



### **Helping Those Impacted by Flooding in the Midwest (Spring 2019)**

Flooding of the Missouri River triggered by March's "bomb cyclone" storm has already inflicted damage estimated at nearly \$1.5 billion in Nebraska, and floodwaters that devastated swaths of Nebraska and Iowa continue to roll downstream along America's longest river.

Below are some areas where you can make an immediate and ongoing impact for those affected. If you would like to discuss specific giving options or strategy, please call the Philanthropic Services Group at 303.300.1790.

**The Center for Disaster Philanthropy's [Midwest Early Recovery Fund](#)** has a mission of providing communities affected by low-attention disasters valuable recovery resources through a timely, consistent, and replicable grantmaking process. The vision of the Fund is to support those most vulnerable to the impact of a natural disaster so the entire community benefits from a more holistic and robust recovery.

**Grand Island Community Foundation** has established a [Disaster Relief Fund for Central Nebraska](#). Funds will be available for the local area to assist with relief related to the disastrous flooding seen in the Central Nebraska area. GICF will be in contact with local communities to distribute the funds.

**Kearney Area Community Foundation** has a [Disaster Relief Fund](#) set up to help those in the Kearney (NB) area suffering loss from the recent devastating flooding. KACF is cooperating with various other community foundations across the state of Nebraska including [Merrick Foundation](#) (Central City and the surrounding area) and [Custer County Foundation](#) (Broken Bow and the surrounding area) in order to ensure that you have the opportunity to target your donations to the specific hard-hit communities of your choice.

**Nebraska Farm Bureau** has established a [disaster relief fund](#) and launched the Agriculture Disaster Exchange portal to connect farmers, ranchers and agricultural communities with help.

**United Way of the Midlands** has established the [Nebraska & Iowa Flood Relief Fund](#) to help people who lost homes or suffered other setbacks in the flooding. One hundred percent of every donation will be given to nonprofit programs that provide shelter, food and other services in the Omaha area. Donors also can direct gifts to another flood-impacted community. United Way also is helping flood victims in Nebraska and southwest Iowa through its 211 Helpline.

**The American Red Cross [of Nebraska](#)** is operating or planning to operate 15 shelters in Nebraska and western Iowa for people displaced by the devastating floods. That list included locations at Elkhorn Middle School in Omaha and sites in Council Bluffs, Missouri Valley, Valley, Plattsmouth, Fremont and Bellevue. All told, the Red Cross sheltered 880 people overnight on the first Friday of flooding. Additional shelters could open later. Monetary donations are better than material goods, which are hard to distribute.



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**Nebraska Humane Society** workers have been rescuing animals throughout recent weather disasters, especially the ongoing floods. A new landing page at the [NHS website](#) includes more information on their efforts.

**The Food Bank of Siouxland** has been making food deliveries to flood victims in places like Hornick, Iowa. Learn more at [their website](#).