

DISASTER RELIEF: 2022

INSPIRITUS PROGRAM REPORT



EMPOWERING LIVES

Thanks to volunteers, partners and community members like you, together we accompanied **5,851+ resilient disaster survivors** in 2022 on their journey from surviving to thriving.

In recent years, our Disaster program has grown so that we can better support local community needs after a storm hits. With your support, we will continue to accompany communities during their darkest hours so that they can recover faster and build capacity for future disasters.

2022 showed us how resilient our communities truly are. In each of the **3 Disaster Responses** we were honored to be a part of, we witnessed neighbors come together to grieve, to help, and to clean up.

In the **5 Long-Term Recovery** efforts we were a part of, we walked with inspiring homeowners, volunteers, and local leaders as they repaired and rebuilt homes that needed a helping hand.

THANK YOU for helping individuals & communities on their path from surviving to thriving.



**INSPIRITUS
DISASTER RELIEF TEAM**

2022 DISASTER RELIEF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WOW! With your support, **4,986+** volunteers were empowered to accompany **5,851+** storm survivors during **211 days** of the year in Response, and **365 days** of the year in Long-Term Recovery!

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DISASTER RESPONSES

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LONG-TERM RECOVERIES

644+

JOBS COMPLETED ON 260+ HOMES

Multiple jobs are performed on one home to complete the work requested, i.e. chainsawing, debris removal, mold sanitation, roof repair, siding repair, floor & wall restoration, new builds, etc.

5,851+

STORM SURVIVORS ASSISTED

4,986

VOLUNTEERS LED

78,403

VOLUNTEER HOURS SERVED



2022 DISASTER RESPONSE PROGRAM

When a storm hits, Inspiritus teams respond to local emergency needs by providing **Volunteer Coordination, Clean Up Services, and Local Response Capacity Building**, as needed.

2022 DISASTER RESPONSE LOCATIONS:

- W. KY Tornadoes (Mayfield, KY)
- E. KY Flood (Floyd County, KY)
- Florida Hurricane Ian (Lee County)



RESPONSE SERVICES & HIGHLIGHTS:

- Chainsaw
- Debris Removal
- Sort & Salvage
- Muck & Gut
- Heavy Equipment
- Home Demolition
- Roof Tarping
- Home Assessments
- Creek & Road Clean-Up
- Managed Volunteer Reception Centers (VRC)
- Managed County Hotline
- Interim Management of Disaster Relief Center (DRC)
- Assisted Homeowners with FEMA Estimates & Appeals
- Coordinated Professionally Skilled Volunteers with Jobs
- Coordinated "Debris Push-ups" with FEMA Contractors
- Processed 500+ "In Person" Homeowner Request Intakes via VRC

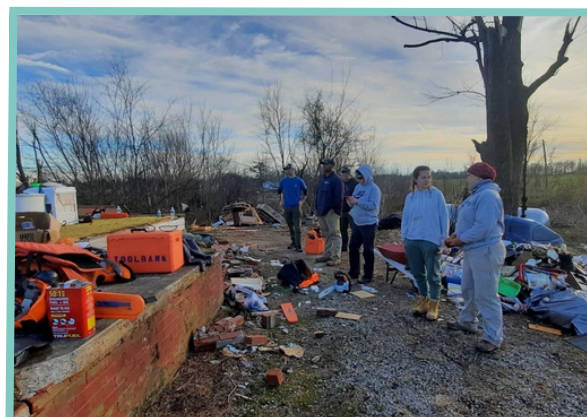
RESPONSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- **1,193** Individuals Served
- **644** Jobs Completed on **260** Homes
- **888** Volunteers Led Serving **27,049** Hours

Stay up-to-date on our latest response efforts!



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2022 LONG-TERM RECOVERY PROGRAM

Disaster Response typically lasts 2-6 weeks after the storm, followed by a transition to **Disaster Long-Term Recovery** rebuilding efforts that last up to 1-4 years after the storm.

Inspiritus provides expert Long-Term Recovery services to communities in need, including: **Case Management, Construction Management, Volunteer Management,** and **Long-Term Recovery Capacity Building.**

2022 LONG-TERM RECOVERY COMMUNITIES SERVED:

- Newnan, GA (2021 Tornado)
- Nashville, TN (2021 Flash Floods)
- Waverly, TN (2021 Flash Floods)
- Mayfield, KY (2021 Tornado)
- Cookeville, TN (2020 Tornado)



RECOVERY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- **460** Individuals Served
- **193** Homes Completed
- **39** New Homes Rebuilt
- **4,098** Volunteers Led Serving **51,354** Hours

IN-FOCUS: HURRICANE IAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Hurricane Ian was considered one of the most powerful storms to ever hit the U.S. With max wind speeds of 155 mph, Ian caused catastrophic damage with losses currently estimated to reach \$67 billion dollars. Damage was mostly from flooding, particularly impacting the cities of Fort Myers Beach and Naples, FL. Sections of Fort Myers were overwhelmed with a 15-foot storm surge, raging floodwaters and winds after the historic storm touched down as a high-level Category 4. Millions were left without power and water in the storm's wake, and many residents were forced to take refuge on their roofs or succumbed to drowning. In total, Hurricane Ian has caused at least 130 fatalities.



Inspiritus Disaster Relief teams are on the ground in Fort Myers, FL, and the surrounding area, providing free Debris Removal, Muck & Gut, Roof Tarping, Mold Sanitation, Chainsaw and Heavy Equipment services for the most vulnerable homeowners. Inspiritus staff are also partnering with local emergency and city/county officials to build local disaster Response & Recovery capacity, providing expert disaster advisement to leaders and residents in SW Florida.

HURRICANE IAN RESPONSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 971 Individuals Served
- 531 Volunteers Led Serving **20,859** Hours
- 348 Jobs Completed
- 164 Homes Completed

IN-FOCUS: W. KY TORNADOES RESPONSE

On December 10, 2021, Mayfield, KY was hit by the deadliest tornado outbreak in the state's history. Severe storms swept through the American heartland, including an EF-4 tornado that carved out a path stretching 165.7 miles across Kentucky. This storm brought 190 mph winds, and damaged or destroyed more than 60 businesses in the town of just 10,000 people. Sadly, 80 individuals lost their lives.



Inspiritus Disaster Relief teams were deployed, immediately assisting tornado survivors with free debris removal, muck & gut, mold sanitation, chainsaw, and heavy equipment services. Our teams will remain on the ground, empowering tornado survivors in W. KY. now through October 2023.

W. KY TORNADOES RESPONSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- **172** Individuals Served
- **62** Volunteers Led Serving **1,729** Hours
- **109** Jobs Completed
- **54** Homes Completed

IN-FOCUS: E. KY FLOOD RESPONSE

In July 2022, severe thunderstorms brought heavy rain, deadly flash flooding, and devastating river flooding to Eastern Kentucky. The overwhelming amounts of rain and resultant flooding led to 39 deaths and widespread catastrophic damage. In some communities, entire homes were swept away by flood waters, leading to costly damage to infrastructure. Over 600 helicopter rescues and countless swift water rescues by boat were needed to evacuate people who were trapped by the quickly-rising flood waters.



Inspiritus quickly deployed a team to East Kentucky to provide the critical help needed after these flash floods. Inspiritus team leaders helped homeowners navigate FEMA and volunteers worked tirelessly to clean up the debris from flood ravaged homes. Additionally, our response teams **cleared 36 road blockages, repaired 3 culverts, and cleared 20 drainage waterways, across 4 counties** in East Kentucky.

E.KY FLOOD RESPONSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- **50** Individuals Served
- **295** Volunteers Led Serving **4,461** Hours
- **187** Jobs Completed
- **42** Homes Completed

IN-FOCUS: WAVERLY FLOOD RECOVERY

On Aug. 21, 2021, very heavy rainfall resulted in widespread flash flooding across western Middle Tennessee, including the town of Waverly. In this catastrophic event, Waverly was severely damaged by floodwater, with hundreds of homes and dozens of businesses destroyed and swept away. Numerous people became trapped, leading to widespread water rescues. The event resulted in 19 fatalities in the small community of Waverly, The flood is estimated to have caused \$23.9 million in damage throughout Tennessee.



Inspiritus Disaster Response teams were quickly deployed to Waverly, TN to provide the critical help needed after this devastating storm. Our team established a Volunteer Reception Center (VRC), helped manage the Distribution Resource Center (DRC), while actively deploying volunteers to provide debris removal and muck & gut services to those in need.

WAVERLY FLOOD RECOVERY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- **254** Individuals Served
- **1,336** Volunteers Led Serving **30,765** Hours
- **79** Homes Completed

IN-FOCUS: WATER ON WHEELS (WOW) CART



THE NEWEST ADDITION TO OUR CAPABILITIES

The WOW Cart is a life-changing technology that provides communities recovering from a disaster access to clean water and sanitation stations. This critical tool continues to help restore the health and safety of lives devastated by storms.

Thank you Water Step for the generous donation of a WOW (Water on Wheels) Cart!



DEPLOYED TO OUR E. KY FLOOD RESPONSE PROVIDING AN ESTIMATED
4,000 GALLONS OF WATER TO RESIDENTS AND FIRST RESPONDERS IN NEED

BEYOND THE HEADLINES

Our small team has also been working hard on several initiatives that will improve our capacity to help more people.

- Further developed our new **Recovery Tracking Database** (tracking our financials, funding, stats, etc.)
- Developing a new **Volunteer Management Database**
- Building & growing **Partnerships** to support local community needs
- Purchased and built-out a new **Response Tool Trailer**
- Expanded our Tool/Equipment Inventory and developed an **Inventory Tracker**
- **Increased volunteer numbers** by 90-95% in 2021-2022
- Submitted and received much needed grants to help fund our work
- Completed multiple projects while **meeting or exceeding expected outcomes**
- Hired and trained staff for our new Recovery Programs
- Served despite the impact of COVID-19 on our staff & communities
- Inspiritus is a proud member of several state and regional VOADS (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster). Our team works diligently to stay updated and provide assistance to our various VOAD partners when disaster strikes.



SPECIAL THANKS TO

Inspiritus Founding Partners:

The Southeastern Synod of the ELCA
The Florida-Georgia District of the LCMS

Inspiritus Disaster Relief Partners:

Disaster Relief Volunteers
Airbnb
Airlink
American Red Cross
AmeriCorps NCCC
Anthem Nazarene Church - Fort Myers
Community Service International (CSI)
David School - Floyd Co. KY
FEMA
First Baptist Church of Murray
Florida VOAD
Floyd County Sheriff Dept.
Hands On Nashville
Information Technology Disaster Resource Center
International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)
Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR)
Madison County Sheriff's Office Kentucky
Mission on Wheels
Praying Pelicans Youth Ministry
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)
Rothrock Foundation
Scott County Sheriff's Office Kentucky
Tennessee VOAD
The Community Foundation of Middle TN
The Home Depot Foundation
The United Methodist Church (UMCOR)
Thrivent
ToolBank USA
Tunnel to Towers Foundation
United Church of Christ (UCC)
Volunteer Florida
Water Step



FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Inspiritus Disaster Relief is truly a collaborative effort. We are inspired by all of the volunteers, partners and community members who give their hearts, hands and resources to empower those we accompany. It takes **ALL** of us to help individuals impacted by a disaster to move from surviving to thriving.

THANK YOU!

We look forward to serving with you in 2023 as we empower more communities to thrive after the storm.

