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Immediate Call for North Mississippi Tornado Relief Volunteer Registration

PEARL-The Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service will open a volunteer reception center at the Ashland Volunteer Fire Department at 8 a.m. May 6. The volunteer reception center will serve Benton and Tippah Counties.

More than 40 requests for assistance have been received from the Walnut community in Benton County. The number of individuals who have requested assistance in Tippah County is not yet available.

There is an immediate need for volunteers to assist in debris cleanup, tree removal and roof tarping. Chainsaws and heavy equipment, such as excavators and bulldozers, are also needed to aid in relief work.

Volunteers may register at the Ashland Volunteer Fire Department, located at 60 4th Street, or by emailing volunteernorthms@gmail.com. Housing for volunteer groups registered for work assignments through MCVS is available. Travel trailers and primitive camping accommodations are also available. Volunteer housing information is available upon request.

Tornado-affected residents in Benton and Tippah counties may register for help at the Ashland Volunteer Fire Department, or by emailing a work request to reliefnorthms@gmail.com.

Volunteers and tornado-affected residents in Benton and Tippah Counties may call 1-888-353-1793 for more information.

The organization's relief efforts continue in the counties that were affected by the EF-4 tornado that ripped through several counties in rural Mississippi April 24. As of May 5, MCVS had placed more than 950 volunteers in to Yazoo, Holmes, Attala and Choctaw counties and fulfilled more than 185 requests for assistance.

MCVS is coordinating the activities of volunteers and national service members coming into the community. For more information how to volunteer, visit www.volunteermisissippi.org to register. Volunteers must report to the volunteer center for work assignments.

Registered volunteers will be contacted as additional assistance is needed. You may also donate financial support, product donations, or volunteer your skills and time via the [National Donations Management Network - Mississippi](#).

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