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DANI – Disaster Assistance for Northwest Indiana

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DANI/CRWRC Needs Assessment
Monday, May 12 – Thursday, May 23; Monticello, Indiana

The Green Shirts are Coming!

The flooding of January 8, 2008, will forever be etched in the minds of many people near the waterways in this area. It's now three months later, rescue and immediate relief have passed. Beginning May 12, volunteers from the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee Disaster Response program will be in the area to find unmet needs, going door-to-door in flood-damaged communities to perform a community needs assessment.

People along the Tippecanoe River south of Monticello experienced unprecedented flooding this winter. In addition, many other people in areas that you would never expect to see flooded awoke to wet floors and floating furniture. Things were just about dry when a second round of flooding crashed hopes all over again. Now it is time to move on with long-term recovery efforts.

“FEMA estimates that there is still nearly \$1 million dollars in unmet need in our area,” according to Alan Welch, Director for Disaster Assistance for Northwest Indiana (DANI). DANI is a volunteer committee comprised of faith-based and community-based organizations working together to meet the unmet needs of flood survivors.

The volunteers, known as “The Green Shirts,” are working in conjunction with DANI. The Green Shirt Team Leader, Garry Den Besten, stated “The canvassing effort will provide valuable detailed information about the remaining needs. The data will help DANI organize and prioritize its efforts to help these flood survivors.”

The Green Shirts will go door-to-door Monday, May 12 through Wednesday, May 14. Areas to be visited include flood-damaged areas in Monticello, Remington, and along the Tippecanoe River in Carroll County.

Additionally, walk-in centers will be set up in Monticello, Delphi, and Remington for those who are unable to meet with a Green Shirt during the door-to-door canvas. A visit to the walk-in center will enable flood survivors to discuss the situation with trained individuals. Flood survivors with unmet needs can call toll-free 877-773-0249 to set an appointment at any of the walk-in locations.

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DANI/CRWRC Walk-In Centers

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Hours</i>
Thursday, May 15	Monticello United Methodist Church, 200 South Main Street, Monticello	11 am to 7 pm
Friday, May 16	Monticello United Methodist Church, 200 South Main Street, Monticello	11 am to 7 pm
Saturday, May 17	Monticello United Methodist Church, 200 South Main Street, Monticello	9 am to 5 pm
Monday, May 19	Delphi United Methodist Church, 118 North Union St, Delphi	11 am to 7 pm
Tuesday, May 20	Delphi United Methodist Church, 118 North Union St, Delphi	11 am to 7 pm
Wednesday, May 21	Remington Carpenter Township Public Library, 105 North Ohio Street, Remington	11 am to 7 pm

Further questions regarding this volunteer effort can be directed to the DANI office at 877-773-0249

The information gathered by these survey workers will help determine and prioritize needs such as furniture, finances, and agency assistance. Anyone who is not contacted by the service may call Alan Welch or John Mayfield with DANI at 877-773-0249 or director@daniflood.org

What is DANI?

Disaster Assistance for Northwest Indiana is the long-term recovery agency that is a coalition of more than 30 local faith- and community-based organizations who have joined to help the survivors of the devastating flooding in January and February 2008. DANI's efforts are being focused on Benton, Carroll, Cass, Fulton, Jasper, Pulaski, Tippecanoe, and White Counties. For more information, visit daniflood.org.

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