Adventist Community Services Disaster Response

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These teams in Missouri join ACS DR teams currently responding in Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Arkansas, Virginia, and Alaska to provide aid to individuals affected by tornadoes, flooding and other disasters. Tons of donated goods are being processed and provide aid to thousands of individuals in need.

If you are interested in helping ACS DR and the many survivors attempting to put their lives back together, please pray for them and consider making a donation to Adventist Community
Services Disaster Response.

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2) Call 1-800-381-7171, or
3) Mail a check or money order to:
   Adventist Community Services Disaster Response
   12501 Old Columbia Pike
   Silver Spring, MD  20904

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