

Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders Launches Long-Term Flood Recovery in Lewis and Upshur Counties

Christian nonprofit preparing to repair and rebuild homes for West Virginia families

WESTON, WV, UNITED STATES, August 12, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders](#) (FCDR) has launched long-term recovery operations in Lewis and Upshur counties to help families whose homes were damaged or destroyed by the July flooding.

Preliminary damage assessments across the affected counties have identified more than 1,600 homes damaged by the July flooding, including 33 destroyed and 227 with major damage, with the most severe destruction concentrated in Lewis and Upshur counties.

The Christian nonprofit's immediate work will focus on cleanup, debris removal, and property stabilization, with volunteer teams transitioning as quickly as possible into repairing damaged homes and, where homes cannot be saved, rebuilding them for families with significant unmet needs.

Among the first homeowners identified is an elderly mother with disabilities and her adult daughter, who also has a disability. As floodwaters rose to nearly seven feet inside their home, the daughter managed to help her mother reach the second floor before emergency responders rescued both women through an opening cut into the roof. Their home is now uninhabitable, underscoring the long road to recovery many flood survivors now face.

"When the floodwaters go down, that's when many families discover the hardest part has only begun," said Bart Tucker, President of Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders. "Our calling is to stay



Flood damaged home in West Virginia

long after the headlines fade, helping families rebuild their homes, restore hope, and move forward. We are committed to walking alongside these communities for as long as it takes.”

For more than two decades, Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders has mobilized volunteers to help families recover from major disasters across the United States. Unlike organizations focused primarily on emergency response, FCDR specializes in long-term recovery, sending volunteer teams from across the country to restore homes for families who are uninsured, underinsured, or otherwise unable to recover on their own.

FCDR will work in coordination with local officials, Long-Term Recovery Groups, churches, and nonprofit partners to identify homeowners with documented unmet needs and ensure its efforts complement existing assistance. Recovery partners include Christ in Action, Hope Force International, Mercy Chefs, Weaverland Disaster Services, and other organizations serving affected communities.

Volunteer mission teams will be housed at WVU Jackson's Mill near Weston, a central base from which they can serve families throughout Lewis and Upshur counties. As projects are identified and funding, materials, and volunteer teams become available, FCDR expects to begin restoring flood-damaged homes and rebuilding those that cannot be saved.

Churches, civic organizations, businesses, and volunteer teams are invited to support the recovery effort. Skilled construction volunteers are especially needed, though there are roles for people without construction experience as well. Financial gifts help families whose needs exceed their insurance coverage and government assistance.

To volunteer or make a gift, visit - <https://disaster-rebuilders.org/>

About Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders

Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders is a Christian nonprofit that mobilizes volunteers, churches, and community partners to repair and rebuild homes for low-income families affected by natural disasters. The organization serves homeowners who are uninsured or underinsured, with particular emphasis on seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, and families facing financial hardship. By remaining in disaster-affected communities long after the initial emergency response has ended, FCDR helps families recover, rebuild, and return home.

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