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Flood Donations Still Needed for Thousands Affected by Storms Causing \$3 Billion Plus in Damage

OMAHA, NEBRASKA – Five months after historic flooding hit the region, leaders of the [Rebuild the Heartland Community Fund](#) say relief donations are still needed to help thousands across Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota rebuild.

The Rebuild the Heartland Community Fund, created with a startup donation by First National Bank of Omaha, is seeking additional contributions and corporate partners to help rebuild flood-affected communities in all three states. Nearly \$800,000 has been raised thus far, with 100 percent of Rebuild contributions going to relief.

Alec Gorynski, Vice President of Community Development and Corporate Philanthropy at First National, is grateful for the contributions that have been made and says more are needed.

“Time has passed but the need has not,” said Gorynski. “As Rebuild the Heartland prepares to review requests for support and begins awarding funds, the need for contributions remains.”

“Thousands of people across the heartland are still displaced or struggling economically. Homes are lost. Businesses have been destroyed. Some ag operations have been decimated. It will take at least a decade to rebuild what has been lost.”

(Editors and News Directors: Visit rebuildtheheartland.org/toolkit for audio and video clips of Gorynski talking about the fund and images from the Rebuild campaign.)

The Rebuild the Heartland Community Fund will be distributed later this year for recovery efforts across Nebraska, western Iowa and southeastern South Dakota. Funds will be awarded to nonprofit organizations and government authorities leading rebuilding efforts, allowing those entities to prioritize specific recovery needs. Contributions will help:

- Rebuild housing and neighborhoods.
- Provide small business assistance.
- Support natural and environmental resources.
- Build infrastructure.
- Restoration of agriculture activities

To make a donation or learn more about the fund, visit rebuildtheheartland.org.

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About Rebuild The Heartland

Rebuild the Heartland is the long-term relief fund for those affected by historic flooding in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota. The Rebuild the Heartland Community Fund was created by First National Bank of Omaha (FNBO), in partnership with Nebraska Community Foundation, to allow funds to go directly to areas of need. Funds raised will be awarded to nonprofit organizations and local governments leading rebuilding and recovery efforts in the impacted communities.