in the Chapman area. The Center is open from **9 a.m. to 12 noon Monday through Saturday. To reach a worker during those hours call 785-819-2788, after hours a message can be left.**

If a Chapman area citizen is in need of assistance with a task, a Homeowners Release of Liability and request describing the work to be done will need to be completed. The volunteer also signs a Release of Liability before coming onto the property to do the requested work. Although not every request for help can be filled, all requests will be considered as volunteers become available.

The Chapman Senior Center has provided space for the Volunteer Center, lost and found items and storage for supplies. Food, clothing, personal hygiene items and furniture are no longer being accepted. Currently bottled water is available, as is insect repellent, gloves, rakes, shovels, and trash bags. The Senior Center also has provided a space for volunteers to bring their lunch, cool off, wash up, or use the bathroom.

It is expected that as Chapman moves more into the rebuilding and renovating phase more volunteers with carpentry, dry wall, and flooring skills may be needed. Many volunteers thus far have been involved with cutting tree limbs, picking up debris, raking fields/yards, and also cleaning streets/alleys. Volunteers have been sent to help move school classrooms/library books, wash down desks, etc. Others have restacked rock walls at the Catholic Cemetery, helped clean a furniture store, and assisted homeowners move their belongings.

If you are interested in volunteering, helping operate the Volunteer Center, or are in need of help due to the June 11, 2008 tornado, please give the Volunteer Center a call or stop by and the volunteer on duty will be happy to assist.

CHAPMAN SENIOR CENTER

The Chapman Senior Center at 439 Marshall Street is **open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** Coffee Group meets every morning at 10:00 a.m. those same days. Friendship Meals are served to eligible seniors daily except Saturday and Sunday. Meals can be ordered by calling **785-922-6958** the day before. Meals can be eaten at the Center or delivered. Please feel welcome to call **Thelma Lexow**, site coordinator for more information.

RESOURCE LIST

City of Chapman - 785-922-6582
www.cityofchapman.org

Kansas Gas Service - 888-482-4950

USD 473
413 Marshall
Chapman, KS 67431
785-922-6521
<http://usd473.net/USD473-Chapman/We-Are-Back.html>

<http://rebuildchapman.com/>

RECOVERY ASSISTANCE

American Red Cross - Ken Stout
785-263-2341 or 866-723-3892

Central Kansas Mental Health Center - Pat Kinnaird
800-794-8281
Emergency (day) 800-794-8281
Emergency (night) 866-823-6380

Salvation Army - Deb Folkerts
620-388-4684

USDA Rural Development - Elda Reeder
785-776-7582 extension #4

A M E R I C A N R E D C R O S S

SOME BASIC STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO MEET PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS

- Try to return to as many of your personal and family routines as possible.
- Get rest and drink plenty of water.
- Limit your exposure to the sights and sounds of disaster, especially on television, the radio and in the newspapers.
- Focus on the positive.
- Recognize your own feelings.
- Reach out and accept help from others.
- Do something you enjoy. Do something as a family that you have all enjoyed in the past.
- Stay connected with your family and/or other support systems.
- Realize that, sometimes, recovery can take time, especially in a area when an entire community is affected.

If you have more questions or observe unusual behavior in your children and you believe this behavior may be caused by a reaction, give us a call or your child's counselor or community professional for additional information and help. We can also arrange for you to talk with a member of our disaster staff who has special expertise in dealing with disaster stress.

The American Red Cross will continue providing services to those affected by the June 11, 2008 tornado through C.A.L.R.T. Please contact our office directly to speak with **Ken Stout** or another caseworker **785-263-2341 or 866-723-3862**.

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