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Bama Rising Fund Report

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The woods that used to separate neighbors in one north Alabama community are gone, destroyed along with houses and precious lives by the April 2011 tornado. Today, with support from the Bama Rising Fund, neighbors are helping each other rebuild homes for the survivors.

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 donors like you. A total of **\$600,000** in grants has been awarded from the **Bama Rising Fund, an Advised Fund of the Community Foundation providing support for tornado recovery and tornado survivors statewide**. Initial funding of \$2.1 million was provided by proceeds of the Bama Rising Concert, and gifts continue to come in.

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 Long Term Recovery Committees (LTRC). 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.

For the period from June 1 through September 8, 2011, the Bama Rising Fund has awarded the following grants and collaborated on in-kind donations:

- **Grants totaling \$600,000:**
 - Upper Sand Mountain Parish (for the Jackson/DeKalb Long Term Recovery Committee) - \$180,000 to help families rebuild their homes and obtain needed furniture and appliances in Jackson and DeKalb counties.
 - United Way of Marshall County (for the Marshall Long Term Recovery Committee), \$145,000 to complete rebuilding homes and to provide needed appliances in Marshall County.
 - Mennonite Disaster Service, \$50,000 to complete rebuilding homes in Phil Campbell in Franklin County.
 - Hale Empowerment and Revitalization Organization (HERO), \$75,000 to support construction of volunteer-built homes in Hale, Marengo, and Sumter counties.
 - Walker Area Community Foundation, \$75,000 to provide materials for volunteer teams roofing homes in Walker County.
 - Greater Birmingham Habitat for Humanity, \$75,000 for home repairs and rebuilding for low-income individuals and families in Jefferson County.

- **In-kind donations valued at \$50,000:**
 - The Sharpie Corporation provided 30,000 units of red and black pens, and 3,000 units each of liquid paper, expo markers, highlighters, Sharpie pens and poster paint markers for school systems in Marion, Franklin, Sumter, Pickens, Greene, Hale, Marengo and Choctaw counties.