

Vernonia Flood Victims Search for Temporary Housing

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February 15, 2008 – More than 60 families in Vernonia, Oregon are in need of temporary housing due to the recent flood damage last December. Reconstruction is underway for most of the damaged homes, but financial and housing assistance in the interim is slow or non-existent. Families are in need of used travel trailers to put on their property while the repairs are being completed.

International Lions Club members in the greater Portland metro area and the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation, are joining together to appeal to the general public to donate used travel trailers in good condition. In lieu of donating a travel trailer, cash donations to be used for temporary housing and other support, are also being accepted.. A general meeting for displaced families and their housing needs is being held on Sunday, February 17, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. at the Buckhorn Restaurant, 934 Bridge Street, in Vernonia. The media and general public are welcome to attend.

Donated trailers will be used primarily for sleeping and dining while homes are being rebuilt. Currently, displaced families are sleeping in their homes while repairs are being made. There is little or no insulation resulting in unusually high heating bills. Being able to use a small travel trailer, for basic living needs will substantially cut costs for these families. Repairs to homes can take up to 18 months for completion.

Donations can be made to the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation- Vernonia Flood Victims Relief. Donations are tax deductible. For more information or to donate a used travel trailer, or cash, please contact Lion Member Sharon Elder, in Portland, OR, at 971-570-8956 (email: Sharon.access@comcast.net)

Lions Club members in Oregon are part of Lions Clubs International, the largest service organization, with more than 1.3 million members, worldwide. All members are volunteers and their mission is to assist those in need. For more information about joining a Lions Club, please contact 503-413-8091.

About Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation

Since 1959, the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation has supported the 192 Lions Clubs throughout Oregon and operates the Lions Eye Bank at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland. The Foundation also provides financial assistance for eye and ear surgeries, collects and redistributes used eyeglasses worldwide and operates a children's statewide low-vision clinic.

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