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WEAKLEY COUNTY LONG TERM RECOVERY GROUP CURRENTLY ASSISTING 127 SURVIVORS

DRESDEN, Tenn. – As of June 23, Weakley County Long Term Recovery Group along with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) have completed 166 screenings, in which the survivors were asked, “Are you able to recover on your own?” Of the 166 screenings, 39 survivors said they would be able to recover on their own, 70 survivors said they were currently unsure if they could recover on their own and 57 said they could not recover on their own. Below is a chart that lists the survivors needs determined during the screenings:

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| **NEED REPORTED DURING SCREENING** | **# of Survivors in need of DCM with Need** |
| Chainsaw teams / tree removal | 36 |
| Tarping | 6 |
| Exterior Debris Removal | 35 |
| Interior clean-out | 12 |
| Terrain Corrections | 7 |
| Mold Abatement | 9 |
| Access and functional needs | 5 |
| Repair | 54 |
| Rebuild | 13 |
| Transportation | 13 |
| Temporary housing | 13 |
| Permanent housing | 27 |
| Emotional / Spiritual care | 11 |
| Financial Assistance | 50 |
| Utilities | 6 |
| Medical / Medical Equipment  | 8 |
| Household goods - Appliances  | 30 |
| Household goods - Furniture | 33 |
| Household goods - Other | 39 |
| Food / Nutrition | 39 |
| Clothing  | 29 |
| Baby Needs | 7 |
| Advocacy | 43 |

During the screenings, it was determined that 127 survivors are in need of case management. So far, 13 of those cases have been closed.

The WCLTRG Allocations Committee has facilitated the payment of over $23,000 to meet needs of survivors in case management over the past two months. Funding has been provided by Dresden Church of Christ, Dresden Elks Lodge, Dresden First Baptist Church, Dresden Rotary Club, Greenfield Church of Christ, Lebanon Church of Christ, and the Weakley County Baptist Association.

 The Recovery Center is open from Tuesdays and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to support survivors locally. The center will be covered by two case managers. Walk-ins are welcome or you can contact the center by calling 731-699-7913.

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