

NEWS RELEASE

Hope Force International to Offer Services for Flood Victims

Brentwood Charity Turns Focus to Uninsured Homeowners

Brentwood, TN May 4, 2010 – Hope Force International is responding immediately to the devastating floods in and around the city of Nashville, Tennessee. Based in Brentwood, the organization specializes in disaster response and preparedness. With previous experience in areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina, Ike and Gustav, Hope Force has been working in Haiti since January's magnitude 7 earthquake. **“As an organization, we are called to focus on the needs of the world – now those same needs are literally being brought to our doorstep,” explains Jack Minton, President/CEO.**

Hope Force specializes in training and mobilizing volunteers to respond in crisis situations in the United States and around the world. **The organization is rapidly approaching its goal of 1,000 active Reservists ready to respond to crisis points.** According to Minton, “Our volunteers are currently working at various feeding sites in the Nashville area. Other team members are endeavoring to provide much-needed emotional and spiritual support to flood survivors. We are also engaged in the mucking out of buildings and debris clean up in the Antioch area. Hope Force has extensive experience in responding to disasters and is prepared to serve our local community.”

Hope Force spent more than three years in Gulf Coast communities assisting in the recovery efforts as well as rebuilding homes and lives after Hurricane Katrina. “We are now in a position to bring these years of experience to benefit our “neighbors” in Nashville and its environs. **During the current response effort we are focused on families or individuals who do not have insurance coverage to provide for adequate housing repairs,**” says Minton. **“Our staff is standing ready to provide for local residents who have lost homes** and stand to benefit from consultation services that will help provide the best means possible of rebuilding, when their home is not fully insured.”

Uninsured homeowners are encouraged to contact the Brentwood office at 615-371-1271 or by email at: info@hopeforce.org. Experienced staff members are available for consultations as well as site visits, as needed. As an agency dedicated to “A compassionate response to crisis and disaster” staff members and Reservists are committed to providing individualized attention and assistance to those affected by Middle Tennessee's flooding.

As a leading non-profit organization dedicated to disaster response, Hope Force is comprised of individuals who are dedicated to utilizing their expertise to inspire, equip and mobilize volunteers into areas of crisis around the world. **Founded by Jack and Cherie Minton in 2003, Hope Force International endeavors to become a leading volunteer response force, bringing hope to those affected by crisis or disaster.**

Contributions to the Hope Force response in Nashville can be made at the website.

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