



**United Way
of Northeast Mississippi**

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THE CREATE FOUNDATION AND UNITED WAY OF NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI ANNOUNCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISASTER ASSISTANCE FUND FOR MONROE COUNTY

The CREATE Foundation and United Way of Northeast Mississippi have established the Monroe County Disaster Relief Fund to assist the citizens of Monroe County impacted by the March 24th tornado. 100% of contributions made will go to support recovery efforts. CREATE, and United Way will work with city and county governments and nonprofit agencies to provide assistance.

Mike Clayborne, President of CREATE, said, "it is important we get help immediately to those in need. Through the direction of those who understand where the greatest need exists, we will quickly get resources to the organizations providing services. Patti Parker, United Way, Executive Director, said, "Our hearts go out to those impacted by this tornado. We are committed to providing the help necessary for the recovery efforts."

Individuals and companies interested in donating to the Monroe County Disaster Relief Fund can do so online by going to www.createfoundation.com or www.unitedwaynems.org. They can also call 662-841-9133 to donate over the phone or mail a check to United Way at PO Box 334, Tupelo, MS 38802, or CREATE Foundation at PO Box 1053, Tupelo, MS 38802.

For general questions about the Monroe County Disaster Relief Fund, please get in touch with United Way of Northeast Mississippi at 662-841-9133 or the CREATE Foundation at 662-844-8989.