

Foundation receives McCormick grant

□ *\$150,000 to be used for tornado recovery*

ROCHELLE – The Rochelle Area Community Foundation announced today the receipt of \$150,000 through the Illinois Tornado Relief Effort, a McCormick Foundation fund. These funds will be used to continue the long-term recovery efforts from the April 9 tornado.

“We are so pleased the McCormick Foundation recognized that their contribution would be utilized considerably in assisting our local families,” Kim Montgomery, RACF executive director said. “The Foundation has worked tirelessly to obtain these funds for our tornado-impacted families.”

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Through the Long-Term Recovery Committee’s casework process, more than 60 families have been assisted with \$183,121.22 in approved expenditures through grants from the Rochelle Area Community Foundation and the Salvation Army. Thirty-six cases have come to the Funders Forum with several more anticipated in the coming months.

The Long Term Recovery Committee is committed to the mission of making families whole again by restoring their property and possessions to the state they were in before the devastating tornado. In doing so, the group has covered uninsured vehicles up to \$3,000, underinsured cases, medical co-pays, deductibles, structural engineering costs, debris removal, lost wages, soil

remediation, landscaping, tree planting, and stump removal.

To date, the Rochelle Area Community Foundation has received more than \$525,000 in tornado relief funds from across the United States. The Foundation continues to utilize these funds responsibly for individual grants and community projects directly related to the April 9 tornado.



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