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**WEAKLEY COUNTY LONG TERM RECOVERY GROUP UPDATE**

DRESDEN, Tenn. – Weakley County Long Term Recovery Group has worked with the nonprofit organization, Convoy of Hope, to receive a donation of sixteen (16) pallets of roofing materials. The materials were delivered February 2, 2023, and will be used in the repair and rebuild projects in the Dresden area.

Weakley County Long Term Recovery Group hosted a Community Recovery Update for the public on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at the McWherter Civic Center in Dresden. The meeting included a brief overview of the WCLTRG partnerships and work, an introduction of board members, and a financial summary presentation of work for the year 2022. As disaster recovery progresses, WCLTRG will continue to provide updates in monthly press releases and will hold public Community Recovery Update Meetings quarterly.

 As of February 6, 2023, WCLTRG Allocations Committee has facilitated the payment of $239,203.81 to meet the needs of survivors in case management since its inception. Funding has been provided by Dresden Church of Christ, Dresden First Baptist Church, Dresden Rotary Club, Greenfield Church of Christ, Lebanon Church of Christ, Lutheran Disaster Relief, and the Weakley County Baptist Association. These organizations provided an additional $200,920 in assistance to survivors prior to the creation of the WCLTRG in addition to food, toiletries, appliances, and clothing.

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| Auto | $7,077.65 |
| Construction | $71,455.89 |
| Furniture/Appliances | $62,202.95 |
| Home Repairs | $46,080.53 |
| Household | $900.63 |
| Housing | $14,895.00 |
| Services | $18,602.98 |
| Storage | $900.00 |
| Supplies | $16,714.23 |
| Personal Care | $373.95 |
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| **Total distributed through WCLTRG as of February 6, 2023** | **$239,203.81** |
| **Total distributed by funders prior to WCLTRG formation** | **$200,920.00** |
| **Total distributed to survivors by the funders** | **$440,123.81** |

The following case management update was provided by UMCOR on February 6, 2023:

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| Open Cases | 54 |
| Closed Cases | 82 |
| Awaiting Assignment to Case Manager | 0 |
| Repair and Rebuild projects in progress | 9 |

The Recovery Center is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to support survivors locally. The center is currently staffed by the Program Coordinator and two case managers. Walk-ins are welcome or you can contact the center by calling (731) 699-7913. Please visit [www.rebuildweakley.com](http://www.rebuildweakley.com) and <https://www.facebook.com/WCLTRG> for more information regarding disaster recovery in Weakley County.