

# **Okaloosa County News Release**

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## **IMPORTANT RECOVERY NEWS FOR APRIL 2014 FLOOD VICTIMS**

On behalf of the Okaloosa-Walton Long Term Recovery Organization (OWLTRO), World Renew Volunteers will be working from September 22 – October 2 to do Long Term Recovery Assessments with Okaloosa and Walton County residents affected by the flooding event of April 2014.

### **Who is World Renew?**

World Renew Disaster Response Services, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, has responded to disasters in the U.S. for more than 40 years, and has been active in many disasters domestically and internationally.

**What will World Renew do in Okaloosa and Walton County?** World Renew's trained volunteers will conduct community assessments of unmet needs in flood damaged areas of Okaloosa and Walton Counties from Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> until Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will be contacting families who have registered with FEMA. For those who still have unmet needs, World Renew will conduct in-depth interviews at walk-in centers in Okaloosa and Walton County. Assessments will be turned over to the Okaloosa-Walton Long Term Recovery Organization (OWLTRG) to review and prioritize.

### **What is the mission of the OWLTRO?**

The mission of the OWLTRO is to provide recovery services to individuals and families affected by disasters in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Our services are dependent upon fundraising and grant opportunities and labor from skilled volunteer groups.

## **Visit us in person at any of these walk-in centers on any day!**

### **Fort Walton Beach Library – 185 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach**

September 22 - 23 (Monday - Tuesday) 10AM to 5:30PM

September 26 (Friday) 10AM to 4:30PM

September 27 (Saturday) 10AM to 3:30PM

### **Robert F. Sikes Public Library – 1445 Commerce Drive, Crestview**

September 24 - 25 (Wednesday - Thursday) 10AM to 6PM

September 26 - 27 (Friday - Saturday) 10AM to 4:30PM

### **Good News United Methodist Church – 4747 U.S. Hwy 98 West, Santa Rosa Beach**

September 29 - 30 (Monday - Tuesday) 11AM to 7PM

### **DeFuniak Springs Community Center – 361 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street, DeFuniak Springs**

October 1 - 2 (Wednesday - Thursday) 11AM to 7PM

**For more information, please call 850-892-8065**

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