

Volunteer and Donation Information:

We appreciate all of those out working on the weekends. This past Saturday, we had over 30 people out serving. We hope you will continue budgeting time to serve. Here are a few updates.

Long-term Recovery: ARM is partnered with Way 2 Serve to facilitate the housing rebuild and repair in Lee County. If you would like to help with our team, please contact Lisa Pierce lisa@arm-al.org and we will keep you updated on when we meet.

- **Donation Sites:**
 - Donation Warehouse
 - Location: 15691 HWY 280 E Smith's Station, AL 36877
 - Items Requested: tarps (16x20), dry goods, shovels, work gloves, dry goods, cleanup items, trash bags, plastic totes up to 18 gal
 - Contact: Todd Terrel – 225.806.0746
 - Donations of cleaning supplies, clothing, infant care and canned goods are still needed. Please take these donations to the Dream Center at 1103 N. Donahue Drive, Auburn AL.
 - You may also drop off donations at Lambert Transfer Storage, 1102 Foxtrail, Opelika, AL between 8 AM and 6 PM.
 - Providence Baptist Church has **no room for donations at this time.**
 - Supplies for Survivors will be available for distribution at Turner Fence Co 15447 AL Hwy 51 Opelika, AL
 - Volunteering at the Warehouse is open to anyone and no age requirement or need to go to a VRC. They need more help sorting and packing items.

Volunteer Registration Center (VRC)

Smith Station Government Center
2336 Lee Rd 430 Smith's Station, AL 36877,
8 am until 5 pm EST,

ALL VOLUNTEERS must report to this designated area for dispatch to areas in need. EMA reps will be operating the center and providing volunteers with arm bands that will grant them access through check points.

- **The minimum age to serve on a work site is 14.** This is a requirement of Lee County Emergency Management (EMA)
- The United Way telephone hotline can be reached by dialing 211. People can call to report a specific need.

Opportunities to Serve

- Cleanup with Homeowners
 - **NEW:** Fri 3/29 and Saturday 3/30 – Serve with Alabama Rural Ministry (ARM). Meet at the ARM office at 8:15am, 200 N. 26th St Opelika, AL 36801 (former Pepperell UMC building).

- Bring your own lunch and drinking water. Wear pants and closed toe shoes.
- EAMC Call Center Volunteers
 - The EAMC call center is open; hours are 8a-5p, Mon-Fri. This center is answering questions from survivors and volunteers interested in helping. It is located at the EAMC Foundation Building (407 W Thomason Circle Opelika, AL 36801).
 - Volunteers will work in 2 hour shifts and will be provided information required to direct calls and answer questions.
 - **NEW: Call Center Volunteers can sign up to serve by contacting the call center at 334-528-MEND (6363). Please call to sign up for a time slot today!**
- Mailbox Installation Crews Needed
 - Local civic organizations (Rotary, Kiwanis, Lion's Club etc) have raised funds to purchase materials to replace over 100 destroyed mailboxes! Lowe's is providing materials at cost. Supplies are being purchased soon.
- EMA Emergency Operations Center
 - Volunteers needed to help answer phones or serve as a supply "runner" (requires personal vehicle).
 - Address: 908 Ave B Opelika, AL 36801
 - Serve 8a – 6p, Monday – Saturday
 - Minimum Age: 14
- EMA Warehouse Volunteers – sorting and organizing supplies
 - Address: [309 Williamson Ave Opelika, AL 36801](#)
 - Serve 8a – 5p, 7 days a week
 - Minimum Age: 14
- Sunday April 14, 3p-6p - [Alabama Rural Ministry \(ARM\)](#) Volunteer and Crew Leader Training
 - ARM has been designated as the lead UMCOR agency for tornado response in Lee County.
 - This training is for home repair ministry leaders and support/admin volunteers to help at the ARM office.
 - Register at www.arm-al.org/training or email Nancy James at nancy@arm-al.org.

When volunteering:

- **Bring your lunch may not be provided**
- Bring work gloves, wear long pants, thick shoes and bring drinking water.
- You'll be clearing debris, running chainsaws, and helping homeowners pack belongings into boxes
- You will need to fill out a release form on site

In the Works

- East Alabama Medical Center (EAMC) has identified up to 10 more families in need of apartments for short/medium term housing. They will be looking for sponsor churches to provide **new** furniture and all other home essentials (**also new**) for these families. **If your church would like to sponsor a family, please contact lisa@arm-al.org. Here are ways you can help get the family set up.**
 - Shopping for items
 - Cleaning and setting up the apartment
 - "Adopting" a family – being a support team/person through the recovery process, helping the family connect with our church, praying together or sharing meals, etc

Thanks to Joe Davis at Auburn UMC for these detailed notes! joed@aumc.net

