



Volunteer Arrival Packet

Dear Volunteer:

Thank you for volunteering with Rebuild Joplin! During your time with us, you will be helping to achieve an important goal: to create housing opportunities for families in the Joplin area who are still trying to return home after the tornado.

This packet is meant to provide you with information that will make your stay in Joplin more enjoyable and more meaningful. We want you to come away from your experience here with a better understanding of the region and its people, of what happened to families after the tornado, of the work that is left to be done, and what Rebuild Joplin is doing to get families back home. We also want you to enjoy the city, so you will find information about our local restaurants, hotels, volunteer housing, and rental car companies, as well as some attractions in Joplin.

Rebuild Joplin relies on volunteers like you to rebuild families' homes; without you, we couldn't do it. Thank you for your commitment. We look forward to working with you!

Best wishes,

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Rebuild Joplin in Brief

Media

Channel 16 KSN (Feb 2012)

Rebuild Joplin and Catholic Charities welcomed Chelby back home after repairs were completed to her tornado damaged home

Channel 7 KOAM (Dec 2011)

Acknowledged rebuildjoplin.org as a tool for residents in need

KY3 (Dec 2011)

Highlighted rebuildjoplin.org as the lead organization in the Joplin High School Brick Project

The Joplin Globe (May 2011)

Recognized the launching of the rebuildjoplin.org website



Rebuild Joplin began as an initiative of Bright Futures, a program which serves to deepen community involvement in the Joplin School District's efforts to tackle poverty issues and improve student academic performance. Rebuild Joplin's original focus was to serve as a relevant website that people affected by the storm and for those who wished to help could use as a resource. Within a few short months, the immediate needs of the community were essentially met, yet larger needs remained. Because safe, permanent and affordable housing is vital to fostering stable families, Rebuild Joplin shifted its primary focus to rebuilding permanent housing for homeowners and renters in Joplin.

Founders In the days immediately following the tornado, Rebuild Joplin co-founder Jerrod Hogan, who was then serving as chair of the Bright Futures USA board, realized the importance of connecting resources with needs. He, along with other community leaders, tweaked the Bright Futures model and created www.rebuildjoplin.org within one week of the tornado. Rebuild Joplin is supported by dedicated volunteers and community partners, including the Jasper County Long Term Recovery Committee and the St. Bernard Project in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Our Mission is to remove critical barriers for families and community members who want to return to their homes and lives in the Joplin area. Rebuild Joplin carries out its mission through three primary programs: Volunteer-driven Rebuilding Program, Opportunity Housing Program and Good Work Good Pay.

Progress: Joplin has come a long way in cleaning up and beginning the rebuilding process but still has a long way to go. At least 50% of building permits have been established.

Needs: As of December 2011, more than 400 families are still living in FEMA temporary housing units and many more families own a home they cannot afford to rebuild. Many homeowners or renters will not be able to return to their original land because of flood zones and will have to relocate.





Get Involved

1 VOLUNTEER

Come to Joplin and help rebuild a family's home. In one day, a volunteer can spackle/mud several rooms, help in the office or install a new floor. Whether you volunteer for a day, week, or month, your time and help are invaluable.



2 DONATE

Your support will make an immediate and lasting impact. Visit our website to donate online.

3 SPREAD THE WORD

Friends of Rebuild Joplin are creating awareness about the enduring needs in Joplin. If you decide to write an article, host a fundraiser or recruit more volunteers, we can support your efforts.

The number one reason people do not donate is that they are never asked.

You can help. *Spread the word. Volunteer. And most important, fundraise.* Here are some ideas for fundraisers:

- **Start a letter campaign** with your friends and family.
- Ask your favorite local bar to **donate part of their proceeds**, or \$1 from the sale of a special drink as part of an event.
- **Host a car wash** or bake sale at your local school.
- **Allow a "dress-down" day** for private schools or companies for a \$5 donation to Rebuild Joplin.
- **Host a variety/talent show** and donate the proceeds.
- **Collect "Change for Change"** – collect others' spare change to spark more change in Joplin!
- Ask your company to **match what you raise**.



Fundraising is **EASY**. For more ideas, visit our website at www.rebuildjoplin.org to find our Fundraising toolbox with useful flyers, form letters and other information to help plan your event.

Volunteering on a Rebuilding Site



TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS

There is plenty to do. Some tasks are more enjoyable than others, but every day of work puts a family that much closer to moving home. We have a specific number of volunteers (and plan for that number) at each house so please do not move to other houses even if members of your group are working there.



On your first work day, you will attend an orientation meeting at the Rebuild Joplin office, 1110 East 7th Street, Suite 13 at **7:30 am**. At this time you will learn about Rebuild Joplin and the community you will be working in. You will also get directions to the rebuilding site where you will be working. (All other days, report directly to your rebuilding site.)

If you have ANY construction skills, **please tell us in advance of your arrival!** We can always use skilled laborers, and if we know ahead of time, we can put you on a rebuilding site where you can help the most. Most of the work on our rebuilding sites, however, is completed by unskilled (or not yet skilled) volunteers. Our site supervision will provide the instruction you need.

Our goal is for our volunteers to meet the homeowner whose home they are rebuilding. Often times this happens. Sometimes, however, because the homeowner does not live in the area, works during the day, or does not have transportation, this does not happen.

Our volunteer coordinators will put the optimal number of volunteers (up to 15) at each site for maximum work efficiency and safety. This means your group may be split up!

REBUILDING A FAMILY'S HOME COULD INCLUDE:

- Mold remediation
- Door and Window installation
- Insulation
- Drywall installation
- Taping, Mudding, Sanding, Painting
- Flooring
- Yard cleanup
- Exterior Projects
- Much More!

Please take photos and keep a journal to share with family and friends back home and with Rebuild Joplin to put on our website or Facebook page.

Volunteering on a Rebuilding Site



TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS

You're working on someone's house, so please be as careful as possible when performing a task. It is important that our volunteers take their time and do quality work, rather than rush through to finish.

Follow the guidelines of your site supervisor. If you have suggestions, we would love to hear them.

Please do not draw or write inappropriate things on the drywall. Please help to keep the site clean and tidy. And please, please do not use pen to write on the sheetrock- it will show up later.

A note to smokers; please do not smoke in the houses, and clean up cigarette butts.

SAFETY

Our site supervisors are onsite to train and supervise you, so please follow their directions and ask questions! Please be careful on the job site; be aware when using power tools, and be careful climbing ladders and benches, and lifting sheet rock. We ask all our volunteers to be responsible for keeping the job site clean and clear of potential hazards.

Missouri can get very hot and humid especially in the summer months, so please stay hydrated! Temperatures in the winter months can get very cold and sometimes icy, so be sure to plan ahead to be prepared to pack many layers. If you have asthma, chronic joint pain or limited motion, let your site supervisor know so that you're not assigned a task that will aggravate your condition.

You may find that the experience of working on a home, and thinking of the family who lived there and has been unable to return, brings on strong feelings that cause you to lose focus. This is a natural response. If this happens, stop, and step away for a few moments; take a walk if you need to. The last thing anyone here, or any of our homeowners, wants is for you to lose focus and injure yourself.

SENSITIVITY

Many of our homeowner clients have not received help before. While they are very appreciative of our help, sometimes they feel awkward accepting it. Be a good listener – sometimes our clients just need to talk.

We ask that volunteers provide their own lunches. While families occasionally provide lunch, not all families are financially able to feed all individuals and groups. If homeowners do prepare food, please accept graciously; this is their way of thanking you for all of your hard work!

Respect the house you're working on, and the family who will live in it.

Volunteering on a Rebuilding Site



WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO BRING

Forms

- Signed volunteer participant liability release form (Bring to orientation)
- Signed safety release form (Bring to orientation)

Clothes (Please check the weather)

- Volunteer clothes (things you don't mind getting dirty or paint stained)
- Layers that include long sleeve shirt and long pants for insulation work
- Gloves and safety glasses
- Sunglasses; hat or bandana
- Sturdy tennis shoes and/or work boots – you will NOT be allowed to work on site without these!



Supplies

- Depending on lodging: towel, bedding, shower shoes, flashlight
- Medicine and toiletries
- Packed lunch and/or snacks (list of restaurants included)
- Plenty of drinking water
- Camera and batteries
- Insect repellent and sunscreen



STAY INVOLVED

Staying involved is easy! Here are some simple ways you can become part of the solution:

1 Raise awareness about Rebuild Joplin and the work we are doing in the Joplin area by writing an article for your local paper or newsletter, sending an email to family and friends about your experience and/or hosting a welcome home party for yourself.

2 Raise funds. Check out the fundraising toolbox on our website for ideas on how to raise funds for families who are struggling to rebuild.

3 Come back with family and friends and keep up with the progress online! We'll need your help to finish the job.

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Housing (Hotels)

A Bit of Eden	3546 South Pearl	417-782-8592
Best Western Oasis Inn	3508 South Range Line Road	417-781-6776
Budget Inn	1822 West 7 th Street	417-623-6191
Candlewood Suites	3512 South Range Line Road	417-623-9595
Capri Motel	3404 South Main Street	417-623-0391
Comfort Inn and Suites *	3400 S Range Line Rd	417-627-0400
Days Inn	3500 S Range Line Rd	417-623-0100
Drury Inn & Suites	3601 South Range Line Road	417-781-8000
Econo Lodge *	1441 W Central Rd, Carthage MO	417-358-3900
Economy Inn & Suites	1700 West 30 th St	417-782-7212
Fairfield Inn by Marriott	3301 South Range Line Road	417-624-7800
Hampton Inn	3107 East 36 th Street	417-659-9900
Hilton Garden Inn	2644 East 32 nd	417-206-6700
La Quinta	3320 South Range Line Road	417-781-0500
Lakeside Cottages of Joplin	Call for directions	417-781-9230
Microtel Inns & Suites	4101 Richard Joseph Blvd	417-626-8282
Motel 6	3031 S Range Line R	417-781-6400
Plaza Motel	2612 East 7 th Street	417-623-0610
Prosperity Bed & Breakfast *	4788 County Road 200	417-673-0833
Quality Inn *	3325 Arizona Ave	417-627-0440
Riviera Roadside Motel	3333 South Range Line Road	417-624-6500
Sleep Inn	I-44 and SR 43 S.	417-782-1212
Sunrise Inn	3600 South Range Line Road	417-624-8400
Super 8	2830 E 36 th	417-782-8765
Towne Place Suites Marriott	4026 South Arizona Avenue	417-659-8111

**Noted hotels offer a discount if you let them know that you are a volunteer. For all other hotels, be sure to tell them that you are a volunteer - they may have discounts as well. You will be supporting the local Joplin business economy by staying at a hotel.*

Housing (Camping and Churches)



Camping:

Creekside Cottages	4041 Highway NN	417-674-7704
Joplin KOA	4359 Highway 43	417-623-2246
Shoal Creek RV and Campground	2480 Coyote Dr, Joplin MO	417-621-0807
Undercliff Campground	614 Old Highway 71	417-623-5441
Zan's Creekside Campground	2480 Coyote Drive	417-782-0441

Churches:

A Church Called Mystery	514 S. Main St, Joplin	417-540-9091
Abundant Life	6863 E. Newman Rd, Joplin	417-624-7500
South Joplin Christian Church	1901 S. Pearl Ave, Joplin	417-624-2522
Joplin Church of the Nazarene	2124 Utica St, Joplin	417-623-3455
First Presbyterian	509 S. Pearl Ave, Joplin	417-624-2433
New Creation	1831 S. Conner Ave, Joplin	417-782-8200
Joplin Family Worship Center	5290 E. 7 th St, Joplin	417-623-6134
First Baptist Church Joplin	633 S. Pearl Ave, Joplin	417-624-4585
First United Methodist	501 W. 4 th St, Joplin	417-850-5378
Royal Heights Methodist	1612 Euclid Ave, Joplin	417-850-5378
Byers Avenue United Methodist	1730 Byers Ave, Joplin	417-850-5378
Journey Church	301 N McKinley Ave, Joplin	417-624-5769

Lodging/Transportation



Additional Lodging:

Sky Ranch Cave Springs Retreat Center (for up to 400 people)

7750 South 655 Road, Quapaw, OK 74363

918-542-1547 (Sarah Wright)

<http://cavesprings.skyranch.org/joplin-volunteer-housing>

Transportation:

Enterprise	2008 East 7 th Street	417-626-8309
Hertz Rent-a-Car	401 South Virginia Avenue	417-623-6242
Affordable Taxi		417-626-7993
A City Taxi & Shuttle Co		417-623-5577
A-Dependable Taxi Services, LLC		417-624-8294

Recommended Restaurants



Instant Karma Gourmet Hotdogs	527 S Main St	417-206-3647	\$
The Red Onion	203 E 4 th St	417-623-1004	\$\$
Club 609	609 S Main St	417-623-6090	\$\$
Big R's Bar-B-Q	1220 E 15 th St	417-781-5959	\$\$
Steak N Shake	3115 E Hammons Blvd	417-626-8088	\$
Hackett Hot Wings	520 S Main St	417-625-1333	\$\$
Gusano's	3929 E 7 th St	417-623-9090	\$\$
Dudes Daylight Donut	2316 S Main St	417-623-6204	\$
Woody's Wood fire Pizza	1831 W 7 th Stf	417-782-9663	\$
Fred and Red's Chili House	1719 S Main St	417-781-5341	\$
Casa Montez	2324 S. Range Line Rd.	417-781-3610	\$
Kinnaree Thai Cuisine	1227 E. 32 nd St. #1	417-781-4442	\$\$



Fun in Joplin



- **Schifferdecker Park and Joplin Mineral and Historical Museum**, 504 South Schifferdecker Avenue
- **Candy House Chocolate Factory**, 510 S Kentucky Ave, 417-623-7171
 - Take a tour of the factory and purchase some sweet, locally made treats
- **Cunningham Park**, 26th Street and Maiden Lane
 - Memorial fountain, 162 trees planted for each of the victims that died on May 22, plaque with victims' names, new playground and basketball court built by Extreme Makeover, and volunteer memorial. www.joplinparks.org
- **Sunshine Lamp District**, between 4th & 7th Street on Main Street
 - Named for the lamps that miners used on their helmets is the newly renovated Downtown Joplin area
 - There are restaurants, boutiques, businesses, and offices
- **Third Thursdays**, (March-October) is a celebration of art and music. <http://mainstreetjoplin.ning.com>
- **Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center**, 201 West Riviera Road, Joplin
- **Grand Falls**, located on Shoal Creek just a few minutes from Wildcat Park, 800-657-2534
 - The largest, continuously flowing natural waterfall in Missouri
 - Grand Falls plunges over 25 feet down
 - Directions to Grand Falls: From 1-44 West take Joplin exit 6 (Hwy 86 SOUTH) Follow south approx two blocks and turn right (west) on Glendale Road and follow about 1.5 miles. Turn left (south) on Jackson and cross over low water bridge. Immediately after bridge turn right (west) on Riverside Drive and follow for 2 miles and Grand Falls will be on your right side.
- **Carl Richard's Fourth Street Bowl**, 1419 West 4th St
 - 417-624-5681
- **House of Bounce**, 3684 North Main St, www.joplinhop.com
 - 417-625-1082
 - \$7.00 person, children under 2 \$3.50 during "open" gym
 - Mon-Thurs: open gym- 9 am-1 pm, 4 pm-8 pm
 - Fri: open gym- 9 am-1 pm, 4 pm-9 pm
 - Sat & Sun: call for open gym times
- **66 Drive-in Theatre**, 17231 Old 66 Blvd, Carthage, MO
 - 417-359-5959
 - Open weekends April-September
- **Joplin Little Theatre**, 3008 West 1st St
 - 3008 W. 1st St. 417-623-3638. www.joplinlittletheatre.org
- **Lazer Force**, 408 South Northpark Lane
 - 417-623-9400
- **Hollywood Northstar 14 Movie Theater**
 - 201 N. Northpark Lane. 417-625-1558
- **North Park Mall**
 - 101 N Range Line Rd.
- **Paintball Ridge**
 - 3295 Coyote Drive
 - 417-781-7703
- **Reptile World Zoo**
 - 1733 Kodiak Rd
 - 417-206-4443
- **Carousel Park**
 - Seasonal
 - 417-626-7710
- **The Bridge**
 - Area's largest indoor skate park
 - 3405 South Hammons Blvd, 417-206-6996
 - Seasonal

Volunteer Release Form (Pg 1)



Volunteer Participant Release and Waiver of Liability Form All volunteers must sign this form and bring it to orientation on the first day. Group leaders: please make sure that all members of your group have completed these forms. Please carefully read before signing, this is a legal document that affects your legal rights as a volunteer with Rebuild Joplin. Please print all information clearly. If you are under 18, please have a parent or guardian sign this agreement ahead of time if they will not be coming with you.

This Release and Waiver of Liability, signed on (date) _____, by (volunteer's name) _____, in favor of Rebuild Joplin, Jasper/Newton county, Joplin City, and their partner organizations, directors, officers, members, and affiliates.

I, the volunteer, desire to work as a volunteer for **Rebuild Joplin** and engage in activities, as coordinated by **Rebuild Joplin**, related to being a volunteer. I freely and voluntarily execute this release under the following terms.

1. Release and Waiver: I understand that I am engaging in this project on my own risk. I hereby release and forever discharge **Rebuild Joplin** from any and all liability, claims and demands of whatever kind either in law or in equity, which arise from my activities with **Rebuild Joplin**. I understand that this Release discharges **Rebuild Joplin** from any liability or claim that I may have against **Rebuild Joplin** with respect to bodily injury, personal injury, or property damages that may result from my activities with **Rebuild Joplin**. I also understand that **Rebuild Joplin** does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health, auto or disability insurance in the event of injury or loss.

2. Assumption of Risk: I understand that this work entails a risk of physical injury and often involves hard physical labor, heavy lifting and other strenuous activity; and that some activities may take place on ladders and building framing other than ground level. I certify that I am in good health and physically able to perform this type of work.

3. Medical Treatment: I hereby release and forever discharge **Rebuild Joplin** from any claim which arises or may arise on account of first aid, treatment or any service rendered in connection with my volunteer activities with **Rebuild Joplin**.

4. Insurance: I understand that **Rebuild Joplin** does not carry or provide health, medical, disability, or auto insurance coverage for any emergent volunteer. Each volunteer is expected and encouraged to obtain their own medical, health, disability, and auto insurance.

5. Photographic Release: I do hereby grant and convey unto the Rebuild Joplin all right, title and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by Rebuild Joplin during my work, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings.

6. Housing: In the event that my supervising disaster organization arranges accommodations, I understand that they are not responsible or liable for my personal effects and property and that they will not provide lock up security for any items. I will hold them harmless in the event of theft or for loss resulting from any source or cause. I further understand that I am to abide by whatever rules and regulations that may be in effect at that time.

7. Other: I agree that this Release and Waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by local and state laws. I agree that in the event that any provision of this release shall be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such provision shall not otherwise affect the remainder of the Release and Waiver, which shall continue to be held enforceable.

Initials _____

Volunteer Release Form (Pg 2)



By my signature, for myself, my estate and my heirs, I release, discharge, indemnify and forever hold Rebuild Joplin together with its officers, agents, servants and employees, harmless from any and all causes of action arising from my participation in this project and travel or lodging associated therewith.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Parent's Signature (if volunteer is under 18): _____

Dates volunteered: _____ to _____

E-mail: _____ Cell: () _____ - _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT (REQUIRED)

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Alternate Phone: _____

Is this your first time volunteering with Rebuild Joplin?

How did you hear about Rebuild Joplin?

Google Search for volunteering in Joplin

Newspaper story (online or print): _____

Television story: _____

Other online media: _____

Friend: _____

Company: _____

Organization at college/University: _____

Other (please specify): _____