

Dear Executive Board, Affiliates and Friends: As you all know the disastrous tornadoes that hit Kentucky left huge portions of the Commonwealth with unprecedented loss of life, livelihoods and property. Among those impacted have been thousands of union families. To assist with recovery and relief for our fellow trade unionists we have been working with our partners to design and implement a plan that will help address some of the needs of our members and their families. Several components of our disaster relief plan are outlined below and consist of instructions for making financial contributions to our union relief fund, how to identify and access services, how to file the information necessary for us to assess and assist union members and how to direct released staff and volunteers that will be most helpful for our efforts. There is a lot of information below and it is important that you review each item carefully so you can respond accordingly. I want to thank all of our partners and affiliates for all of their support and offers of assistance and actions that have already been taken! I know that our hearts go out to all of those that have lost loved ones and homes and so much more and by working together we can hopefully bring some relief to our Brothers and Sisters in their time of need as a union family.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR UNION DISASTER RELIEF FUND

Our Union Disaster Relief Fund has been established to assist union families with assistance and resources through the United Way of Kentucky. The United Way of Kentucky will receive and disburse funds to union members based on the needs assessment, recommendation and authorization of our union relief committee of the Kentucky State AFL-CIO and Greater Louisville Central Labor Council.

There are two ways to make contributions: Check or Electronic Transfer

To make a contribution by check please make the check payable to: United Way of Kentucky and in the subject line: UNION

DISASTER RELIEF. It is essential that **UNION DISASTER RELIEF** is included on the subject or notes line on the check. Checks can be sent to: **United Way of Kentucky, P.O. Box 4653, Louisville, KY 40204-0653.**

To make a contribution by Electronic Funds Transfer use this link: <https://www.uwky.org/aflcio>

ASSESSING AND IDENTIFYING ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES

In order to provide assistance to union families in need it is **essential that everyone that wants to provide information to do so on the form associated with the link below.** The form has been designed to provide information on available services that can be accessed by a member needing assistance, data fields for providing identifying information and detailed and specific information so that needs can be properly assessed and the appropriate assistance provided, and so that we have an organized method of tracking information and responses. **So PLEASE USE the form associated with the link: ky.aflcio.org/disaster**