



# National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

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## MEMBER RESOURCE DIRECTORY

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### **Adventist Community Services**

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Adventist Community Services provides services including disaster response, spiritual and emotional crisis care as well as community development. ACS volunteers provide disaster response services through the ACS Disaster Response Ministry to assist individuals, families and communities affected by natural and manmade disasters and unforeseen tragedies.

### **All Hands Volunteers**

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All Hands Volunteers addresses the immediate and long-term needs of communities impacted by natural disasters by engaging and leveraging volunteers, partner organizations and local communities. By engaging in activities like mucking and gutting after a flood, rubble after an earthquake, or safe demolition for buildings that are dangerous, volunteers expedite the process of recovery for communities impacted by disaster.

### **Alliance of Information and Referral Systems**

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The Alliance of Information and Referral Systems builds a thriving, high-quality community information and referral (I&R) sector across North America and brings various I&R providers and interests together under one organizational umbrella.

### **Amateur Radio Relay League**

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The Amateur Radio Relay League represents the interests of amateur radio operators, provides technical advice and assistance to amateur radio enthusiasts, supports a number of educational programs and sponsors emergency communications service throughout the country.

### **American Bible Society**

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The American Bible Society's mission is to make the Bible available to every person in a language and format each can understand and afford, so all people may experience its life-changing message. During the event of a disaster, ABS places God's Word into the hands and hearts of hurting people and provides food, blankets, medicine and water to some of the world's most troubled regions.

### **American Red Cross**

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American Red Cross is one of the largest humanitarian organization that provides emergency assistance, disaster relief and education inside the United States and is the designated US affiliate of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. The Red Cross works in the collection, processing and distribution of blood and blood products; educational programs on preparedness, health, and safety; and international relief and development programs.

### **AmeriCares**

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Americares is a global health organization providing immediate response to emergency medical needs and supporting long-term health care initiatives for people who are in crisis in the United States and around the world. Americares deliver medicines, medical supplies and humanitarian aid to a trusted network of clinics, hospitals and health care providers internationally.

### **Billy Graham Rapid Response Team**

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The Billy Graham Rapid Response Team ministry was developed to share Christ in the midst of crisis and disasters, and is made up of volunteer chaplains who are carefully selected and trained to demonstrate the compassion of Jesus Christ and appropriately share God's hope.

### **Bretheren Disaster Ministries**

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Bretheren Disaster Ministries is a program of the Church of the Brethren which repairs and rebuilds homes for survivors of natural disasters across the United States. BDS engages volunteers for the work, with the goal of easing the trauma and promoting recovery in the vulnerable communities across the United States.

### **Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation**

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Tzu Chi is a faith base and non-profit, non-governmental humanitarian organization with four major missions: charity, medical care, education, and humanistic culture. Tzu Chi's unique approach to disaster relief includes delivering cash aid and emergency relief supplies directly into the hands of disaster survivors as quickly as possible.

### **Catholic Charities**

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Catholic Charities agencies across the country witness the love of Christ by helping people in need and by serving their communities. Catholic Charities USA is a national organization that offers support to member agencies, provides disaster relief through casework and promotes poverty-reduction through research and legislative.

### **Churches of Scientology Disaster Response**

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Scientology Disaster Response provides Volunteer Ministers to those impacted by natural disasters. Since its inception, hundreds of thousands have been trained in a wide range of skills that use Scientology fundamentals to alleviate physical, mental or spiritual suffering.

### **Church World Service**

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Church World Service works with partners on the ground in disasters to provide shelter, food and water, blankets, recovery kits and counseling. CWS also provides long-term development initiative, helping vulnerable families and communities prepare for and recover from natural and human-caused calamities

### **Convoy of Hope**

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Convoy of Hope mobilizes tens of thousands of volunteers each year in disaster response, while partnering with churches, businesses, individuals, and other humanitarian organizations who are intent on doing good work among the impoverished and suffering.

### **Cooperative Baptist Fellowship**

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Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is a Christian Network that helps people put their faith to practice through ministry efforts, global missions and a broad community of support.

### **Direct Relief**

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Direct Relief works to equip healthcare providers who care for vulnerable people on an ongoing basis and during emergencies. Their approach to disasters is to support the immediate needs of people by working with local partners that are best situated to assess, respond, and prepare for long-term recovery. Direct Relief's strong network of trusted partners enables Direct Relief to assess immediate healthcare needs, understand the situation on the ground, and respond quickly and efficiently when a disaster strikes.

### **Disciples of Christ**

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Disciples of Christ works through a remarkable network of church partner organizations and partnerships that insures their response to humanitarian needs in the world is efficient, effective and faithful. Through these partnerships, Disciples are able to join a tapestry of caring that brings help and hope to hurting people in every corner of the world.

### **Episcopal Relief and Development**

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Working with Church agencies and other organizations at home and abroad, Episcopal Relief and Development empower communities to meet local needs after natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes and floods. Our partners deliver critical basics such as food, water and other necessities after emergencies. ERD remain present in communities long after the crisis is over to help them heal, recover and rebuild.

### **Feeding America**

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Feeding Americas mission is to feed America's hungry through a nationwide network of member food banks and engage our country in the fight to end hunger. The Feeding America network provides food to more than 46 million people facing hunger in the United States, including 12 million children and 7 million seniors.

### **Feed the Children**

**John Ricketts, Director of Domestic Programming • john.ricketts@feedthechildren.org**

Feed the Children missions is providing hope and resources for those without life's essentials. They distribute food, educational supplies, medicine and other necessities after natural disasters.

### **Habitat for Humanity International**

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Habitat for Humanity is devoted to building simple, decent, and affordable housing with volunteer labor and has addressed the issues of poverty housing all over the world. Habitat's Disaster Response provides shelter assistance, education, training and partnerships to those affected by disasters.

### **Headwater Disaster Relief**

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Headwater Disaster Relief organizes volunteers to support the rebuilding, clean up and emotional needs of families and communities ravaged by disaster. HDR's mission is to bring hope and build resilience to people and communities following a natural disaster.

### **Heart to Heart International**

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Heart to Heart International strengthens communities by improving health access, providing humanitarian development and delivering crisis relief worldwide. They engage volunteers, collaborate with partners and deploy resources to achieve this mission. Services include mobile health centers, health services in emergency context and delivery of medical supplies.

### **HOPE AACR**

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HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response is a national all-volunteer, non-profit, crisis response organization with specially trained handlers (psychological first aid, incident command, etc) and canines trained and tested for crisis response work. Agencies call upon HOPE AACR teams to provide comfort and support to people affected by disasters.

### **Hope Coalition America**

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Hope Coalition America is the first line of response for financial recovery and is the only financial emergency preparedness and recovery service in the country. Through partnerships with leaders in a wide range of industries spanning banking, financial services, insurance, social and community services provides financial and economic assistance to those affected by natural disasters.

### **Hope Force International**

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Hope Force International is comprised of individuals who are committed to utilizing their expertise to inspire, equip and mobilize thousands of trained volunteers into areas of crisis around the world. HFI specializes in training volunteers in disaster response so they are prepared and allowed to respond, often in restricted areas, when disaster strikes.

### **HOPE Worldwide**

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HOPE worldwide is an international charity that changes lives by harnessing the compassion and commitment of dedicated staff and volunteers to deliver sustainable, high-impact, community-based services to the poor and needy. They are dedicated to mobilizing teams of volunteers from across the country following the aftermath of major catastrophes in the United States that assist local organizations with food and water distribution, emergency communications operations and initial clean-up efforts.

### **Humane Society of the U.S.**

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The Humane Society of the U.S. provide hands-on care and services to more than 100,000 animals each year, and supports the field through education and training for local organizations. HS are the leading animal advocacy organization, seeking a humane world for people and animals alike.

### **ICNA Relief USA**

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ICNA Relief USA is a domestic, Islamic-faith based agency actively participating in disaster response through disaster recovery in the United States. ICNA seeks to alleviate human suffering by providing caring, compassionate and practical assistance to survivors of natural and man-made disasters in the United States with trained case managers working to identify goals and objectives for a successful recovery.

### **Institute for Congregational Growth and Trauma**

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Through the generosity of individuals, families, and granting organizations, the Institute for Congregational Trauma and Growth (ICTG) provides research, education, and networking tools for ministers to address long term congregational care needs and build trauma-informed congregational ministry.

### **International Critical Incident Stress**

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The International Critical Incident Stress Foundation provides leadership, education, training, consultation, and support services in comprehensive crisis intervention and disaster behavioral health services to the emergency response professions, other organizations, and communities worldwide.

### **International Medical Corps**

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International Medical Corps delivers humanitarian relief to individuals and communities in need with trained, experienced personnel, while maintaining an active roster of experts with skills in emergency response operations. Combined with pre-positioned stocks of essential supplies, and ongoing partnerships with both international and local aid groups, IMC maintains the needed surge capacity to respond to emergencies in the most challenging environments.

### **International Orthodox Christian Charities]**

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International Orthodox Christian Charities offers emergency relief and development programs to those in need worldwide, without discrimination, and strengthens the capacity of the Church to respond. In seeking to provide assistance to those in need, either in response to emergencies or to meet long-term socioeconomic development needs, IOCC's fundamental policy is to develop a sustainable indigenous capacity to carry out such programs.

### **Islamic Relief USA**

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Islamic Relief USA works on international relief and development initiatives, and also sponsors and funds domestic projects ranging from emergency disaster responses to assisting the American homeless population and supporting those who cannot afford basic healthcare.

### **Latter-Day Saint Charities**

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Latter-Day Saint Charities employ the principles of personal responsibility, community support, self-reliance, and sustainability during times of critical aid and emergency response. LDSC efforts are designed to give individuals and communities the tools they need to improve their own circumstances in permanent and meaningful ways

### **Link2Health Solutions (Disaster Distress Helpline)**

**Christian Burgess, Director of Disaster Distress Helpline • cburgess@mhaofnyc.org**

The Disaster Distress Helpline (DDH) is the first national hotline dedicated to providing year-round disaster crisis counseling. This toll-free, multilingual, confidential crisis support service is available 24/7 via telephone and SMS to residents in the U.S. and its territories who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster. Helpline staff provides counseling and support, as well as referrals to local disaster-related resources for follow-up care and support.

### **Lutheran Disaster Response**

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Lutheran Disaster Response provides long-term assistance to bring comfort, healing and renewal to those affected by disasters, through volunteer service and community engagement.

### **Mennonite Disaster Service**

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Mennonite Disaster Service is a volunteer network of Anabaptist churches that responds in Christian love to those affected by disasters in Canada and the United States. While the main focus is on clean up, repair and rebuilding homes, this service touches lives and nurtures hope, faith and wholeness. MDS practices servant leadership, compassion and cultural sensitivity with fellow volunteers, constituents and those they serve.

### **Mission to North America**

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Mission to North America provides support to churches in disaster affected communities through a network of staff and volunteer damage assessment teams, first response teams, site managers, and key leaders. This is accomplished through disaster preparedness awareness & training in advance of disaster events and by providing support in response to disaster events.

### **National Baptist Convention USA**

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The National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. is the world's second largest Baptist convention and the largest predominantly African-American Christian denomination in the United States. NBC organizes fundraising and other supportive activities to assist our brothers and sisters across the United States.

### **NESHAMA Association of Jewish Chaplains**

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NSSHAMA is the professional organization of Jewish chaplains worldwide. They are the source for Jewish chaplaincy expertise promoting the highest standards of training, certification and delivery of care.

### **Nazarene Disaster Response**

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Nazarene Disaster Response mobilizes Nazarenes for disaster through Readiness, Response, and Recovery. NDS supports their volunteers with the hope that they will be empowered to respond in practical and tangible ways to their community in any instance of disaster.

### **NECHAMA Disaster Recovery (Jewish Response to Disaster)**

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NECHAMA is a voluntary organization that provides natural disaster preparedness, response, and recovery services nationwide. NECHAMA brings comfort to disaster survivors by training and mobilizing thousands of volunteers to help communities after floods, tornadoes, and other natural disasters.

### **Operation Blessing**

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Operation Blessing is dedicated to demonstrating God's love by alleviating human need and suffering in the United States and around the world. Operation Blessing provides strategic relief in 37 countries on an ongoing basis through core programs such as disaster relief, health and medical care, hunger relief, vulnerable children and orphan care, safe water and community development.

### **Points of Light**

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Points of Light is a network of affiliates that mobilizes people to take action on the causes they care about through innovative programs, events and campaigns. Points of Light is creating a culture of volunteerism that celebrates the power of service.

### **Partnerships With Native Americans**

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Partnerships with Native Americans has been serving Native Americans for 25 years, offering the widest scope of critically needed services to the reservations with the highest need. PWNA has a vision of self-sufficient Native American communities and has a strong network of over 1,000 partnerships with reservation programs, working through those partners to bring much-needed relief to 250,000 Native Americans.

### **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**

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Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. PDA focuses on the long term recovery of disaster impacted communities and provides training and disaster preparedness while working collaboratively with church partners and nationally with other faith based responders.

### **Rebuilding Together**

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Rebuilding Together transforms the lives of low-income homeowners by improving the safety and health of their homes and revitalizing their communities. Rebuilding Together organizes volunteer-driven rebuild events where multiple houses are worked on within a neighborhood or community.

### **Samaritans Purse**

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Samaritans Purse mobilizes staff and equipment and enlists thousands of volunteers to provide emergency aid to victims of tornadoes, hurricanes, wildfires, floods, and other natural disasters in the United States. SP often stay behind after our initial response to rebuild or restore houses for needy families.

### **Save the Children**

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Save the Children is committed to reducing the impact of disasters on children through effective preparedness, response, recovery, and advocacy and has served more than 1 million children affected by U.S. disasters. Save the Children put the unmet needs of children and their caregivers first, keeping them safe and securing the future we share.

### **Southern Baptist Convention**

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The Southern Baptist Convention's mission is to prepare, equip, train, and mobilize churches and volunteers to meet real needs and share the hope of Jesus Christ with those whose lives have been or will be affected by disasters. SBC's response team mobilizes churches and volunteers after a disaster and begins volunteer-driven relief efforts immediately after severe weather events.

### **St. Bernard Project**

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St. Bernard Project exists to ensure that disaster-impacted communities recover in a prompt, efficient and predictable way. SBP saves time and money by exercising direct control over skilled labor and scheduling, which also allows them to create jobs for veterans and other under- and unemployed residents.

### **Team Rubicon**

**David Burke, Director of Field Operations • burke@teamrubiconusa.org**

Team Rubicon unites the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders to rapidly deploy emergency response teams. Team Rubicon's primary mission is providing disaster relief to those affected by natural disasters, be them domestic or international. By pairing the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders, medical professionals, and technology solutions, Team Rubicon aims to provide the greatest service and impact possible.

### **The Salvation Army**

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The Salvation Army is officially recognized by federal, state and local governments across the country as a sanctioned disaster relief and assistance organization. SA provides relief services to communities impacted by both natural and man-made disasters until the service is no longer needed by the community. Salvation Army disaster relief efforts focus on seven core services - training, food delivery and service, emotional and spiritual care, emergency communications, disaster social services, donation management and long-term recovery.

### **Society of St Vincent De Paul**

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The society of St Vincent De Paul is made of men and women who strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to individuals in need. Services include disaster training, long-term case management services, coordination of community resources, and the House in a Box™ Program.

### **Toolbank**

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ToolBank Disaster Services lends tools to disaster management organizations that have been approved prior to deployment. Deployment occurs following the mobilization of partner organizations that operate on the front lines of disaster events. TDS works in close collaboration with the ToolBank in the affected area to provide additional surge capacity to their available inventory.

### **United Church of Christ**

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United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries is a program of the United Church of Christ that responds to natural and human caused disasters all over world and is well positioned to respond in most events. Through our volunteers, congregations, Conferences and partnerships UCC Disaster Ministries seeks to serve the most vulnerable populations that require spiritual, physical, financial and psychological support.

### **United Methodist Committee on Relief**

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UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. UMCOR Offers disaster preparedness training, provides essential supplies and care—both physical and psychological— and supports long-term rebuilding efforts and assists communities as they adapt.

### **United Way Worldwide**

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United Way Worldwide is the leadership and support organization for the network of nearly 1,800 community-based United Ways in 45 countries and territories. It advances the common good, creating opportunities for a better life for all, by focusing on education, income and health. United Way Worldwide works to determine and respond to the critical human service needs of the community, achieved by a process of determining and prioritizing community needs, and developing and distributing community resources.

### **World Renew**

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World Renew's Disaster Response Services volunteers give of their time and talents to help clear debris, assess needs, and rebuild homes after disasters strike. World Renew brings hope to disaster impacted communities in North America by restoring the homes and lives of those who are most vulnerable, and helps communities build their capacity to prepare for and recover from disaster.