

As the disaster situation grows in our state, here is how you can help...

Dear District 6000 Rotarians:

The current disaster situation continues to grow daily in our state and many people want to know how to help in this time of crisis. Many of our own Rotarians have been affected or have friends and relatives that have been affected not only by the recent tornados but also by the current flooding conditions. There are several suggestions that have surfaced for now and there will be others that will be communicated in the future. Any individual Rotarian or Rotary Club that wants to do immediate volunteer work should utilize the standard first responder organizations that are national, state, or locally created such as the Red Cross or Salvation Army or the many other organizations that have the expertise to do first responder work. People are asked to do this as we are still mostly in crisis circumstances and people who are trained and have the expertise will direct people to the situations most in need and will ensure the safety of volunteers. The floods of 1993 taught us that this will be an on-going situation for years to come and there will be many opportunities for individuals and clubs to become involved with rebuilding efforts once the crisis has passed. To that end Rotary International is posting on the International web site an article about our situation that will go out world wide. Once that article is posted we will provide a link from our web site to the RI web site for people to access. People who wish to make cash contributions to our recovery efforts may do so in the following manner:

Make checks payable to:
Rotary District 6000 Humanitarian & Educational Foundation, Inc.

Indicate on the memo line of the check:
Iowa Disaster Relief

Send to:
Dick Kennedy, Treasurer
D.6000 HEF, Inc.
1811 N. Dubuque Road
Iowa City, IA 52245

These contributions are tax deductible since this is a 501 3C entity. Once community needs have been determined, then any contributions that have been collected will be distributed to areas that have the greatest need and the rebuilding process for the state of Iowa will be supported by our efforts. Opportunities to do volunteer work will also be communicated so that individuals and clubs may get involved with the long term rebuilding of communities that have sustained such great devastation.

Please know that everyone who is making such great efforts in our state right now are so much appreciated. Rotary is there and will continue to be there and will help in the rebuilding process because this is what we do and how we show that Rotary

Shares. The Rotary Clubs in District 6000 will help rebuild our wonderful communities. It is heartfelt thanks to all of you who continue to contribute to our Rotary efforts and continue to make all the Rotary Clubs in District 6000 the leaders in our communities.

Yours in Rotary,

Diana Reed
District Governor
Rotary District 6000 - Iowa