

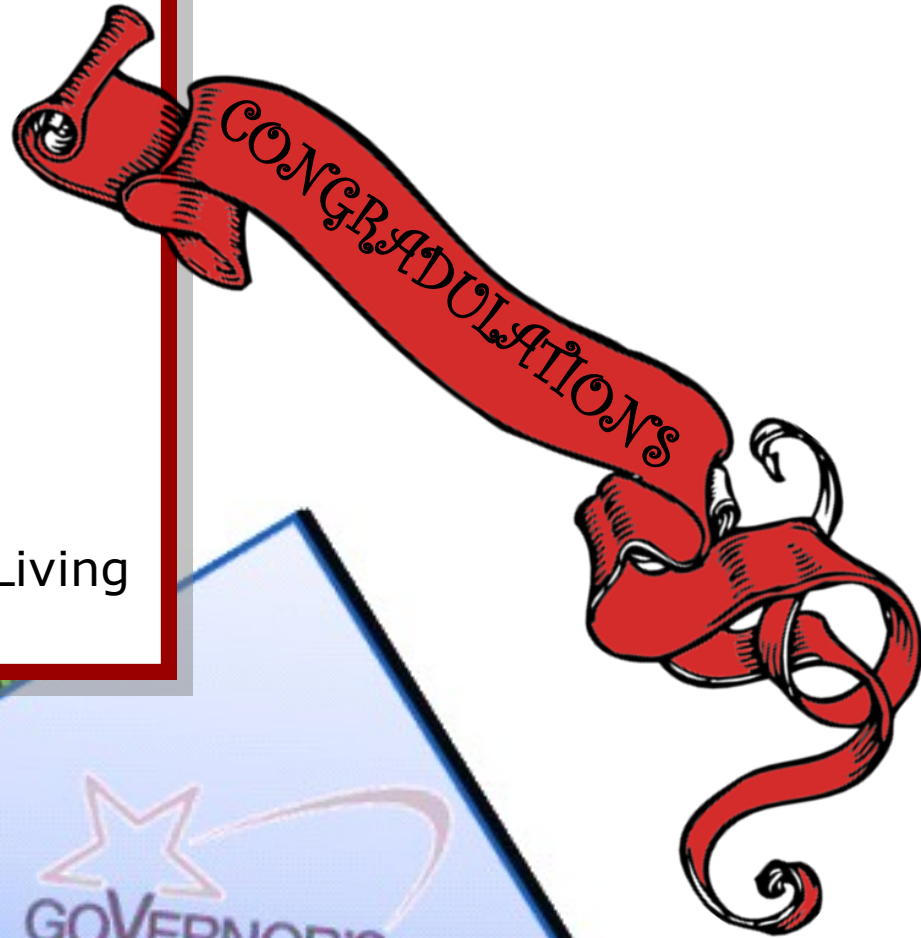


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Governor's Service Award

Congratulations WV VOAD member agencies! WV VOAD was awarded the 2015 WV Governor's Service Award in the category of Disaster Services on October 14th at the Charleston Civic Center. Governor's Service Award recipients are selected by a panel of volunteer judges on the bases of achievement, community needs, continuing involvement and impact of service. "It was an honor to accept the award on behalf of a great group of organizations. The collaboration that takes place within our VOAD speaks volumes", says State Chair, Jenny Gannaway, who accepted the award presented by Kay Goodwin, Cabinet Secretary of the Department of Education and the Arts, on behalf of the 37 WV VOAD member agencies. Watch WV VOAD accept the Governor's Service Award by following this link to the VOAD

webpage: www.wvvoad.org

RESILIENTLY
BRIDGING
THE GAP IN WEST VIRGINIA



The Bridge Committee met at Volunteer WV on Thursday, November 5th to review the progress made on the WV VOAD Bridge Project. The group discussed the five top priority bridges for each of the affected counties and the Preliminary Bridge Guidelines developed by Johann Zimmermann, an engineer with Mennonite Disaster Services. The guidelines include project ownership and regulatory conditions, liability, code and design criteria, and Bridge Committee details. Rick Helton, Lincoln County Flood Plain Manager and Permitting Officer, explained the permitting process and informed the group that all permitting for the first five bridges is ready. Jimmy Wriston with the Division of Highways sent a message from Paul A Mattox Jr., WV Department of Transportation Secretary, stating his appreciation and support for the committee taking on this project to build resilient private bridges. David Lambert, Account Executive for Lowe's corporate office also expressed his excitement about the WV VOAD Bridge Project and offered discounts and support through a Lowe's representative that will work directly with the Bridge Committee and construction teams to coordinate and deliver supplies. An Adopt-A-Bridge program was introduced at the committee meeting. Churches, business, organizations and individuals have the option of adopting an entire bridge or a portion of a bridge. Sponsors will be invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony and have their name on a sign beside the finished bridge. A construction team representing Mennonite Disaster Service from Henry County Ohio attended the meeting after surveying several of the pilot bridges in Lincoln County. WV VOAD and the Bridge Committee are happy to announce that the date for **breaking ground** on the first bridge is set for **December 2!** Details will be announced soon. Learn more about the WV VOAD Bridge Project and view the Preliminary Bridge Guidelines by following this link to the WV VOAD webpage: wvvoad.org

ADOPT-A-BRIDGE



Adopt a bridge in your community and help a family in need. With a donation of \$16,000 you can sponsor an entire bridge. With a donation of \$1,000 or more you can co-sponsor a bridge. All donations big or small will help bridge the gap. To learn more about the New WV VOAD Adopt-A-Bridge program and apply for bridge sponsorship visit the WV VOAD webpage by clicking on the following link: www.wvvoad.org



Your Name or Organization Displayed on Bridge Sponsorship Sign



Attend Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Photo Opportunity with Your Sponsored Bridge



Long Term Recovery



THE TROUTMAN BAPTIST TEAM REPLACE SHINGLES FOR A FAMILY IN MINGO COUNTY

Damaged roofs, moldy sheetrock, soaked floors and destroyed electrical systems. How do the members of WV VOAD reach all of the WV families who face these concerns after a disaster? **By making the 4 C's: Cooperation, Communication, Collaboration and Coordination the focus of our response and recovery!** WV VOAD and Long Term Recovery Groups continue to coordinate materials and volunteer teams to repair homes damaged all over WV by severe storms and flooding earlier this year.

WV VOAD Disaster Case Manager, Brooke Powell, coordinated a Southern Baptist Men volunteer team from her home church, Troutman Baptist, in Troutman, NC through the Mingo County Long Term Recovery Group to help with home repair in October. The team of seven committed four days to replacing shingles and metal on roofs and repairing leaky ceilings with new sheetrock for five homes in Lincoln and Mingo County.



Long Term Recovery



**MEMBERS OF THE RICHFIELD UCC TEAM
CONSTRUCT SHELVING FOR THE WAREHOUSE**

Members of the Richfield United Church of Christ in Richfield, Ohio also volunteered with the Mingo County Long Term Recovery in October. The team laid flooring, hung new sheetrock and replaced trim in two homes that suffered flooding in March. The Richfield team also donated and constructed shelving for the Southern West Virginia Disaster Center warehouse where a collaboration of flood buckets, supplies and furniture from United Church of Christ, United Methodist, Church of Christ Disaster Relief, Church World Service and Appalachian Outreach are stored.

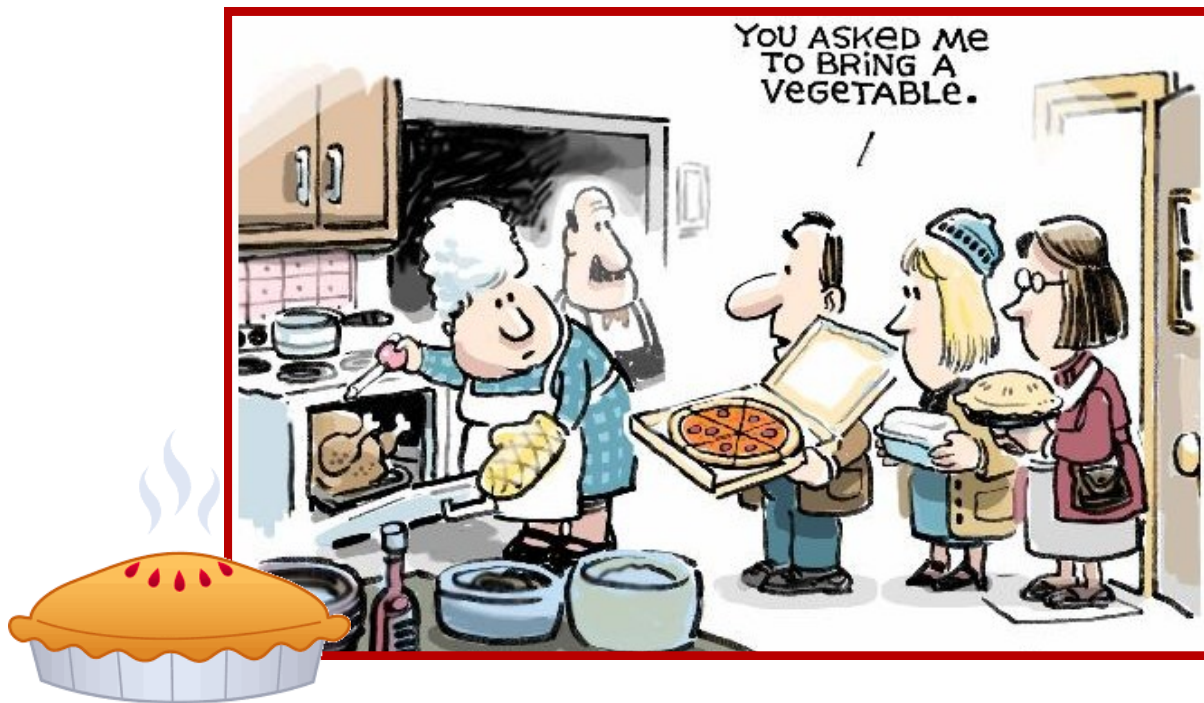
These shelves will help the Southern West Virginia Disaster Center respond more efficiently to disasters in southern WV.

Long term recovery needs vary from home repair and furniture replacement to emotional support. Whatever the need, WV VOAD member agencies, donations and volunteers can make the recovery for these families easier. Look for all volunteer photos from this year and learn more about volunteering with WV VOAD by following this link: www.wvvoad.org.



**CARPET IS LAYED IN HOME DAMAGED BY
FLOOD WATERS**

Turkey Disaster



It is Thanksgiving Day and you have a turkey to baste, pies to bake and potatoes to boil. Sounds expensive and overwhelming. Luckily you also have a Big Family to help you. Aunt May is bringing her famous pies, grandma is watching the turkey timer and your crazy Uncle Joe slipped you a fifty to cover the drinks.

Like Thanksgiving dinner, disasters are overwhelming but WV has a BIG family of emergency managers, non-profit organizations and volunteers to help shoulder the weight. Volunteer work and donations are valuable information that needs to be recorded in order for the Governor to request Federal Assistance. Your organization's efforts during response show the impact of the disaster and could be the difference between receiving an Individual Assistance (IA) Declaration

When the disaster recovery requirements are beyond state and local government's capabilities, the Governor can apply for Federal Assistance. The state can use the data and testimonials collected by first responders, emergency managers and non-profits in the application to show how state resources are overwhelmed.

Recording data can also be valuable when the state receives a Public Assistance (PA) Declaration. FEMA will pay 75% of eligible costs for first responders, local and state governments, and certain nonprofit agencies. Recording and calculating the dollar value of donated resources and then reporting the data to the WV VOAD can help offset the 25% West Virginia is expected to meet.

Here is some important information on how to properly record your donated resources for PA declarations provided by the FEMA Recovery Policy on Donated Resources. To read the FEMA Recovery Policy click on the following link: [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov). For information on recording data needed for IA declarations read the FEMA Damage Assessment Manual by clicking on the following link: [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov) and review pages 76-85. **Look for a more in-depth article on IA documentation in WV VOAD Mission Issue 5.**

PA

Donated resources are eligible to offset the non-Federal share of eligible costs if they meet the following criteria:

- 1. Documentation must include a record of hours worked, the work site, and description of work for each volunteer, and equivalent information for equipment and materials.**
- 2. The donated resources must apply to emergency work that has been organized by an eligible applicant and is eligible under the PA Program. Examples:**
 - **Removing eligible debris**
 - **Filling and placing sandbags**
 - **Mass care and sheltering**
 - **Donating materials and equipment**

Collaboration always results in a more successful outcome for everyone involved, especially in large projects. Whether it is a severe weather event or Thanksgiving dinner, we can all bring something to the table.



WV VOAD SPOLIGHT:



Disasters affect everyone regardless of health or physical ability. Appalachian Center for Independent Living (ACIL) ensures that Emergency Services consider the communication, accessible transportation and accessible shelter needs of people with disabilities in WV. Developed in 1982, ACIL works with each consumer on independent living skills at his or her own pace. One of the many independent living services ACIL provides is emergency preparedness. ACIL provides emergency preparedness education for people with disabilities and their families, conducts ADA assessments of prospective shelters and makes arrangements for temporary ramps and other technology to make shelters accessible. ACIL was also involved in the development of the Tap to Talk app that uses pictures and various translation resources to facilitate communication between emergency responders and people with communication disabilities or who do not speak English fluently. To ensure that all plans include people with disabilities, ACIL provides education for emergency management, first responders and government officials as well as partners with groups including WV VOAD. Learn more about ACIL and the services they provide by following this link to the ACIL webpage:

www.acilwv.org.



2015 Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
6	<p><u>WV VOAD Quarterly Meeting</u> Date – December 1, 2015 Time – 10am till 2pm Location - St. Thomas Catholic Church in Gassaway Address to Church - 624 Kanawha Street Gassaway, WV 26624</p>					
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20	<p><u>Breaking Ground for First Bridge</u> Date - December 2, 2015 Time - TBA Location - TBA</p>					
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Disaster Preparedness Tips

Disaster Kits for Pets

- Store one week supply of food and water in airtight, waterproof containers and rotate every three months.
- Have a cage large enough for an extended period of time.
- Temporary identification tags allow you to write your temporary location incase your pet is separated from you.
- Keep current pictures of your pet and you together to prove ownership.
- Pack a first aid kit with gauze, antiseptic wipes and ointment.

For a full list of pet disaster kit items visit:

www.humanesociety.org/disastertips



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West Virginia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster is a humanitarian association of independent organizations that may be active in all phases of disaster. Its mission is to identify unmet needs and facilitate efficient streamlined service delivery to those imperiled or impacted by disaster while eliminating duplication of effort through cooperation, coordination, communication, collaboration in the four phases of disaster: preparation, response, recovery and mitigation. West Virginia is a member of the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster.



We will be bringing in the New Year with the VOAD Mission Newsletter Volume 2, Issue 1

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