

FEBRUARY TORNADO RECOVERY TASK FORCE (FTRTF)

The February Tornado Recovery Task Force (FTRTF), under the guidance of Wisconsin Emergency Management (and in conjunction with Rock County Sheriff) has agreed to meet and work together to address the needs of residents from Evansville, WI to Edgerton, WI, and area townships in response to the February Tornado. We will strive to respond to emotional, physical and spiritual needs of the 31 homes that were impacted. The FTRTF will work to avoid duplication of efforts, while filling in the gap for the needs not met by relief systems such as private insurance, FEMA, Red Cross, Small Business Administration and other disaster recovery programs.

THE TASK FORCE WILL SEEK TO:

- Provide collaborative leadership in the discernment of long-term needs for recovery and rehabilitation to the disaster;
- Provide additional long-term assistance to individuals affected by the disaster who do not have adequate personal resources for basic needs as result of the disaster;
- Maintain confidentiality of names, addresses, and other personal information of affected families;
- Provide advocacy for people most vulnerable to having their needs overlooked in public recovery planning processes;
- Assist community organizations to assure systematic needs analysis and resource matching;
- Advocate for ongoing preparedness within the faith community and cooperation with governmental and voluntary agencies active in disaster;
- Work with individual groups to provide community support and share resources available.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS EFFORT INCLUDE:

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*(*Looking to add more participants)*



FEMA



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VENMO:

<https://venmo.com/u/FebruaryTornado>



GOFUNDME PAGE:

February Tornado Recovery <https://gofund.me/0205af76>



**Lake Ridge
Bank**

BANK DONATIONS:

Lake Ridge Bank (any location), indicate "February Tornado Recovery" in memo line

LOCAL RESOURCES:

- St. John's Church**608-882-4044, 312 S. Third Street, outreach@stjohns-lc.org
- Evansville Community Care Closet**.....608-882-4532, 202 S. Madison St.
- AWARE**.....608-882-9900, 209 S. 1st Street
- Piggly Wiggly**..... 608-882-5308
- Evansville Fire Department**.....608-882-9934, 425 Water St.

OTHER RESOURCES:

- State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)**..... <https://wem.wi.gov/> Darin Gudgeon
- Wisconsin Emergency Management**Southwest Region Director, Darin Gudgeon
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- Rock County Organization**.....Kevin.Wernet@co.rock.wi.us, Nicole.Barrington@co.rock.wi.us,
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- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** <https://www.fema.gov/>
- American Red Cross (Red Cross)**..... <https://www.redcross.org/>
- Church World Service (CWS) Emergency Response**..... [https://cwsglobal.org/ourwork/
united-states/resilience-and-disaster-services/](https://cwsglobal.org/ourwork/united-states/resilience-and-disaster-services/)
- Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)**.....<https://www.nvoad.org/>
- Lutheran Social Services**.....<https://www.lsswis.org/>
- United Way** <https://www.unitedway.org/> Dial 211
- Dwelling Intervention Grants (DIGS)**..... 608-252-8522, FFA Alumni

**The goal of the February Tornado Recovery Task Force is to fill the gaps not met by FEMA, SBA, Red Cross and your personal insurance. Please look into these resources first. We are here to fill in the gap after these resources have been utilized.*