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Paducah, KY- IMPORTANT INFORMATION for 2011 FLOOD VICTIMS

A Long Term Recovery Committee has been formed to aide local flood victims that are in need of assistance. The Committee is being spearheaded by the United Way of Paducah-McCracken County. The Committee includes members from United Way of Paducah-McCracken County, USEC, Paducah Cooperative Ministry, Lone Oak First Baptist Church, the Community Foundation of West Kentucky and West Union Baptist Association. Many other area organizations and churches are also involved in this effort.

The mission of the Committee is to work to address the needs of residents of Western Kentucky in response to the 2011 Flood Disaster. They will strive to provide coordinated management of the long-term recovery to the disaster by sharing information, simplifying resident access to services, and jointly resolving cases with disaster-caused recovery needs. They will provide additional long-term assistance to individuals affected by the disaster who do not have adequate personal resources for basic needs as a result of the disaster.

The first step in the long-term recovery process will be to gather information from individuals and families in need. A local phone number has been set up at the United Way office where volunteers will be taking information from those affected. The Flood Relief Hotline number is 270-538-9000. The phone line will be open and accepting calls from 8am-8pm on Thursday, May 19 and from 8am-8pm on Friday, May 20. They will also be taking calls Saturday, May 21- Wednesday, May 25 from 9am-5pm. Any individual or family that has flood related needs should call this number.

If you are interested in volunteering with Flood Relief in any capacity, please call the Flood Relief Hotline 270-538-9000.

The Committee is also urging affected residents to document all loss before any cleanup or repairs are made. Take pictures of damage and make lists of lost items.

*For Flood Victims of McCracken County only: If you have debris from the flood, place it in your front yard, at the curb and the County will pick it up. Do not restrict drainage ditches or roads.

*For Flood Victims of Livingston County only: The Ohio River Baptist Association is mobilized and taking applications. If you are a Flood Victim in Livingston and in need of assistance, please contact Mr. Rodney Crude, (270) 988-2204.

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