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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FLOOD RECOVERY BUS TRIP TO CEDAR RAPIDS**

DUBUQUE, IOWA -- The natural disasters that impacted much of Eastern Iowa earlier this year have gone, but the need for volunteers to help in the recovery and rebuilding efforts is still great! The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, City of Dubuque, and local businesses are partnering to sponsor volunteer bus trips that will travel to our neighboring communities that are in need of helping hands.

Dubuque Bank & Trust will sponsor the first volunteer bus, which will leave at 7:15 a.m. on **Friday, August 1**, from the Hope Church parking lot (11893 John F Kennedy Rd) for the Cedar Rapids area. Volunteers will be dispersed throughout a neighborhood there and will be assisting locals with mucking, cleaning, and gutting their homes and businesses.

**Individuals or businesses interested in signing up to assist in flood relief should contact Cori Burbach in the City Manager's Office at 564-0343 or [cburbach@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:cburbach@cityofdubuque.org).** Volunteers are asked to wear long pants, hats, sturdy work shoes, and bring leather and rubber gloves. If available, volunteers should also bring with them rubber boots, hammers, pry bars, and utility knives. Safety glasses and masks will be provided. Tetanus shots are not required, but are advised.

Based on previous responses to requests for volunteers, it is expected that this bus will fill quickly. Therefore, additional bus trips are scheduled for:

- Thursday, Aug. 21;
- Friday, Sept. 5; and
- Thursday, Sept. 25.

The destination of these buses will be determined by the need of affected communities. Businesses interested in sponsoring the trips, or individuals interested in participating, should contact the Community Foundation.

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