



Good Morning,

For those of you who don't know, our home is hurting right now. Putnam County lost 18 citizens in a devastating tornado during the early hours of Tuesday morning. Over a hundred families lost businesses, homes, and worst of all, loved ones.

Families grieve for what they have lost. Grieve for **who** they have lost. But they do not suffer alone.

In the storm's aftermath, volunteers flooded social media with offers of open homes and open hearts. Volunteers waited hours for their chance to donate blood, to clean up the devastated areas, to cook meals, to collect food and clothing donations, and to search for the missing.

Those volunteer lines are still growing. Donations appear as quickly as they are asked for. Our community can never replace what was lost, but that won't stop us from trying.

Cookeville is more than a city. It's a community. Cookeville is our home. Let's rebuild it together.

The Biz Foundry doors are open to those in need of wifi, electricity, coffee, or just a place of rest and respite. We have private meeting rooms and a phone booth for making sensitive calls and meeting with insurance agents. If you or someone you know needs assistance, we are here to help.

Thank you,  
Haley Smith  
Director of Marketing & Communications

p.s. If you'd like to help or if you need help, please check out the list of donation centers and volunteer opportunities below. Anything and everything helps.

p.s.s. As of this morning, all missing have been accounted for!.



# Ways to Help

## Volunteering & Donations

[Facebook Group for Organizing](#) - lists of items needed and volunteer/donation centers

[Putnam County Emergency Management Agency](#) - general bulletin board

[Samaritan's Purse](#) - organizing cleanups

[Blood Assurance](#) - blood donations (specifically type O +/-) needed

## Found Photographs

Many citizens across Cookeville are finding personal affects such as photographs and letters from the destroyed homes. If you find such items, you can post them for identification [here](#) or they may be at the

## Found Pets

Found pets should be take to the [Putnam County Animal Shelter](#) or to [Ragland & Riley Animal Hospital](#) (unless the animal has a phone number on its I.D. tag).

## Solidarity Shirts

Select Designs is creating shirts with the above design to collect money for relief efforts. You can follow their progress [here](#).

# Ways to Get Help

## Donation Centers

[Cookeville Community Center](#) - clothing, food, hygiene items, and childcare items

[Cookeville Pregnancy Clinic](#) - clothing

## Temporary Housing/Shelter

[Cookeville YMCA](#)

[Country Inn & Suites](#)

## Food and Wifi Access

[The Biz Foundry](#) - coffee, wifi, & hangout space

[The Backroom Bistro](#) - warm meals & wifi

[Dominos Pizza](#) - warm meals & wifi

[All About You Beauty Community](#) - wifi & hangout space

[Putnam County Library](#) - free wifi, computer access, & hangout space

## Showers

[Workout Anytime](#)

[A Better Me Yoga](#)

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If you've lost personal affects and hope to recover them, they may be posted [here](#).

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