

**Williamson County VOAD
Long Term Recovery Committee
2015 Memorial Day Floods**

Status Report for the Honorable Judge Bill Gravell

February 20, 2019

**Presented by:
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VOAD President 2017-2019
Long Term Recovery Chair**

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Dear Judge Gravell,

The following report provides an overview of the work completed by the Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC) of the Williamson County VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) for the Memorial Day Floods of 2015.

Immediately following the federal declaration of the flood events, Judge Gattis ordered the WILCO VOAD to establish the LTRC. The following officers were appointed:

Jeanne McClellan, Chair
Karah Ricketts, Vice Chair
Lori Scott, Secretary
Jen Jones, Treasurer*

**Note: There were two prior treasurers; however, Jen Jones has been, and is currently in the position.*

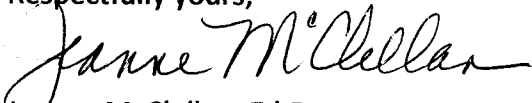
This is the final report of the Long Term Recovery Committee for this disaster. The overall financial value of the work done, funds raised, and funds spent is contained in the report, along with lists of the participating and contributing organizations and volunteers. All donations and appropriate refunds have been accounted for, and are reflected in the financial reports provided to the LTRC by the United Way of Williamson County as the LTRC fiscal agent.

The officers of the LTRC have reviewed and accepted the financial reports, and have confirmed that the work resulting from the floods has been completed.

As such, we request that you and the Williamson County Commissioners approve closure of the Memorial Day Floods of 2015 project, thereby releasing the officers of their duties related to this LTRC effort.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as chair of this committee. All those involved have experienced the joy and blessings of serving our fellow citizens in helping them return to their homes that have been repaired or rebuilt through generous donations and volunteer efforts.

Respectfully yours,



Jeanne McClellan, Ed.D

Williamson County VOAD Chair

Chair, Long Term Recovery Committee ~ Memorial Day Floods of 2015

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CASE MANAGEMENT/CONSTRUCTION

Summary

Total number of cases opened for Williamson County: 95

Total number of cases closed: 95

- Total cases funded: 61
- Total cases that needed only replacement of contents: 5
- Total number of cases cancelled/closed/withdrawn by homeowners: 29
 - (Most assisted by case managers to obtain needed funding from insurance, FEMA, SBA; some self-funded, sold their homes or moved; a few homeowners did not reply after opening the case.)

Remaining cases open: 0

Homes remaining to be funded: 0*

Breakdown of location of cases registered with LTRC Case Managers:

Coupland- 1

Elgin - 1

Georgetown - 3

Hutto - 3

Leander - 1

Liberty Hill - 1

Round Rock - 7

Taylor - 72

Thrall - 6

Of the 72 homes in Taylor, 40 were homeowners and 31 were renters. Twenty-two (22) of those were able to recover on their own. Some of those were assisted by LTRC case managers as advocates with their insurance or FEMA.

Nineteen (19) cases in Taylor needed construction - 17 were extensive repairs and/or replacement of appliances, furniture, etc. Two homes were complete rebuilds that Habitat for Humanity rebuilt.

The rest of the homes in the other communities in Williamson County needed repairs (which included replacement of flooring, roofing, sheetrock, etc. and/or contents such as appliances and furniture).

In all, there were 61 actual repair/construction projects. The remainder were either advocacy needs, contents replacement, or were withdrawn because the homeowner found other means with which to recover.

NOTE: The Williamson County Long Term Recovery Committee entered into an agreement with Habitat for Humanity to oversee construction and volunteer coordination for the two rebuilds in Taylor. Construction has been completed and the homeowners have moved in.

FUNDING

Summary

Allocated funds from donations (as of 1/8/19): \$417,893.68 including \$84,750 and 75,708 respectively for the two full rebuilds. All refunds to donors that exceeded the cost of repairs or rebuilding have cleared the bank.

Most funds allocations were paid through United Way as fiscal sponsor and some direct pay to vendor by funding agencies.

Unmet Needs Table Funding:

Major funding came from the following sources:

Long Term Recovery Committee (through general donations):	\$ 78,754.06
United Methodist Church – CTCUMC/UMCOR	136,143.12
ADRN	133,101.88
Catholic Charities	24,704.46
Georgetown Ministerial Alliance	8,035.06
Taylor Ministerial Alliance/Flood of Hope)	28,751.78
Individual donations	<u>16,820.85</u>
	\$426,311.21*

*Some of these funds were refunded to the agencies when actual costs were less than projected costs.

All Funding Agencies Involved: 25

American Red Cross of Central Texas
Austin Disaster Relief Network
Calvary Relief Ministries
Catholic Charities of Central Texas
Central Baptist Church, Round Rock
Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church (CTCUMC)
City of Taylor
Drops of Grace
Habitat for Humanity Williamson County

Hutto Has Heart
Keller Williams Realty
Oasis Church, Taylor
Round Rock Serving Center
Funding agencies, continued

Salvation Army Disaster Services
Shepherds Heart, Taylor
Society of St. Vincent DePaul
Taylor Area Ministerial Alliance
Taylor Lions Club
Taylor Press
The Caring Place, Georgetown
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
United Church of Christ
United Way of Williamson County
Williamson County Long Term Recovery

Numerous individual/anonymous donations were made through the United Way of Williamson County as well.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

- House in a Box Program (24 issued) Approx. Value: **\$29,400**
- Value of items donated by the community, such as furniture and household items through Flood of Hope Campaign: Unable to determine exact amount due to volume of items received; **Estimated at least \$10,000.00**

Businesses that Provided Discounts or Donated Services or Materials

- McCoy's Building Supply (Taylor)
- Progressive Waste/WC of Texas
- Saf-T-Box
- Waste Management
- Texas Disposal Systems
- Home Depot
 - Ceramic tile storage container load of factory thirds ceramic tile valued at \$100,000.00
 - Surplus and slightly damaged goods valued at \$11,636.00

Approximate Value of In-Kind Donations: \$128,000.00

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers (prior to rebuilds by Habitat for Humanity; many more volunteers added for the rebuilds)

Combined Groups: 39

Combined Volunteers: 685

Combined Hours: 15,724

Volunteer Hrs. Value: \$345,939 (Approximate amount saved on labor costs to date using FEMA valuation)

Combined Days: 92

Number of Volunteers Housed: 322

Meals provided: 14

Out-of-Town Volunteers from:

Ithaca, New York

State College, PA

Dallas, Texas

Madison, Wisconsin

Slidell, Louisiana

New York, New York

Des Moines, Iowa

Osh Kosh, Wisconsin

Mansfield, Texas

Aledo, Texas

Huntsville, Texas

Hartselle, Alabama

New Castle, Texas

Southern California

Local volunteers:

Round Rock

Georgetown

Jarrell

Taylor

Hutto

Rockdale

Pflugerville

Volunteer Monetary Donations were also made to the host churches providing their housing, to the Long Term Recovery fund, and for additional needs at client homes

Volunteer Housing/Facility Locations

Tenth Street UMC, Taylor, TX

First UMC, Taylor, Taylor, TX

First Baptist Church, Taylor, TX

Down Home Ranch, Elgin, TX
Taylor ISD Stadium Field House

Value of Grants and Other Funding

• Staff expense provided by CTUMC/UMCOR:	\$132,178.00
• Office Supplies provided by CTUMC/UMCOR:	11,584.00
• Tenth Street Methodist Church value of donating office staff space and internet:	3,600.00
• Tenth Street Methodist Church value of storage space for 2 trailers and garage space:	5,400.00
Value of Tenth street, FUMC, Taylor, First Baptists Taylor and Taylor ISD Stadium Field House hosting teams (who stayed at Down Home Ranch):	8,092.00
• Meals provided:	2,700.00
• Salvation Army	<u>9,000.00</u>
○ Gift Cards - \$3500	
○ Hotel Funding - \$5500	
Total grants and other funding	\$172,554.00

TOTAL VALUE OF LTRC EFFORT

Cash allocated:	\$417,893.68
Funds spent on 2 rebuilds:	160,416.00
In-Kind Value of Funds Raised	128,400.00
Total Value of Volunteer Support (to date)	339,636.00
Additional Grants and Other Funding	<u>172,554.00</u>
TOTAL VALUE OF LTRC EFFORTS	\$1,218,899.68