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## MISSION GRANT STORY

### **DISASTER RESPONSE TRAILERS \$80,000**

The last decade saw an unprecedented number of disasters. God calls us to be His hands reaching out to bring peace and hope, relief, and assistance to those who suffer the devastating effects of natural and man-made disasters. These equipment trailers will allow groups to quickly provide volunteers for debris clean-up after hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and other disasters. In this way, they aren't a burden on those affected, but rather are able to bring relief and comfort. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Disaster Response trailers provides a ministry of presence before, during, and after a disaster.

Currently, there are over 12,000 individuals from across the LCMS who have received training as Lutheran Early Response Team volunteers and the number grows every month. The goal is to equip twenty trailers to be used in twenty LCMS districts. Trained teams will be tasked with utilizing and maintaining these equipment trailers. Volunteers will be better prepared to quickly respond

in time of disaster with the proper cleaning supplies and tools. Disasters, while terrible, are a time when the church can take a moment to truly care for the greatest treasures of this world—people. Through LCMS Disaster Response, the church is able to provide Gospel-centered care for both body and soul in times of tragedy.

This Lutheran Women's Missionary League mission grant will pay for one third of the costs per trailer for each congregation in various districts requesting a trailer. The congregation/district will also be asked for one third of the cost and the LCMS Disaster Response will pay the remaining third. Disaster Response volunteers throughout a district would be better prepared to quickly respond in time of disaster with the proper equipment available to the entire district. In turn, they will be in a better position to speak the comforting truths of the Gospel to the individuals and families affected.