## Disaster Relief Mission Response to Tornado Affected Region around

## **Tuscaloosa and Surrounding Areas**

We have been in direct contact with friends of ours who are workers with the Tuscaloosa Fire Department and School System and in surrounding communities that have been directly affected by the recent tornados. The churches in the areas have become full shelters and there are specific requests for personal hygiene items such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, feminine products, undergarments (men's, children's, and women's), baby wipes, baby food, and ready to feed baby formula, can openers, batteries, and moist wipes. They also need work related items such as: sunglasses, safety glasses, tweezers, plastic totes, and sunscreen.

In addition, due to vehicle destruction, they are requesting donations to purchase community bus transportation cards to assist citizens needs to get to doctors appointments, grocery stores, etc. Bottled water is a requirement as the public water system lines have been compromised. They are not needing clothes (thankfully through other donations)- only undergarments.

The following items are needed for students to return back to school. There is not a designated date of return, though they are asking teachers back on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> begin reorganization of an upcoming opportunity to return children to some sort of normalcy. There were 3 schools completely demolished in the Tuscaloosa County School District and students from those three schools have been rerouted into 6 other schools.

**FOR STUDENTS:** Clear or mesh backpacks, Notebook paper, Scissors, Rulers, Pencils, Pens, Binders, Crayons, Calculators for middle and high school students, Markers, Three-pronged folders

**FOR TEACHERS:** Crayons, Highlighters, Markers, Safety scissors, Construction paper, 20 lb. white copy paper

If you are interested in helping in this effort to provide assistance, you may drop off items and donations to:

## **North End of County:**

Jay First Baptist Church: 14113 Alabama St., Jay, FL 32565 (850) 675-4587

Xtreme Graphix/Acreage & Homes Real Estate Office: 3890 Highway 4, Jay, FL 32565 Julie or Steven Newberry (850)572-9292 or (850)572-9393

## **South End of Santa Rosa County:**

Cotton Real Estate: 4545 Chumuckla Highway, Pace, FL 32571 (850) 994-8080

or large collections of items can be picked up from your location. Your tax deductible charitable monetary donations need to be made out to Jay First Baptist Church and designated: Disaster Relief. Please call for pick- ups by Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. All collections will be delivered on Friday, May 6th to the areas affected. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Julie & Steven Newberry

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