

Disaster recovery volunteers,

Hello,

As Benton County looks past the 2020 Derecho and prepares to face the next incident, I wanted to share an opportunity with all of you. Streets Team volunteers are valuable after a disaster in walking through neighborhoods to see the damage and help identify where the needs are. The below information is about upcoming trainings we are holding in Cedar Rapids. Potential volunteers can attend either March 4 or 5. In future we hope to hold this in Benton County. Please pass this information on to groups and individuals, 16 and older, you feel might be interested in volunteering.

Disaster Response and Preparedness Opportunity

United Way of East Central Iowa's Emergency Volunteer Center is excited to be partnering with UMCOR to offer a [Streets Team training](#). As a volunteer, you will get the training needed for helping us quickly assess the remaining 350+ open requests for tree clean-up assistance from 2020's derecho and be trained and ready to help us quickly respond during the next disaster. We are asking for volunteers to attend the training and then if it is a good fit commit to 8 hours serving as a Streets Team member with United Way's Emergency Volunteer Center in the spring.

[Sign-up as an individual, a family team or a group](#). United Way welcomes faith groups, service clubs, businesses, etc. to have a couple of representatives attend and see if it is something your group may want to take on as a day of service opportunity. If you have questions contact Kayla Paulson at Kayla.Paulson@uweci.org or call 319.398.5372 x837.

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