

Helping Those in need as a result of Sevier County Fires, Updated December 10, 2016

Monetary donations are our personal preference unless you know specific items needed directly through #1 & #2 below:

Do not give cash or other things unless you know that it is being managed/applied effectively & directly as you intended. Our current personal preferences in order of priority are:

- 1) If you know someone personally who lost their home either owned or rented, job or business, ask them what they need today & help/support them. Each days needs are different, changing.
- 2) Your Sevier County Church or your church directly connected to a Sevier County Church working directly to support people that you personally know have been hurt with home, business, job losses or folks you know are serving these people, as a result of the fires.

We are trusting these three organizations will be working together to coordinate distributions:

3) Monetary donation: DollywoodFoundation.org, Dolly Parton – My People Fund, through Facebook or Web site accounts or mail Check to The Dollywood Foundation, My People Fund, 111 Dollywood Lane, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863

4) Monetary Donation: “Sevier County Fire Relief Fund” at any Citizens National Bank Branch or Mail Check to City of Pigeon Forge, 3221 Rena Street, Pigeon Forge, TN, 37863.

5) Monetary Donation: “Gatlinburg Relief Fund”, at any SmartBank Branch, at web site www.smartbank.com, mail check to P.O.Box 1910, Pigeon Forge, TN 37868-1910.

6) Smoky Mountain Area Rescue Ministries (SMARM) established long term effective agency.

Storefront: Treasures From The Heart, 130 Court Ave., Sevierville, TN 37862. **(865) 908-8441**

They need volunteers to help sort, organize all the donated clothing, items brought to them.

Mon-Fri office, Storefront Mon-Sat. Call to determine best time/way for you to help.

Monetary and/or your time best ways to help.

7) Sevier County Food Ministries, established long term effective agency. 890 Old Knoxville Hwy, Sevierville, TN 37862. Mon, Thurs 10-4 Tues 12-4 Fri 2-6 (865) 428-5182

8) The Salvation Army. Sevierville Office 806 W.Main St, Sevierville, (865) 908-4010, Store Front: 127 Bruce St, Sevierville, TN 37862 (865) 428-6723. Monetary donations to P.O. Box 6747, Sevierville, TN 37864. Designate Sevier County Fire Relief.

There are others not listed that are addressing specific issues and we will learn more about. We only suggest we all know firsthand the need to eliminate as much waste, fraud and abuse as possible so real needs are fulfilled.

There is a Sevier County web site www.mountaintough.org where folks that need help can go, with a lot of current information, especially up to date information on where to call **if you want to volunteer to help** beyond the organizations already mentioned above. There is work to be done. There will be duplications with our list for monetary donations on their site, the above is simply our personal view at this time.

Also the Sevierville Chamber of Commerce, the four Hospitality Associations (Sevierville, Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg & Sevier County) in Sevier County, businesses and other agencies are actively involved and the magnitude of the effort and number of volunteers are all gigantic. We are surely blessed. Again this is a dynamic situation as needs change every day.

You are welcome to call with questions

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