

# Foundation to organize long-term recovery project

□ *Team to provide assistance to those affected by April 9 tornado locally with donor contributions, community resources*

**ROCHELLE** — The Rochelle Area Community Foundation today announced plans to form a Long Term Recovery Committee to serve as a central point for identification of short and long terms needs of individuals affected by the tornadoes of April 9.

The foundation intends to bring together funders, including local service clubs, faith communities and others interested in meeting the financial, physical, emotional and human needs of those affected by the storm and our community at large.

Teams are being formed that will provide case management services, unmet needs assessments and bring a variety of resources to the process.

As the project evolves, the Rochelle Area Community Foundation will play a strong role in providing oversight and ensuring the integrity of the process.

“With guidance from experienced community foundation colleagues around the state and the advice and assistance of the Council on Foundations, we intend to ensure the resources entrusted to us are used fairly and prudently to help those affected and our community at large become whole once again,” said Kim Montgomery, executive director of the foundation. “We have learned that the recovery process could take up to two years, and there will be many needs and issues to respond to over the period of time. It’s our job to ensure, to the best of our ability, that we will be able to meet those future needs as well as the ones in front of us right now.”

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As the committee and process are in the planning stage, those with immediate needs may contact Kim Montgomery at 815-561-3600, or by email at kim@rochellefoundation.org for assistance.