



CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

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2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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WHO WE ARE

God's Pit Crew is a non-profit, faith based crisis response team of over 900 volunteers who wish to serve others in their time of need.



OUR MISSION

"With God's help and direction, to bring HOPE, HEALING, and RESTORATION to hurting people in times of crisis."



IMMEDIATE DISASTER RESPONSE

God's Pit Crew is ready, trained, and prepared to respond when disaster strikes.



BLESSING BUCKETS

A Blessing Bucket provides essential life-sustaining goods to people who have been displaced or who are in need after a disaster.



BUILDING PROJECTS

After a disaster has impacted a community, God's Pit Crew takes on a building project for a family or community in need.



REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION

We are committed to helping our own community by providing food and products to other approved agencies in our area.

OUR STORY



RANDY & TERRI JOHNSON

PRESIDENT AND FOUNDERS, GOD'S PIT CREW

In May 1999, Randy and Terri Johnson answered the calling upon their lives by responding to the devastation caused by one of the largest tornados in recorded history in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. After using borrowed trucks and trailers to deliver three loads of

supplies, they returned home from Oklahoma with a sense of great accomplishment. Little did they know that this was only the beginning of something much greater than they could have imagined. Shortly after that, God's Pit Crew was born.

As of this publication, God's Pit Crew has over 900 volunteers, has responded to over 160 disasters in 27 states and 13 countries, and has rebuilt or provided new homes to over 58 families.

Learn more about God's Pit Crew and how you can get involved in helping to keep Hope Moving Forward by scanning the QR code to the right!



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OUR IMPACT IN

2022

8

Homes built or provided for families impacted by a natural disaster

30,100

Blessing Buckets distributed

12

Major disaster responses

155,999

Volunteer hours served since October 2021

82

Tractor-trailer loads of relief delivered

2.3 MILLION




Pounds of relief supplies delivered

** All numbers in this report as of 12/2022*



TORNADO RESPONSE
Mayfield, Kentucky

MAJOR STORMS AND RESPONSES IN 2022

-  001 Ukraine Crisis
-  001 Wildfire
-  002 Floods
-  002 Hurricanes
-  006 Tornadoes

Each year, disasters continue to increase in numbers and strength, causing people to lose hope when there is nothing left. That's where God's Pit Crew comes in. Our Immediate Response Team deploys to some of the hardest-hit communities that have been impacted by a natural disaster. These men and women are here to serve God and deliver HOPE, HEALING, and RESTORATION to people in need.



Tornado Response **PEMBROKE, GEORGIA**

The Immediate Response arm of God's Pit Crew responded to Bryan County, Georgia, because of damage caused by tornadoes. This quick deployment from April 10-16, 2022, focused on cutting trees, debris clean-up, and demolishing damaged structures.

Twenty-two volunteers participated on this trip, accumulating 1,940 volunteer hours, and averaging 13.5 volunteers working each day of the trip. A total of eight projects were assessed & completed. With the cooperation and assistance of a group of local volunteers, one family received a new mobile home following the deployment to replace one which was destroyed by the storm.

You can read more about God's Pit Crew providing the Driggers family with a brand new mobile home and more of their story and survival of the EF-4 tornado on page 32 of this report.

BRYAN COUNTY, GA TORNADO STATS:



Flood Response

HOPE FOR EASTERN KENTUCKY

God's Pit Crew brings hope to a small town in Eastern Kentucky that was destroyed by flooding.

STORY BY: CHASE BRASHEARS

Whitesburg, KY, is a small town in Southeast Kentucky. It's where I grew up. In late July 2022, my wife, Carly, and I were there visiting family when devastating flooding came out of nowhere and destroyed much of the area. God put us there at the right time because once we realized how bad it really was, we made contact with Randy Johnson. Randy put us in touch with Chris Chiles, the God's Pit Crew's immediate response coordinator, and within 12 hours of the initial contact, a bright red semi navigated the twist and turns of the mountain roads and pulled into the parking lot of Letcher County Central High School – the high school I attended – at 2:00 a.m. With no forklift in sight, Mike, the semi driver, some of my family, and some other locals wrangled up through a Facebook post spent the next three hours unloading the 53-foot trailer.

God's Pit Crew was the first load of supplies into Whitesburg, and it meant so much more to the community than I could even begin to describe. Families who had lost nearly everything showed up just after sunrise that morning to grab Blessing Buckets and other desperately needed materials. Within just a few

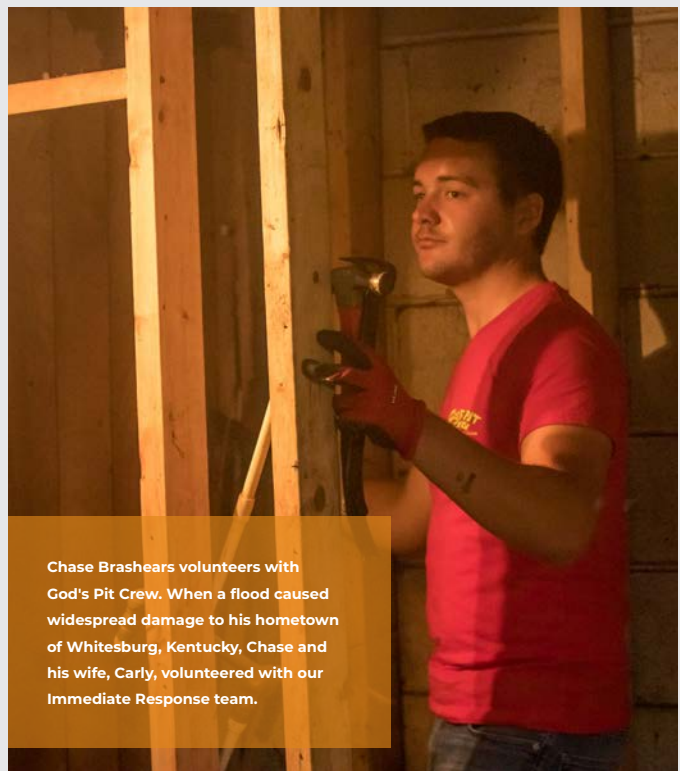
short hours, the supplies were depleted. The community could not get over that bright red tractor-trailer that came like a hero in the night into Eastern Kentucky. It was the first of many into the area.

Days later, a small group of God's Pit Crew volunteers came to personally hand out Blessing Buckets into some of the hardest hit areas. And then, a few days after that, fresh off flooding in nearby Grundy, VA, the immediate response team came to town with tons of manpower and machinery to help the people of my hometown – many of whom had no idea where to turn or what to do. For days, I watched and worked beside individuals from all walks of life who came to the area that I grew up in to help – and pray for – my people. From churches to houses, the people of Whitesburg, KY, watched as a group of Godly people in red shirts happily helped them through some of the worst days of their lives.

Reliving the experience brings chills and tears as I think back about this special group of God's Pit Crew volunteers who stopped their own lives in their tracks to come to Appalachia and help hundreds of complete strangers. God's Pit Crew did a lot during the flooding disaster but most importantly, they delivered hope, healing, and restoration to the area. And they still are. I will never be able to thank the team of staff and volunteers at God's Pit Crew enough for what they did. They were a true Godsend. *(More on pg. 10)*



GPC volunteer Tommy Beard works on a muck-out project in Whitesburg, Kentucky. On this project, Tommy helped with removing damaged paneling and insulation out of a mobile home that received extensive damage.



Chase Brashears volunteers with God's Pit Crew. When a flood caused widespread damage to his hometown of Whitesburg, Kentucky, Chase and his wife, Carly, volunteered with our Immediate Response team.



VOLUNTEER TESTIMONY

CARLY BRASHEARS

The impact God's Pit Crew makes is inexplicable other than to say it is simply outstanding. We were beyond blessed to have an organization, or better yet FRIENDS, to reach out to when we found ourselves in the midst of a natural disaster.

It was amazing to watch the God's Pit Crew hauler arrive in the wee-hours of the morning, delivering much needed supplies, but more than anything delivering hope. By this time, we had begun to see folks emerging from the devastation in tears and wondering how to go on and where to turn to for the next direction.



Carly Brashears and her husband, Chase, volunteered with God's Pit Crew during the Whitesburg, Kentucky, Flood Response

Eastern Kentucky for countless days, and still to this day they are seeing the impact God's Pit Crew had on helping them find their way back to high ground.

So many stories and moments impacted me during those trying times, but the one that continues to stay planted in the forefront of my mind is... While we helped muck out various residences, I just kept thinking "Wow, where do you start when trying to put this place back together." That house wasn't even mine, so I could only imagine that the owner had the exact same thought – only magnified – rolling through her mind.

However, she simply proclaimed, "God sent me these people to help, and now look how wonderful everything is!" This was said while all of her belongings were stacked on the porch, her house no longer had floors, and the walls had been extracted nearly five feet tall. That's God giving such peace in such a trying time. And that's God working through the many faces of God's Pit Crew. Kudos to the entire team.

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- CARLY BRASHEARS

Senior Director -Marketing & Administration, South Boston Speedway, & Member of God's Pit Crew President's Council

Well, God's Pit Crew was the first building block in what would be an extensive recovery process – and to see the impact that made on people was so inspiring! These people could not believe that an organization from nearly five hours away loved them enough to lend such helping hands.

This feeling of being loved continued on for the people of

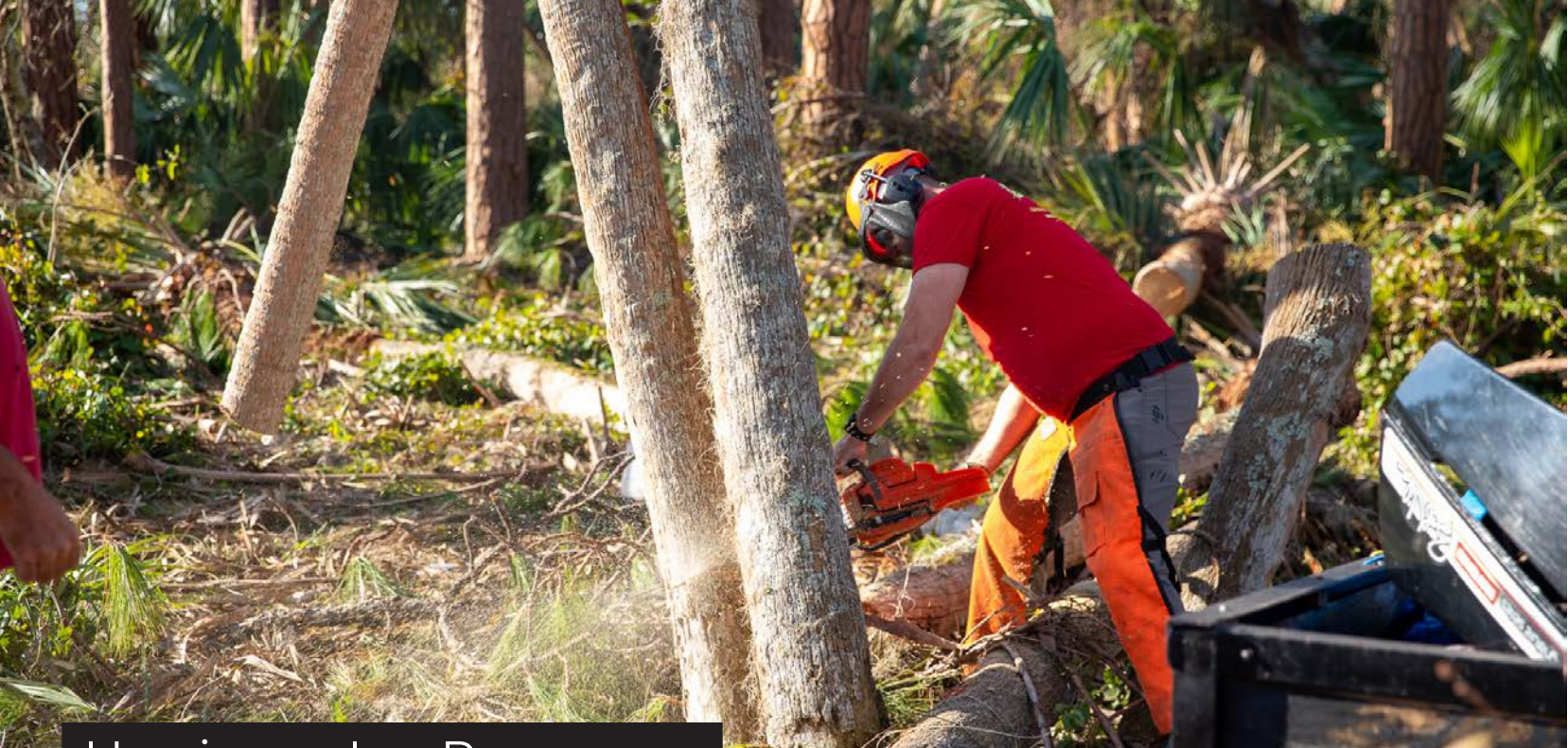
EASTERN KY FLOOD RESPONSE STATS

 **10,496** Hours Served

 **058** Volunteers

 **102** Homes Assessed

 **061** Major Projects Completed



Hurricane Ian Response

PORT CHARLOTTE, FLORIDA

The deployment to Southwest Florida is shaping up to be the largest and longest continuous deployment Immediate Response has made. Our immediate response team quickly extended the initially planned two-week deployment to an entire month because of the tremendous need.

Hurricane Ian struck the Southwest Florida coastline, with its densely packed and elderly population, as a Category 4 storm on September 28. The residents in this area are predominately retired transplants from the northeastern United States without family nearby to rely upon, causing them to depend even more heavily on outside sources of help, such as God's Pit Crew and other ministries.

As of November 16, 2022, God's Pit Crew identified and assessed 278 projects, with 203 jobs completed. In addition, more than 250 additional families have asked for help, either by email, phone calls, or just walking into the local headquarters here in Port Charlotte. Our teams also fielded referrals from other ministries for jobs beyond their capabilities, either from a lack of necessary equipment or personnel without the specific skillset needed.

Since the beginning of the deployment, 169 volunteers have signed in to work in Port Charlotte, with an average of 44 volunteers per day.



PORT CHARLOTTE, FL HURRICANE STATS:

 27,525 Hours Served

 169 Volunteers

 278 Major Projects Assessed

 203 Major Projects Completed



HURRICANE IAN TESTIMONY

“They’re not here just as a job. They’re here because they love to serve.”

Here is the testimony of Teresa, who shared a touching story about how God's Pit Crew helped her when she needed it the most.

Teresa said our Crew had been back to the house three times to complete the job. She's so happy they didn't move on to someone else and forget about her.

Through the shedding of tears, Teresa said,

"It means the world to me for God's Pit Crew's Crew to be here helping me. I lost my husband recently, and I had no one to turn to for help. I didn't know what I was going to do. I work from home and haven't been able to do so since Hurricane Ian because all of the trees have knocked out the internet. I had tree removal companies give me quotes on cutting my downed trees, and the cheapest was \$16,000. Since my husband's death, I am now surviving on one income, and I do not have the resources to pay for that.

Chris and his team have also helped my aging, disabled neighbors in the same situation as me. This brings me so much joy and comfort because I couldn't help them with their trees because I couldn't even help myself. God's Pit Crew's team has comforted me. I can't stop crying.

They mean the world and are a blessing, and I could never repay them. They are so kind, and their feelings are in their work. They're not here just as a job. They're here because they love to serve.

I haven't slept all night since the Hurricane because of all the worry about the dangerous trees down everywhere and inability to work for income. I slept all night for the first time since the storm after your team came to help me. My spirit was able to rest because they assured me they are here for me and taking care of all of this for me."



See this story in action! Scan the code to the right to watch a video on our Ian Response!



WATCH NOW

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We believe it will be one of the most rewarding things you will ever do!



CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM



JOIN THE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TEAM!

Our Immediate Response Team is always looking for skilled volunteers who have experience in a number of fields like:

Operating Chainsaws
Tarping Roofs
Moving Storm Debris
Mucking Out Homes
And so much more!

GPC also hosts training sessions throughout the year for those interested in learning more!

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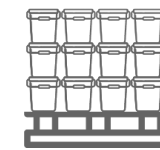
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BLESSING BUCKET DISTRIBUTION

Port Charlotte, Florida



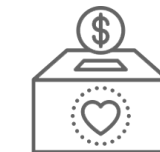
BLESSING BUCKET STATS



09 Major Blessing Bucket Assembly
Events at GPC Home Base



10 Mobile Blessing Bucket Assembly
Events Held in Five Different States



39 Be the Blessing Sunday
Fundraisers Held by Churches



30,129
Blessing Buckets Distributed

A Blessing Bucket is a five-gallon bucket filled with essential items that are used by individuals every day. When received, these buckets help to enrich lives and become a small token of God's love to a person in a time of crisis. In 2022, God's Pit Crew broke records by assembling and distributing over 30,129 Blessing Buckets!

BUCKETS BY THE NUMBERS:



ONE BUCKET =
\$35



ONE PALLET =
(48 BUCKETS)
\$1,680



ONE TRACTOR-TRAILER =
(1,152 BUCKETS)
\$40,320

WHAT'S INSIDE A BLESSING BUCKET?



SHAMPOO
(15-16 oz)

BOTTLED WATER
(3 PER BUCKET)

DEVOTIONAL BOOK

HAND
SANITIZER

FIRST-AID
KIT

READY-TO-EAT
FOOD

PAPER
TOWELS



LEARN MORE

DEODORANT

BAR SOAP



TOILET
PAPER

FEMINE PRODUCTS
(3 PER BUCKET)

FULL-SIZE
TOOTHPASTE

NOTES OF
ENCOURAGEMENT

TISSUES

FLASHLIGHT &
BATTERIES

TOOTH BRUSH

RAZORS

DISPOSABLE
WIPES

BIBLE

TRASH
BAG

COMB

FULL-SIZE, THIN
BATH TOWEL

WASH
CLOTHS



Blessing Bucket Assemblies TAKE TO THE ROAD

JOYCE MEYER MINISTRIES/HAND OF HOPE EVENT
Fenton, Missouri

FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE BROUGHT TO COMMUNITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY

We have always felt the joyous Spirit of assembling Blessing Buckets at the God's Pit Crew distribution center. What about the others across the country that want to experience the same Blessing of giving hope to others? Hundreds of volunteers come annually to provide hope through these life-sustaining buckets. Last year, in 2021, we kicked off a new program, our Blessing Bucket Mobile Events, and put it into full swing in 2022. Our volunteer event team has traveled as far as Texas and Missouri to hold 15 mobile events; over 15,000 more Blessing Buckets are made available for disaster response.



Dave and Joyce Meyer assemble Blessing Buckets at the event hosted at JMM's headquarters.

mobile event to their community, a spark of excitement to help people will ignite into serving more. That is our hope and vision for this program as well! Because it truly is more Blessed to give than to re-

ceive (Acts 20:35).

Holding mobile events has also strengthened partnerships. We are forever grateful to Joyce Meyer Ministries Hand of Hope for graciously sponsoring six mobile events in 2022. Their collaboration allowed us to come to six communities that otherwise did not have

the means to sponsor an event and provide over 6,000 more people affected by natural disasters with a Blessing Bucket. By holding mobile events with some of our trusted ministry partners, we could stage buckets so that Blessing Bucket could be delivered quickly when a disaster hit. For example, before Hurricane Ian came on shore, we already had ministry partners such as Convoy of Hope and Church of the Highlands ready to deploy with Blessing Buckets.

If you are interested in bringing a Blessing Bucket mobile event to your community, check us out at www.godspitcrew.org/be-the-blessing-packing-events for more information. OR do you want to travel as a volunteer with the team? Great! Email your request to blessingbuckets@godspitcrew.org.



MOORE'S ELECTRIC EVENT
Altavista, Virginia



FAITH FAMILY CHURCH EVENT
Baytown, Texas



CONVOY OF HOPE EVENT
Springfield, Missouri

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CHURCH OF THE HIGHLANDS EVENT
Birmingham, Alabama



NORTHERN VA ASSEMBLY EVENT
Fredericksburg, Virginia



BRUNSWICK CO. BAPTIST ASSO. EVENT
Ash, North Carolina



Blessing Bucket
HOMEFRONT HEROES



**THANK YOU
HOMEFRONT HEROES!**



When we talk about thousands of Blessing Buckets being delivered, the focus IS and always SHOULD be on the person receiving the Blessing Bucket. Still, a silent, unsung group of volunteers goes to every disaster in the form of a Blessing Bucket. These home front heroes are the hundreds of volunteers who faithfully come to the God's Pit Crew distribution center in Danville, Virginia, to prepare the products and assemble the Blessing Buckets. They are the ones that make it possible to place that hope-giving bucket into the hands of someone in need.



Volunteers spend hours bagging soap, rolling washcloths, and so much more so that the assembly line or mobile event products are ready to go. During our Hurricane Ian response, this small army came in early, left late, and gave extra volunteer hours to make it possible for God's Pit Crew to respond in the record-breaking way they did. Because of our volunteers' dedication to serving the needs of the hurting, we sent out over 10,000 Blessing Buckets in just over a week! There is NO WAY we could fulfill the mission God gave us without our precious volunteers!

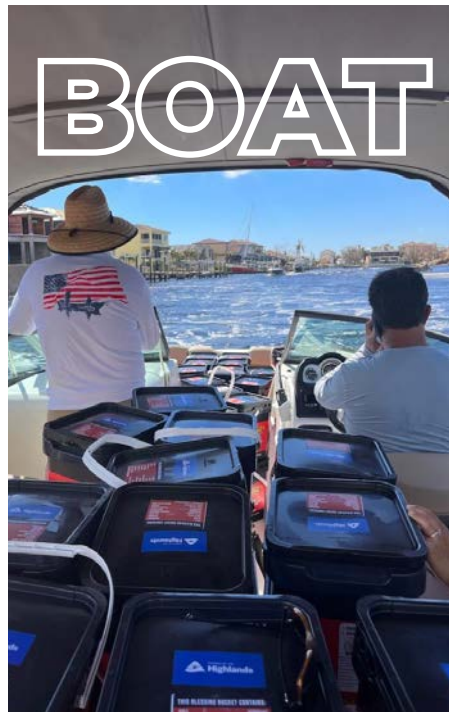


THE MANY WAYS TO DELIVER A BLESSING BUCKET

When disaster strikes, God's Pit Crew will do whatever it takes to make sure essential relief supplies are provided to victims of natural disasters!



God's Pit Crew often reports on the truckloads of Blessing Buckets and supplies distributed to disaster areas. But what happens once they reach their destination? Distribution sites are set up to hand out the much-needed buckets and relief supplies. People often line up for miles waiting for their turn to receive the items. However, when a catastrophic storm hits, many people are cut off. They are stranded in their neighborhoods, unable to get out because of the heavy debris that covers the



roads. Some are stuck on islands because of heavily damaged bridges, or some have had their vehicles (along with everything else) washed away by a flood. So many are left with only their feet (sometimes bare feet) as their only source of transportation. So, how are they reached?

In times like these, the heart of volunteers to reach everyone really shines. Creativity and determination create something beautiful. Blessing Buckets being loaded on boats to take out to people



helplessly cut off on an island. A bicycle handlebar loaded with Blessing Buckets meandering its way into a debris-covered area. Or volunteers loaded up and walking into places where devastating flood waters shut in victims. It's using a plane to transport Blessing Bucket quickly to a desperate area. It's the face of God to the hurting ones as they watch the arrival of hope.

It's all for people like the families who lost everything during Hurricane Ian.



TESTIMONY

"After three weeks, most homeowners were still without power. We went throughout the park distributing them and came across a single mother of three who had lost everything. When she saw the bucket, she quickly opened it on the spot and grabbed the flashlight and began to cry as she had no batteries nor a flashlight in the house. She then held up the Bible and said God has truly seen us in our time of need."

"We were distributing product to a local community when we came across a single father with three kids. The dad was overwhelmed with his destroyed home, and they were living in their vehicle.

As they were waiting on their supplies, I had the opportunity to pray with him and ask him what he needed. He said he needed to find hope as he was without any.

We prayed with them and

gave him the Blessing Bucket, and his response when he was leaving was that he had found hope again, and they were going to make it!"

"We were in the process of doing drive-thru distribution of Blessing Buckets and supplies when a lady with her two girls ran out of gas in the line. She was frustrated and embarrassed because she knew the gas lines were six to eight hours at that point and she was also afraid because the kids hadn't eaten anything. We gave her a bucket and the whole situation began to change. The kids were so excited about the snacks, and the mom was in need of the first aid kit from a cut she had got that morning. We blessed her with fuel for her car and prayed with her family as she wept happy tears. A Blessing Bucket changed everything!"

PASTOR MATT ATKINS
Street Corner Missions, Florida



HOME REBUILD
Bremen, Kentucky

RECORD-BREAKING YEAR FOR REBUILD PROJECTS



05

Brand new homes built by GPC volunteers for families who lost everything in a devastating tornado



02

Brand new mobile homes provided for



01

Home rebuilt for victim of Hurricane Ian in Florida

Since 1999, God's Pit Crew has been able to build, renovate or provide **58** homes, **eight** churches, **four** christian radio stations and **three** schools, to individuals who are in need. We have impacted countless families; bringing love and rebuilding hope in a time where they have none, by doing all work at no cost. It brings our volunteer team tremendous joy to provide such a blessing to these people.

REBUILD PROJECT

TWO HOMES FOR TWO FAMILIES IN THREE WEEKS

In December, families, and communities are busy preparing for the Christmas season by purchasing those last-minute presents and cleaning the house for Holiday gatherings. Church members are busy preparing for the yearly Christmas pageants and celebrating Jesus's birth with their community.

In December 2022, residents of several small Kentucky towns were unprepared for a devastating, violent, long-tracking tornado.

This is the story of two families who experienced devastating losses and how God's Pit Crew brought hope, healing, and restoration by providing them with brand-new homes.

Hardin Family

Bremen, Kentucky

On December 10, the Hardin family started their day off like any regular day. Jon, Autumn, and their two kids had no idea that their lives would change forever by the end of that evening.

The Hardins had been in town earlier in the evening, having dinner as a family after the workday ended.

"All the sirens started going off, and everyone's phone went off. We were trying to decide what to do," said Autumn.

The family headed home to watch the storm to see if they needed shelter.

"My husband was watching the storm from the porch. He wanted to go somewhere, but I was tired from working all day and just wanted to stay home. We decided to go to our



Church for a little bit because my husband felt safer at the Church."

The Hardins went to their Church but decided to head back home once the storm had appeared to die down a little. However, the storm was far from being over.

"We hadn't been home very long. My little boy had fallen asleep in our bed, and then the power goes out," said Autumn.

"My mom and sister were in our group chat chatting about how we just lost power, and they were saying they heard a tornado had touched down in a certain place. My husband came in from the porch and said 'we need to get in the closet. And I mean NOW.'"

Autumn, her husband Jon, and their two children got in the closet. Jon



shut the door, and they were all in a huddle. Within seconds, the tornado hit their home.

Autumn shared the terrifying moment when the tornado picked up her and her family.

"We started to feel our house moving, and we started praying. I could feel we were being blown out. Something hit me in the head, and then I'm guessing I was thrown down face-first on the ground because I was eating dirt. I don't know how long I was in the air being blown about whenever we did land, my daughter was on one side of me, and my son was on the other. I was able to hold their hands to keep them calm and talking. It was so cold it would not quit raining.

Autumn and her children lay on the ground for at least 15 to 20 minutes before help arrived. However, Autumn did not know where Jon was.

"I never saw my husband, but I could hear him," said Autumn.

Autumn's husband, Jon, was just one of the 11 people that lost their life in Bremen that night. Autumn



had severe injuries, and their children had minor injuries. Autumn had several broken bones, fractures, and internal injuries. These injuries required her to have several surgeries. She was in the hospital for 17 days after the tornado.

"I was on a ventilator for three days, and my family talked about how they were scared; they didn't know if I would survive or what would happen. Thankfully the Lord spared me, so my kids have at least me, and I was able to survive, so I have them," said Autumn,

"There are days that are hard to face without my husband, but knowing I have my children, gives me the strength that I need to face them. 13 years with my husband wasn't enough, but I'm sure if I had 25 with him, I probably still stay the same."

After meeting Autumn and hearing her story, God's Pit Crew committed to building Autumn and her two children a brand new home.

"To say thank you did not feel like enough. God's Pit Crew heard my story and that they felt led to build me a house is a great blessing for my children. To know that they have somewhere they will be able to feel safe and have somewhere to go, somewhere that I can raise my kids, somewhere that I can feel safe raising them and that it will be all mine," said Autumn.

On May 27, Autumn and her children received the keys to their brand-new home.

"There are no words that can ever describe what it feels, what it means, and how much we appreciate it," said Autumn.

"I could say thank you every day and I don't know that it will be enough... don't ever let somebody tell you that's not worth it, because it is! To those who have given, thank you very much for letting God use you, and for the volunteers who give their time for helping we all appreciate it very much."



Lisa and Jeff Vanover walk with Terri Johnson through their framed house.

GPC volunteers frame all of our newly built houses in our Distribution Center, and they are loaded onto trucks and assembled on the jobsite.



"I spoke with him once then tried to call back and couldn't get through for at least 40 minutes. When I finally did get through he told me we've lost our home. I saw single-wide trailers that were fine, and I just couldn't fathom the house being gone since it was in the ground," said Lisa.

With downed trees and emergency vehicles on the roads, Lisa parked her car in someone's driveway, and she and Jeff started walking through the wooded area to meet up with each other.



"When we finally did make it back to the house at about 4:00 a.m., I just couldn't believe our house was gone."

God's Pit Crew began searching for families to help after the storm, and after hearing Jeff and Lisa's story, GPC Founders Randy and Terri Johnson chose the Vanover's to receive a brand new home built by GPC volunteers.

"I got the call for the interview, and I thought well it is somebody wanting to help...I didn't know what it was going to be but I didn't know it was going to be this," said Jeff.

"Nobody does that. Nobody builds you a home. I visualized it, I even told my girlfriend I said 'I'm gonna have to go get me some new pajamas, because I'm gonna feel like a little Queen when I walk in there,'" said Lisa.

In May, a team of God's Pit Crew volunteers returned to Kentucky to rebuild not one but two homes simultaneously. God's Pit Crew built the Vanover's house from the ground up in just three weeks!



Vanover Family

Central City, Kentucky

Finding out that a tornado has destroyed everything you have built and worked for your entire life in seconds is something that no family should experience. For Jeff and Lisa Vanover of Central City, Kentucky, it became their reality on the evening of December 10, 2021.

Jeff, a retired masonry/construction worker, and Lisa, a custodian at the local school, have been married for over 40 years and built the home they shared.

On the day the storm hit, there had already been two smaller storms that hit Central City and destroyed a local lumber company.

"I had a cousin call me and asked if he could stay at my house because usually, that is where we would all gather because it was partially underground," said Jeff.

While the cousin went to Jeff and Lisa's home, Jeff stayed with his mom, who was homebound and did not leave her home. "Any other time I would have carried her

out, but for some reason, I just gave in and said 'Mama, we'll ride the storm out here.' And we did."

"It was a monster. It growled, and vibrated from inside the house," said Jeff. The storm shook Jeff's mom's house and did minor cosmetic damage, but that was it.

After the storm passed, Jeff went out with his flashlight and headed toward his house.

"I saw my cousin and thought he was out looking for damage, but he was actually trying to get out of the wreckage."

Jeff's cousin was in the back room, got into a small spot, and took cover there as the storm hit and destroyed Jeff and Lisa's home. Thankfully, he was not injured at all.

"I asked him what did I lose? He said 'Everything's gone.' At that point, mom was good, so I tried to call Lisa and get a hold of her," Jeff said.

Lisa was trying to make her way home when the tornado hit but couldn't get through.

Have you read the story?

Watch the video on this project by scanning the code below!



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NEW HOME - PEMBROKE, GEORGIA

MOBILE HOME PROVIDED FOR FAMILY WHO SURVIVED TORNADO

Nolan, Terri Driggers, and their two little girls were at their home in Ellabell, near Pembroke, Georgia, when the devastating EF-4 tornado hit. The twister rolled their mobile home with the family still inside. The tornado destroyed the family's mobile home and personal belongings, but they survived without significant injuries.

"The day it hit, from the time our mobile home stopped rolling, I was just thankful to be alive. Once it picked up in the air and I felt it flipping, I thought we were all gone. I didn't realize everything was as bad as it was until we crawled out of the window," said Nolan Driggers.



God's Pit Crew felt led by the Lord to provide the Driggers with a brand-new, three-bedroom, two-bath mobile home, similar to their home destroyed by the tornado. When the Driggers found out they would be receiving a brand new mobile home free of charge, Nolan and Terri

were overcome with an overwhelming feeling of relief that they would have a home for their family.

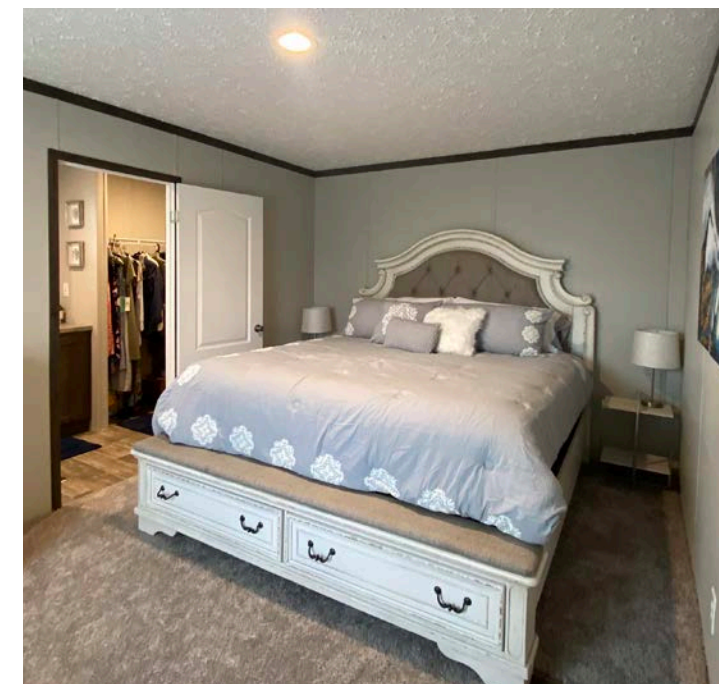
"I didn't have a clue what we were going to do. I didn't know what my next steps were going to be," said Nolan.

Our Immediate Response Coordinator, Chris Chiles, led a small team of volunteers to build the front porch and rear deck and complete all the landscaping.

On June 25, 2022, the Driggers family was given the keys to their new, fully-furnished, decorated mobile home.

"I knew it was going to look good, but I never expected it to be like this," said Nolan.

"There's people who had their hands in this that I don't even know about. Thank you God's Pit Crew and absolutely everyone. Y'all are a huge blessing."





THREE HOMES FOR THREE FAMILIES IN THREE WEEKS

God's Pit Crew Takes On Biggest Rebuild Project to Date

Imagine everything you've worked for your entire life gone in seconds. You are clinging to your loved ones, afraid of the worst. For three families, this nightmare was their reality.

"I've seen a lot of different tornados, I've seen a lot of devastation, but nothing like the tornado that went through Mayfield, Kentucky," said Brandon Nuckles, chief operating officer for God's Pit Crew.

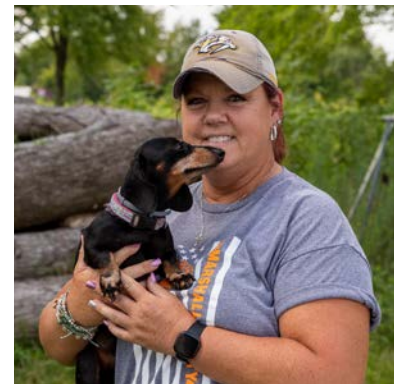
During the same December 2021 tornado outbreak that destroyed the Hardin and Vanover family homes, three more towns were heavily damaged or destroyed by tornadoes.

After interviewing multiple families, our founders knew we had to help more families that lost everything.

God's Pit Crew made a promise of faith and committed to taking on its most significant building project to date - three home builds simultaneously in three different cities and two states. Our Rebuild teams took on the challenge, and in just three weeks in August, three deserving families got the keys to their brand-new homes.



Cathy Gallimore
Dresden, Tennessee



Shari Howard
Benton, Kentucky



Bullock Family
Dawson Springs, Kentucky



CATHY GALLIMORE



Cathy has worked in the restaurant field since she launched her first restaurant when she was 17. "I was fortunate enough that I love it. I enjoy the camaraderie between the customers every day.

Like so many people across our nation, the COVID-19 pandemic affected Cathy.

"During COVID, the restaurant shut down. In that process, I couldn't keep insurance up on the house. I knew I would lose the house if I fell behind on payments, said Cathy Gallimore.

On one Friday night, Cathy was scheduled to work the entire weekend at the restaurant.

"I had made enough Friday night, that when I left there at 10:30 I told the girls, I was so excited, I made it, I made enough money tonight I will be able to go Monday morning and get the insurance back on my house. I was so excited," said Cathy.

"I guess God had other plans, because when I left there, the sirens were going off as I was headed home."

Cathy's house had severe damage from the tornado.

"Of course it didn't fare well, nor did the furniture. It all caved in and came down and broke."



Cathy fell in love with her original 112-year-old home because of historical features like the front door and the wraparound porch. The tornado destroyed almost everything in the original house. However, God's Pit Crew was able to salvage the original front door and restore it. The original front door is now the door to the laundry room.

It is an important detail and was the first thing Cathy commented on as she entered her new home.

"After the tornado, they were able to salvage the door. It was in pieces down at the bottom, they gathered it all up and took it off and had it restored and was able to put it incorporated into this home. What's wonderful about that is they faced the door to where it is located at what was the front of the old house was. I intend now I do is God had a hand in all of it as beautifully restored it and it's beautiful," said Cathy.

After months of having no home, Cathy is grateful to have a place to call home again.

"I went from being homeless, and now these people helped to get me home and get my life back to me. I look at this up on the hill and think, this is my home. People are standing around here who did this for me; they work diligently for this. It's very humbling to feel very blessed. This house is so much more than I ever expected, and it's gorgeous.

When asked what she would do now that she had her new home, Cathy reflected on returning to her neighborhood.

"I'm glad to be home I'm glad to be back sitting here in this chair, when I look out the window I see the same neighbors in the same yards, in the same cars driving by. It just feels amazing to be home. I'm going to enjoy the rest of my life here. I'm just going to enjoy every moment that God gives me to enjoy this house and lemonade with my neighbors and sweet tea on the front porch, sitting on the porch swing and enjoying it."



SHARI HOWARD

Shari Howard's day-to-day begins at 4:00 a.m.

"I get up, get ready, go drive my bus. I stay home just to raise my kids, so bus driving was my job," said Shari.

Shari heard the weather predictions on the day of the storm, but I took the weather with a grain of salt.

"You know its 85 degrees in December, a storm is coming."

Shari went through her day like normal. Then she went

to a friend's house to watch tv.

"We were sitting there watching tv and then heard a knock on the door. It was my son standing

"...I WAS LIKE, WHAT DO YOU MEAN MY HOUSE? AND HE SAID 'MOM, IT'S PRETTY MUCH DESTROYED.'"

there. He asked me, 'Well, mom did you hear about your house?' and it took me back, and I was like, what do you mean my house? And he said, 'mom, it's pretty much destroyed.'

Shari's home and the property were destroyed and had large tree branches down everywhere.

"My friends keep telling me, well at least you weren't there because if you

were, you would have probably gotten killed out there trying to rescue your animals," said Shari.

"It is truly gut wrenching to lose everything that



you have worked so long and hard for. But, with the Grace of God...' I'm still here to live another day! "

Like almost every family that finds out they will be the recipient of a new home, Shari was overwhelmed with emotions, disbelief, excitement, and relief.

"It was really disbelief at first, because I never, ever have good things happen to me! But, when they reassured me it was true, I was totally overwhelmed and so thankful," said Shari.

God's Pit Crew promised that Shari would receive a brand new home free of charge.

"There were people that wanted to help me put my life back to some sort of normal."

When the day arrived, Shari had so many emotions as she saw her home for the first time.

"I was grateful and humbled by the outpouring of LOVE from total strangers, who worked so hard, in 100-plus degree weather, so that I

could have a place to call 'HOME.'

Each home is decorated by Terri Johnson, GPC co-founder, and president, to match the personality and styles of each recipient.

I noticed and loved the attention to detail. Terri brought all of my ideas of a HOME together to make one gorgeous place where I can lay my head again and start the next chapter of my life," said Shari.

"Thank you will never be enough for what everyone has done for me! I would like to say thank you, from the bottom of my heart, to all the volunteers that worked so hard, in the August heat, to make this house something special! To the donors and supporters of God's Pit Crew, God bless you all! You really have no idea how it makes a person feel, when they turn around and see a home, where rubble once stood! It gives us a sense of security again and hope and faith to move forward, day by day, knowing that each day will get a little better! Thank you all! God bless."



DAY ONE



DAY FOUR



DAY NINE



REVEAL DAY



REVEAL DAY



BULLOCK FAMILY

"I got up that morning and the sky was different than I'd ever seen it," said Barry Bullock.

"One little corner kept us safe. We truly had God's hands above us that night."

The Bullock family was preparing for the holidays and decorating when the storm hit.

"Me and Stevie played some songs...you know everything was in good shape. We had the house all decorated up, and wasn't expecting - a one in a million odds that the thing will go through you," said Barry Bullock.

Barry, Chris, and their son, Stevie, were at home when the storm hit. Like everyone in the area, they took cover in the corner of their basement.

"I don't think we could have been anywhere else and survived," said Barry.

The tornado destroyed the Bullock's home, including most of the basement where the family was taking shelter.



After the storm, everybody was in shock. The Bullocks had a neighbor who lived about 75 yards away that didn't survive the storm. His body was found in the Bullock's yard.

"To walk out of there out of all that was a total blessing."

Another shock came a few weeks later when Barry, Chris, and Steve discovered that God's Pit Crew would build them a brand new home on their property where their old

house used to stand.

"I think the main thought was disbelief. Disbelief, thankfulness, and "why us?" said Chris.

"Until it was actually done I couldn't believe it was going to happen, until I saw it," said Barry.

On August 26, 2022, Barry, Chris, and their children



gathered together to receive the keys to their brand-new home and see it for the first time.

"It was really overwhelming. Of course the house is built where the other one was so we have a huge attachment to this property. When we turned around it was like a relief, we felt like we were home," said Chris.

"It was real, we could actually touch it. It was amazing, walking through it for the first time...It only took a few hours that day to feel completely like home," said Barry.

For the Bullocks, moving into their new home has brought peace and relief to their entire family.

"Going through a disaster leaves a person in a state where they have certain triggers, are uneasy or have high anxiety. When we walked in this house, so much of those feelings just left," said Chris.

Stevie, Barry, and Chris's youngest son struggled greatly after the tornado. He, too, is feeling that relief.

"I haven't had one bad dream or anything since we moved

into the house, I'm just now realizing that," said Stevie.

When reflecting on the experience of losing everything they owned and now receiving a brand new home, the feeling of gratitude is what the Bullock family feels.

"I don't think the words exist for the gratitude we feel for every person. Barry says almost daily these people put their time, effort, thought, labor, everything. We just hope they are blessed beyond measure. We've tried to thank people. Any time we try to thank someone for the house, they won't accept the thank you. They say we are thankful that we can do this, and they say it's God," said Chris.

"I get up every morning and think this place is amazing," said Barry.

It's something we will think about every single day for the rest of our lives. We will think about the tragedy and this amazing gift and blessings we've been given."

BECOME A GOD'S PIT CREW VOLUNTEER TODAY!

When you volunteer with God's Pit Crew, you are helping to transform the lives of people who are in need. Visit our website at godspitcrew.org/volunteer or scan the QR code to fill out a volunteer application.

We believe it will be one of the most rewarding things you will ever do!



JOIN THE REBUILDING TEAM!

Our Rebuild Team is always looking for skilled volunteers who have experience in a number of fields like:

- Framing**
- Electrical**
- Plumbing**
- HVAC**
- Flooring**
- Drywall**
- And so much more!**

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REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION Danville, Virginia

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION STATS

 **027** Regional Distributions

 **040+** Agencies Served Monthly

 **16,500** People Served Monthly*

 **3.45 Million** Pounds of Relief Supplies Distributed

 **198,072** People in Our Region Helped Annually Through our Product Recipient Agencies*

**These numbers are based on an estimate from each 2022 Product Recipient Application*

God's Pit Crew has a Regional Distribution Program that serves churches, agencies, and nonprofits in our area. Every other week, registered Product Recipients come to our Distribution Center on North Main Street to pick up pallets of food, drinks, and other products. These agencies then distribute the product they receive from God's Pit Crew to people who need assistance in our community and region!

RECIPIENT TESTIMONIES



Helping the COMMUNITY

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM



One of our product recipients, Mr. Tim and Mr. Harry from Redemption Point Church in Mayodan, NC, shared this at a recent Distribution Pick-Up:

"It's for the homeless people, and we work with the community... we work with another church in our community in Mayodan, North Carolina and in Madison, North Carolina." -Mr. Tim

"And what we get here, we go give it away, as soon as we get it back, what we get today, we will sort it out, and start making plans to donate it to the community... but I am just blown away by the generosity I see here from this organization (God's Pit Crew)." -Mr. Harry



JOSHUA MOVEMENT CHURCH MINISTRY

Danville, Virginia

Joshua Movement Church Ministry, under the leadership of God and Pastors Felisa & Jackie King,

has been giving away free food to help the church and the community on North Main Street, Danville, Virginia. We have awesome volunteers, and people always tell us how much they appreciate the food products, drinks, and other household supplies. We also pray, give the word, and encourage our community when they come to pick up their items. At JMCM we love to bless others, and it's a blessing for us to have food etc., to give! We actually had a man join our church that we met at our Food drive!! God is Great!!

CELEBRATION CHURCH

Raleigh, North Carolina

We value you, your organization and the mission you faithfully walk in resourcing organizations and families! You have been such a blessing to us in providing drinks and mixed pallets.

Our food distributions are a little different from others as we do a drive through food pantry and we receive food items from 10 different vendors and combine the items we receive into organized bags for the families.

Here is a response from



one of the families we assisted twice in October:

"Thank you so much" she said. "We currently have 9 people in our home and right now we have nothing to eat." "All of my siblings are living with me right now." "You are such a blessing to us." "Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!"

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH

Danville, Virginia

We had two children that their family was in need of food. Jobs had been lost and because of God's Pit Crew, we were able to give them plenty of food.

A lady in our church was in need of food and we were able to supply all she needed.

People call us quite a bit in need of food and we can supply them because of God's Pit Crew.

We have used Band-Aids for our Academy and our Daycare. At one time we received first-aid kits which were put to good use.

We have been able to help so many of the people in our church and also in our community its to many to count or to mention. Abundant Life Church is ever so grateful to God's Pit Crew. We thank you and speak for all the people we have have helped because of you.

For more information on our Regional Distribution Program, please visit godspitcrew.org or call our main office at 434-836-4472!

YOUR SUPPORT KEEPS HOPE MOVING FORWARD!

For over two decades, you have given life-changing gifts that have helped restore hope to the broken.

The countless lives that you have touched with your generosity is unimaginable. Your faithful commitment to enriching the lives of others never ceases to amaze us. God's Pit Crew is honored to be the hands and feet of extending hope, healing, and restoration to hurting people, but you are the reason that we can do what we do and we definitely couldn't do it without you. I would be honored to schedule a time for you to visit and tour God's Pit Crew's headquarters so that you can see the incredible difference that you are making.

May God bless you,
Rhonda Zola, VP of Advancement Operations



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FUNDRAISING	06%
ADMINISTRATIVE	02%

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- Credit Card donations can be securely processed by visiting www.godspitcrew.org/donate
- **Donate by using your phone to scan the QR code to the right!**
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- Planned estate giving to be designated to God's Pit Crew
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