Dear Friends,

Your Disaster Response Team has three things for you to be aware of.

**First**, simply a reminder: We have in the neighborhood of $30,000 donated to Holston Presbytery for flood relief, and WE WANT TO GIVE IT AWAY! We’ve put a “Recovery Grant” button on the On the Presbytery’s home page. Click that button and you will find a one-page grant application. These grants are for Holston Presbytery congregations who discover a specific need and want to help a survivor family or individual. To access the grant application, you can also click this link: <https://www.holstonpresbytery.net/_files/ugd/b941b5_eab0881e375b4da89aacda4ab9f13b88.pdf>

**Second**, and related to the grant money: Since at least one response agency (Appalachia Service Project) now requires background checks for volunteers, the DRT approved using grant money to help any Holston Presbyterians who might need help covering the cost of the background check. We will offer that assistance on a scholarship basis. To apply, simply call (423-247-6178) or email (info@holstonpresbytery.org) the Presbytery office, and Andi will pass that inquiry on to the team.

**Third**, please see the announcement about upcoming volunteer opportunities through Holston Habitat for Humanity:

**Volunteer Opportunity for Hurricane Helene Disaster Recovery**

Volunteers are needed to help with a repair for Adam and his family. Tasks include painting & installing doors and baseboards and cabinet & flooring installation

When: March 12-14, 2025 & March 18-19, 2025

Time: 10am to 3pm

Where: Jonesborough, TN

If you would like to help on this project, please visit [www.holstonhabitat.org/disaster-recover-vol](http://www.holstonhabitat.org/disaster-recover-vol) to sign up.

Please let me know if you have any questions or issues signing up online.

Sincerely,

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