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HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF- DONATIONS TO BE ACCEPTED:

On behalf of the Jasper County Commissioners, Jasper County EMA, the City of Rensselaer, the Towns of Demotte, Wheatfield, and Remington we have organized "A Jasper County Hurricane Disaster Relief" program where we will be accepting donations for hurricane victims in the Yancy County, NC/Eastern TN areas. I am working with the Red Cross on the specifics.

Moore Trucking will be donating the semi(s), trailers and drivers. The Rensselaer Rotary have volunteered to help unload items from vehicles and place in the bins to be located in front of Castongia John Deere in Rensselaer. A Castongia employee will load the bins into the semi-trailer using their forklift. The Rensselaer Football team is anticipated to help on Saturday. The Rensselaer drop off location for the donations will be at Castongia John Deere on Wood Rd. **Donations will be accepted beginning this Friday morning, Oct 11 from 8 – 5 pm, Saturday (Oct 12) 8 - 12 noon, Monday (Oct 14) 8 – 5 pm, and Tuesday (Oct 15) 8 - 5 pm CST.** The semi(s) will be leaving Rensselaer early next Wednesday morning.

The Demotte location for the drop off of donations will be Belstra's new warehouse at 11980 N. 570 W. in Demotte. That is at the SW corner of 570 W. along St. Rd. 10. Their hours will be Saturday (Oct 12) 8 – 2 pm, Monday (Oct 14) 8 - 5 pm, and Tuesday (Oct 15) 8 -5 pm CST. Rotary members plan to volunteer there as well and maybe several KVHS student groups if they're able. The semi(s) will be leaving there next Tuesday evening coming to Rensselaer to leave town on Wednesday morning.

A list of items that are needed include:

Non-perishable canned foods (please avoid glass bottles)/cereal/manual can openers/plastic silverware, paper-plates, cups, napkins

Water bottles, sports drinks, powdered drink mixes

Personal items – soap, shampoo, deodorant, female products, razors, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.

Air mattresses

Blankets/pillows

Baby/Infant items: Diapers all sizes, wipes, formula

Toddler items – crayons, coloring books, reading books, puzzles, hand held or small toys, cards

Cleaning supplies – buckets, soaps, cleansers, sponges, mops, paper towels

Clothing – underwear, socks, t-shirts, sweatpants, sweatshirts, blue jeans, slippers, shoes – all sizes for men, women, boys and girls of all ages

Card tables & chairs, fold up plastic tables, outdoor seating/chairs

Petcare items

VISA gift cards – can be used anywhere to obtain necessities – HIGH Priority

Items that will not be accepted:

No used clothing – all items must be new and unused (original packaging preferred)

No cold/fresh foods

No "live" items

Please keep in mind that this is a changing situation as to their needs. There may be an updated list as we go.

Please share this with anyone you feel may be interested and on behalf of all of us, thank you!