

SVDP Western Kentucky Actively Supporting Disaster Survivors, One Year After the Deadly Tornado Outbreak

House in a Box™ is available for tornado survivors and continues in operation, one year after the deadly outbreak

OWENSBORO, KY, USA, December 7, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A year ago today, Kentuckians experienced record-breaking storms and tornadoes that devastated Western Kentucky. Governor Andy Beshear recently stated "I want them to remember the western Kentucky community and how many were lost. There are families still out there grieving and we need to be with them one year after and 10 years after." The statistics on how many people that are still unhoused, jobs that will never comeback, and churches that will not be rebuilt are all devastating.

The purpose of today is not to focus on the problems, but to reflect, respond and celebrate on the humanitarian solutions.

One such solution that is bringing hope to western Kentucky families is the House In a Box™ program, led by the St. Vincent DePaul Diocesan Council of Western Kentucky. The House in a Box™ program is one of the most well-known programs of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. House in a Box™ provides new furniture and furnishings to families that have lost everything because of disasters. Families are reviewed and referred to the program through a Disaster Case Management. Disaster Services Corporation, SVdP -USA (DSC) buys furniture and furnishings in volume through pre-screened vendors, so that it can provide a starter household furniture kit at a greatly reduced price. All logistics for the House in a Box™ Program are handled by DSC. Survivors that have the least resiliency for recovery will receive assistance through a House in a



Western Kentucky Tornado Disaster Survivors receiving a House in a Box™

Box™ setup and/or additional in-kind donations. SVdP works with Disaster Case Managers to assess the survivors with preference given to those individuals who meet the following criteria: Low income, individuals/families that are likely to receive inequitable resources and services, special and functional needs, elderly on fixed income, uninsured or underinsured, single parents with limited income, and survivors who have multiple unmet needs and are unable to recover without Disaster Case Management.

St. Vincent DePaul Diocesan Council of Western Kentucky CEO, Richard Remp-Morris says, “This has been a humbling experience, meeting the tornado survivors and hearing their horrific stories. I’ve felt an overwhelming sense of gratitude and support in serving those in need with fellow Vincentians, Disaster Services Corp, Catholic Charities, VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters), and Long-Term Recovery groups.

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In addition, SVdP Diocesan Council of Western Kentucky is leveraging their warehouse space to distribute toys to parents who otherwise would be unable to provide toys for their children this Christmas season. Families can also pick up hand-made quilts from SVdP’s partner agencies.

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"I just want to thank you all so much. This has been such a tremendous blessing for us. It's taken this long for us just to get started to put our lives back together."

Kevin Peach, Chief Operating Officer at Disaster Services Corporation, stated that “DSC is in awe of the resiliency of Kentuckians and we continue to support Kentuckians on their road to recovery. We’ve helped 50 families so far, help us assist 500 more and as many more as needed to help these families and communities completely recover.”

To date the SVdP Diocesan Council of Western Kentucky has served more than 50 families with our grant funding and anticipate serving as many as 500 families’ total. The ability to serve more families will be possible if additional funding is raised.” says CEO/Executive Director Richard Remp-Morris.

Please help us help Kentuckians recover with the House In A Box™ program. To volunteer or donate, please visit : <https://svdpwky.org>

For any questions, please contact Richard Remp-Morris at: svdp.owensboro@att.net

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The Society of St Vincent de Paul Disaster Services is a founding member of the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster and its Disaster Services Corporation provides relief and recovery to disaster survivors across the United States and American Territories. □

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