

**Lutheran Disaster Response Connection**  
**August 27<sup>th</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007**



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Re: Progress report for the week of August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

**Greensburg Progress:**

Relevant information from Greensburg *Council Meeting* (Every other Monday) –

- No meeting this week.

Relevant information from *SCKTRO Meeting* on 8/28/07 –

- There will be no meetings Tuesday, September 5, 2007, due to the Labor Day weekend
- 2<sup>nd</sup> USDA Housing Workshop is scheduled for September 21-22
- USDA received supplemental funding of \$40million to assist the May 4-5 disaster which is to be used in 4 parts. 1) planning money 2) affordable housing 3) business development 4) public needs. The first portion was received approx. 10-days ago.
- PR is ongoing-T-shirts are now in, lawn signs and banners on order and should be ready in approx. 10 days.
- Kelly proposed to have a meeting with committee board to make a list of policies to answer questions re: rebuild and how best to serve each family.
- Don Pranger and Dick Anema from Christian Reformed World Relief Committee visiting today to see if SCKTRO would be interested in having a needs assessment done for the families affected by the Greensburg tornado. The cost is approx. \$30,000.00 which they will cover. If done, there will be 10-20 people for a 2 week time frame. The surveyors will take care of their own expenses. All info obtained will be put on disk for SCKTRO for case management purposes. USDA office in Greensburg, and Salvation Army in Pratt have both offered office space to meet with clients.
- KARE is in need of 2-3 more case workers, Full-time and Part time. Case workers will be employees of K-State. These positions are open until the end of May 2008. For info, please call Kathy Harmon, Site Project Coordinator at (785)313-6123

Relevant information from Greensburg *Planning Commission Meeting* (every other Wednesday) –

- Unable to attend this meeting

Relevant information from Greensburg *Town Hall Meeting* -

- No town meeting this week.

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Relevant information from *Volunteer Committee* –

- The house in Coldwater that is being donated for volunteer use. The house is available rent free for as long as SCKTRO needs it.
- Volunteer dorms are in process and should be delivered by next Friday. (September 7)
- Volunteers are still in need of mowing and edging equipment. To date, LDR has donated \$1,000.00 towards the purchase of equipment.
- The Salvation Army is in need of volunteers to help off load trucks each week. Please contact Matt Deighton at: (620) 388-1860 or Billie Taylor at: (620) 388-4685

Relevant information from *Building Committee* –

- Blitz build on hold until spring
- There is a dump trailer that has been donated for use for 1 year

### **Lutheran Disaster Response Progress:**

- Two dorm units and one shower trailer should be operational first of September for the Lutheran Disaster Response volunteers. Set up on the west end of town.
- Orphan Grain Train was here on Thursday to see the install of the new Peace Lutheran Church modular. Thank you to them.

### **Comments by Julie Hillshafer (620) 388-3760:**

- Volunteer groups needed now. Main goals for these groups will be to help clean up the remaining debris and repairs on existing homes. There are some new rebuilds coming up soon. Please contact me for details.
- When the dorms are up and running, I will need some more supplies for the comfort of volunteers. I will let you know my needs.
- The coffee house idea is still on hold.
- Please never hesitate to make suggestions, comments, or if you have any questions, I will do my best to improve or help in any area.

Have a blessed and peaceful week!

“For I have learned to be content with whatever I have. . . . I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:11, 13.