

mend

rebuilding lee county one life at a time

Mend was established by EAMC as a community-wide effort to provide recovery services to individuals and families affected by the March 3, 2019 tornados in the Beauregard and Smiths Station communities of Lee County, Alabama.

Mission

To ensure that all affected by tragedy and disaster are able to fully recover physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

Vision

Rebuilding Lee County, One Life at a Time.

Values

Compassion, Communication, Collaboration, Cooperation, Coordination

Why EAMC?

We are the heartbeat of our community
We have no official political or religious affiliations
We have the resources, staff and facilities
We are the first place people come in an emergency
We are family and this is personal to us
In honor of one of our own, Maggie Robinson

Let us never forget the 23 precious lives taken from us during the storms of that terrible day.

Together, we can mend our community!

***“Recovery is not only about the restoration of structures, systems and services – although they are critical. A successful recovery is also about individuals and families being able to rebound from their losses, and sustain their physical, social and economic well-being.”
(National Disaster Recovery Framework)***

*Services will be provided regardless of the individuals' race, color, age, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability

About Us:

In the aftermath of the tornados that ripped through the Beauregard and Smiths Station communities, countless people from Lee County and beyond responded with amazing compassion, humbling empathy, and unmatched love and support for their neighbors. Donation centers were set up, money and volunteers came pouring in, and phones were ringing off the hook with people asking how they could help. That immediate response was nothing short of amazing! With the spotlight on Lee County, we showed the nation our heart...our resilience, grit, and commitment to take care of our own.

The more we've learned about the impact of the storms, and the hundreds and hundreds of homes and lives it has affected, the more we know that the relief and recovery efforts will be ongoing for months, and for many, even years. East Alabama Medical Center saw early on that there was a need to coordinate the various efforts to maximize the work being done.

From that, "*Mend – Rebuilding Lee County One Life At A Time*" was created.

Mend is a program that brings together the many local service organizations, churches, civic groups, and businesses, along with national and state organizations, to work on long term recovery efforts. Our mission is to "To ensure that all affected by tragedy and disaster are able to fully recover physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually".

By bringing all these groups together, we have the chance to better communicate the needs of the community, and distribute our efforts to more effectively reach those in need.

Why EAMC?

East Alabama Medical Center saw early on that there was a need to coordinate the various relief efforts, and is uniquely qualified to fill that role.

EAMC is on the front lines of tragedy in our community, working with first responders to be the first touch of healing, but our reach extends far beyond the immediate physical needs. As a not-for-profit organization with no political or religious affiliation, our workforce accurately mirrors the diversity in our communities. That allows us to be an anchor of hope to ALL, and to serve as a center point for organization and communication for others who are involved in disaster relief efforts.

This disaster was also very personal for us. The EAMC family lost one of our own, Maggie Delight Robinson, and we hope to honor her through our efforts to mend those that remain here with us.

Giving for Disaster Relief

With the support of our senior leadership, we've not only been able to provide the resources to coordinate long term disaster recovery efforts, but also to provide an avenue for giving. Through the EAMC Foundation, donations made can be guaranteed **100% for disaster relief in Lee County**. That means no administrative fees, for every \$1 donated, \$1 will be used in our relief efforts. The EAMC Foundation is also a 501(c)(3), which means you can receive tax credit for your donation.

The Foundation makes it simple to give in whatever way works best for you: online, by phone, or through mail. Click the link below to explore the ways to give.

www.eamcfoundation.org/Give/WaysToGive

Mend Steering Committee

Mend is made up of committees that represent the many local service organizations, churches, civic groups, and businesses in our communities. With so many committee members, it would be nearly impossible to get all those people in the room at once and accomplish our goal to streamline relief efforts. Instead, we've asked 2-4 individuals from each committee to serve on the Mend Steering Committee. Members of the Mend Steering Committee will coordinate with their committees and share information between the two groups to ensure we are maximizing our relief efforts, and targeting the needs strategically.

For example, if we know the volunteers need lunch covered each day, we can ask members of the Mend Steering Committees to reach out to their committee members and see who is able to provide lunch, then help organize who will cover Monday, Tuesday, etc. We know the "want to" is there, our goal is to assist with the "how to" to prevent duplication and ensure all needs are met!

It also allows the needs to be spread out over a larger group so we don't experience burnout. These relief efforts are a marathon, not a sprint! We have a lot of needs that will arise over a long period of time, and we want to take care of our neighbors for the long haul.

To give you a better idea of the makeup of our committees, they are listed below. If you think your organization fits into one (or more) of these categories, and would like to be involved in our long-term recovery efforts, click on the "How to Join" tab for more info!

- Clergy
- Schools/Educators
- Legal
- United Way
- City/County Officials
- Civic Clubs
- VOAD
- Coroner/Funeral Homes
- Insurance
- Service Organizations
- Repair/Construction
- Healthcare
- Auburn University
- Academic/Athletics
- First Responders
- Mental Health
- Restaurants
- Housing
- Animal Care
- Chambers of Commerce/Business

How to Join

Who should join Mend?

- Local organizations that would like to assist with long term disaster relief efforts.

My organization wants to join, what's next?

- Complete the Committee Form, click the link below to begin
- Once your form is received by the Mend Steering Committee, someone will be in contact within 7 days with additional information

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Organization Name: _____

Organization Address: _____

Organization Phone: _____

Representative Name(s): _____

Email Address: _____

After hours contact # (cell phone): _____

Current Efforts: _____

Future Plans: _____

Resources that you can offer/have access to:

Heavy Equipment _____	Utility Assistance _____	Counseling _____
Clean up Supplies _____	Childcare Assistance _____	School Supplies _____
Building Material _____	Transportation _____	Financial Assistance _____
Insurance/Legal Services _____	Prescription Assistance _____	Housing Programs _____
Food Programs _____	Support Groups _____	OTHER _____

Committee(s) that best match your organization:

Clergy _____	First Responders _____	Civic Clubs _____	Legal _____
Schools/Educators _____	Insurance _____	Mental Health _____	Housing _____
Service Organizations _____	Restaurants _____	Auburn University _____	Animal Care _____
Coroner/Funeral Homes _____	Repair/Construction _____	Chambers of Commerce/Business _____	
United Way _____	Healthcare _____	City/County Officials _____	VOAD _____