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## **Emergency Response Fund Report**

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For three Birmingham area women, the challenge of coming home was one that FEMA and family dollars couldn't meet alone. Tornado recovery funds of the Community Foundation, combined with other sources, paid for construction materials that enabled volunteers from Mennonite Disaster Service to rebuild two modest family homes and repair a third.

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 **\$319,031** has been donated so far and **\$42,735** in grants awarded from the **Emergency Response Fund, dedicated to the long term unmet needs of tornado survivors living in Jefferson, Blount, Walker and St. Clair counties.**

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.