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WEAKLEY COUNTY LONG TERM RECOVERY GROUP UPDATE

DRESDEN, Tenn. – As of July 3, 2024, the WCLTRG Allocations Committee has facilitated the payment of \$769,469 to meet the needs of survivors in case management since its inception. Funding has been provided by Dresden Church of Christ, Dresden First Baptist Church, Dresden Rotary Club, Greenfield Church of Christ, Lebanon Church of Christ, Lutheran Disaster Relief, Weakley County Baptist Association, Tennessee-Western Kentucky United Methodists Conference, and the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. These organizations provided an additional \$200,920 in immediate financial assistance to survivors prior to the creation of the WCLTRG in addition to distributing food, toiletries, appliances, and clothing.

Auto	\$15,982
Construction	\$406,912
Furniture/Appliances	\$125,782
Home Repairs	\$129,998
Household	\$1,151
Housing	\$21,545
Personal Care	\$1,880
Services	\$42,947
Storage	\$900
Supplies	\$22,373
Total distributed through WCLTRG	\$769,469
Total distributed by funders prior to WCLTRG formation	\$200,920
Total distributed to survivors by the funders	\$970,389

Case management for Weakley County long-term recovery is provided by the Tennessee-Western Kentucky United Methodist Church (TWKUMC) Disaster Recovery - UMCOR partner. Visit <https://twkumc.org/disaster-recovery/> to learn more about this organization which serves December 2021 tornado survivors in Lake, Gibson, Obion, and Weakley counties in Tennessee as well as Graves and Hickman counties in Kentucky. The following case management update was provided by TWKUMC on June 20, 2024:

Open Cases	13
Closed Cases	142
Awaiting Assignment to Case Manager	0
Construction projects initiated	11
Construction projects completed	9

Weakley County Emergency Management Agency provides a free local weather alert text service. Text “Weakley911” to the number 888777 from your cell phone to enroll. Local weather alerts are also posted on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WeakleyCoEMA>.

If you are a survivor of the December 2021 tornado with unmet needs, please contact the Disaster Recovery Connection at (615) 270-9255. The Tornado Recovery Center is now open by appointment only. Please visit www.rebuildweakley.com and <https://www.facebook.com/WCLTRG> for more information regarding disaster recovery in Weakley County.