

2025 DISASTER RECOVERY

Last summer, severe storms swept through our region, leaving widespread damage to homes, businesses, and essential infrastructure. In the immediate aftermath, our community came together to respond quickly and compassionately to meet urgent needs and begin the long road to recovery.

\$308,856
DISASTER FUNDS RAISED

1,000+
OF VOLUNTEERS

5,990 hours
VOLUNTEER HOURS

\$208,392
VOLUNTEER WORK VALUE

\$189,671
IN-KIND DONATIONS VALUE

TIMELINE HIGHLIGHTS

- First 24 Hours**
 - Launched Disaster Relief Fund
 - Started mobilizing volunteers
 - Volunteers grilled a meal for Sanford Health clients while hospital was without power
 - Joined the Emergency Operations Center
 - Beltrami County, City of Bemidji, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Beltrami Electric, Ottertail and more
- First 48 Hours**
 - Connected volunteer construction companies, tree removal, and national orgs (Christian Aid, Team Rubicon, and Southern Baptist Disaster Relief) to those in need
 - Mobile Food Drop with shelf-stable food while power was out
- Week 1**
 - Found housing and hotels for displaced families
 - Coordinated food, drinks, tarps, generators, and other supply donations
 - Mobile Food Drop with fridge replacement food
- Week 2 and ongoing**
 - Continue responding to hundreds of emerging needs and coordinating local, state and national relief team volunteers

LONG TERM STORM RECOVERY GROUP

Cory Boushee - Northwest Minnesota Foundation
Ruth Sherman - Community Resource Connections
Anne Lindseth - Beltrami County
Justin Sherwood - Bemidji Fire Department

Kayle Niedzielski - Justice North (Formerly Northwest Minnesota Legal Services)
Annalise Braught - Bemidji Pioneer
Levi Haar - Headwaters Regional Development Commission
Denae Alamano - United Way of Bemidji Area
Megan Hill - United Way of Bemidji Area

