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Community Foundation Establishes New Tornado Relief Fund

The Central Alabama Community Foundation (CACF) recently established the *AL Cares-Tornado Relief Fund* to help assist citizens impacted by April 27 tornadoes. Funds will be used to support immediate as well as long term needs of citizens in CACF's service area. CACF, along with its affiliates, serves Elmore, Autauga, Macon, Montgomery, Lowndes, Pike, Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry, and Houston counties.

To make a donation to the *AL Cares-Tornado Relief Fund*, simply go to www.cacfinfo.org and click on CACF's secure PayPal account or mail a check payable to CACF, 434 N. McDonough St., Montgomery, AL 36104, and reference AL Cares Fund.

In addition to the AL Cares Fund, the Foundation has joined with nine other community foundations in Alabama to establish a statewide fund, the Alabama Tornado Recovery Fund. This fund, housed at the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, will be used to attract and coordinate the efforts of national funders who are interested in providing relief to victims in Alabama. Proceeds from that fund will be distributed across the state. The fund received its first gift of \$100,000 on Wednesday from Medical Properties, Inc. of Birmingham.

"Central Alabama Community Foundation will serve as a collection point for financial donations from individuals who are willing to help our citizens. We will continue to work with nonprofits and faith based organizations who are providing both immediate and long term services to the people who have lost so much," said Community Foundation President Carol Butler.

For more information about how to donate or the Central Alabama Community Foundation, call Carol Butler at 264-6223 or visit our website www.cacfinfo.org.