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## Alabama Tornado Recovery Fund Report

December 5, 2011

Tornadoes that struck Shoal Creek Valley left clear evidence of the loss to this St. Clair County Community. The April storms hit two area fire stations hard, damaging a truck and buildings, and destroying almost all the gear used by the volunteers who serve the community as firefighters and medical first responders. Support from the **Community Foundation's Alabama Tornado Recovery Fund** has not only helped families rebuild, but has assisted Shoal Creek Fire and Rescue in getting back to full strength.

This is just one example of what the tornado recovery funds of the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham have been able to do thanks to the generosity of donors like you. To date the Alabama Tornado Recovery Fund has received **124 gifts totaling \$626,175**. With the guidance of Long Term Recovery Committees (LTRCs) throughout our state, the Community Foundation continues to distribute these funds to the organizations, individuals and families who need our support.

**\$291,347** from the fund has been granted to support **25 counties** to assist with long term recovery.

For the period from August 31 through December 5, 2011, the Alabama Tornado Recovery Fund has awarded the following grants totaling **\$108,126**:

- \$50,937 to the Upper Sand Mountain Parish for individual and family recovery needs (such as home repairs, rebuilds, and furnishing) and case management and construction coordination support through the Jackson/DeKalb County Long Term Recovery Committee
- \$20,000 to the Community Partnership of Alabama to purchase vital equipment for the tornado damaged Shoal Creek Volunteer Fire Department
- \$17,906 to Lawrence County United Way for individual and family recovery needs (such as home repairs, rebuilds, and furnishing) through the Lawrence County Long Term Recovery Committee
- \$13,309 to Walker Area Community Foundation for unmet recovery needs (roofing repairs) and case management support through the Walker County Long Term Recovery Committee
- \$2,965 to Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama for case management support through the Cherokee County Long Term Recovery Committee
- \$3,009 to Choctaw County Long Term Recovery Committee for case management and construction coordination support

These grants are part of a **strategic approach** to tornado recovery that includes working with other funders and partners locally and statewide and supporting **individual and family recovery** through LTRCs. As defined by FEMA, LTRCs include representatives of government, community and faith-based organizations working together to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of survivors, needs that we expect to continue for months and perhaps years to come.