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## Donations encouraged, and cash works best

Camp Murray, WA – As is often the case when disaster strikes, perhaps more than usual in the wake of this week's sudden wind and flooding disaster, the generosity of Washington citizens is on full display.

While the resources of state government are being brought to bear on the response to, and recovery from this disaster, Gov. Gregoire herself is encouraging "neighbors to help neighbors" in getting the assistance they need.

Washington Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (WAVOARD) coordinates with many community organizations that help during disasters. Through the Washington State Emergency Operations Center (EOC), WAVOARD is being informed that many of the local non-profit agencies are overwhelmed with goods and cannot accept any more at this time. Most voluntary and faith-based organizations are asking for financial donations that are unrestricted, which allows them to purchase supplies in the exact quantities needed to fulfill their mission in assisting the victims.

In a combined effort, KOMO TV and the Salvation Army gathered five moving trucks with supplies today. They now have more than enough supplies to reach the hardest hit regions and are now in need of donations of cash, checks or gift cards to chain stores, home improvement stores and gas cards.

Donations to the Salvation Army can be made by visiting <http://www.salvationarmynw.org/>. You may also send a check or gift cards to P.O. Box 9219 Seattle, WA 98109 or call 1-800-SAL-ARMY.

Another way to help disaster victims is through a financial contribution to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, which allows the Red Cross to provide immediate emergency assistance to the victims of thousands of disasters each year, such as the current flooding in Washington. Disaster victims need essential assistance right away, such as shelter, water, food, and mental health counseling.

The American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund is the resource that allows the Red Cross to respond to anyone with disaster-caused needs, whenever and wherever a disaster occurs. American Red Cross honors donor intent. If you wish to designate funds to a specific disaster, please indicate so when making your donation. Internet users can make a secure online donation by visiting [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). You may also call 1-800-RED-CROSS OR 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish).

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