

August 21, 2020

Fellow District 6000 Rotarians,

As you are aware a recent natural disaster ripped through our district toppling trees, damaging buildings and flattening crops. As I am writing this, there are people who have been without power for over a week. Some are calling this the most damaging storm in Iowa history.

What can we do? Our district has a Disaster Response Committee and they have allocated \$5000 toward the recovery effort. That is a little like trying to empty the Mississippi River with a paper cup. The point is, it will take more resources to address the problem than \$5000.

Let's work together as Rotary Clubs and individual Rotarians to raise more funds and then deploy those funds in an effective way. Marshalltown, and many other areas in our district have significant damage. Our neighbors in District 5970 are also greatly affected. You have no doubt heard about the Cedar Rapids area.

Can your club raise funds or donate existing funds for this cause? For example, the Bettendorf Club put together a matching funds challenge to their members. Can you as a Rotarian donate to this cause? Can you let us know about an area that is hard hit by this disaster that needs our help?

Please make checks payable to Rotary District 6000 H.E.F. and indicate For Disaster Response and send the checks to me.

This is a Service above Self moment!

Sincerely,

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