

On behalf of President Stacey Sanders and Disaster Relief Chair Jimmie Ann Campbell, we are writing regarding the devastating storms in east Alabama. As we have all seen through news reports, the Beauregard community south of Auburn and Smith's Station community east of Phenix City were impacted the most. Many lives were lost, homes wiped away and entire communities and families affected by this tragedy.

Leadership from the Lee County and East Alabama (Phenix City) Associations are working together to coordinate recovery in their community. Both have been in constant contact with the local Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, and aid workers on the ground managing the recovery process. At this time, we understand they may not need physical supplies as much as they will need financial resources to help the relief effort locally and to assist in providing temporary housing to those affected and aid workers helping with the recovery. Some of the most severely impacted areas are still inaccessible.

The Alabama REALTORS® Disaster Relief Fund has approved two direct contributions to the Lee County Board of REALTORS® and East Alabama Board of REALTORS® in the amount of \$5,000 to go towards their outreach efforts in assisting their communities. The Claims Fund has also been opened for homeowners in East Alabama affected by the storm. As many as 300 families have been displaced. The Disaster Relief Fund will remain in communication with both boards to continue to support their efforts on the ground. The recovery effort will last a long time.

NAR and neighboring states have reached out to offer their assistance and prayers. Several have made financial contributions. Many of our boards in Alabama have already raised funds locally to go towards the relief effort and others have asked how they can contribute. Financial contributions can be made directly to the Alabama Disaster Relief Fund by mail, electronically, or bring in person to Capitol Conference next week. More information can be found [here](#). Financial support raised will go towards the relief effort in east Alabama.

Please keep those affected by these storms in your prayers. Our members in east Alabama are doing everything they can to make a difference in the recovery effort and help those in need. Thank you for what you do.