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United Way Launches Bollinger County Recovery Fund For Tornado Victims

Bollinger Co. MO – United Way of Southeast Missouri (UWSEMO) has created a Bollinger County Recovery Fund in response to the devastating tornado that swept through the region early Wednesday morning. UWSEMO created a similar fund immediately following the Perryville tornado in 2017, which distributed over \$73,000 back to the community. Both Perry and Bollinger County are in the footprint of United Way of Southeast Missouri.

United Way was one of several organizations that comprised Perryville’s Long-term Recovery Committee created to identify needs and determine distribution of funds. As with the Perryville fund, the use of funds collected for Bollinger County will be determined by a similar committee and volunteers on United Way’s Community Investment Committee based on input from tornado victims, local social service employees, and community leaders.

According to Elizabeth Shelton, UWSEMO Executive Director, “United Way connects people with resources, and a tragedy like this is when our mission becomes even more critical. We encourage anyone who can help to give, with our promise that all donations will stay in Bollinger County to help these families.”

Recovery fund information can be found here: <https://unitedwayofsemo.org/boco-recovery-fund/>, and donations can be made in many ways:

- Give online: <https://bit.ly/BOCOrecovery>
- Text BOCO to 26989
- Give a credit card number over the phone to a United Way employee at 573-334-9634
- Mail a check to the UWSEMO office at 1417D, N. Mt. Auburn Road, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.
- Give at The Bank of Missouri in Marble Hill
- Set your phone to camera mode and use this code:

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