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**SUBJECT: Pontotoc Donations**

**TUPELO, MS** – Residents of Mississippi have been so generous with contributions to those who suffered losses in the February storms that agencies have run out of storage space and are asking the public to halt contributions of clothing, food and other material goods.

Anything already gathered and collected, we will be glad to accept, said Pontotoc Disaster Relief officials.

Leon Shaifer of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, the official in charge of state recovery operations, said all charitable organizations continue to need donations of money, however.

“Money allows these organizations to purchase the specific items to meet the needs of those who sustained losses in the storm and to fund their operational expenses,” said Shaifer. “It doesn’t take additional volunteers and workers to buy needed items as it does to handle the large amount of donated goods.” He added that there are many people with unmet needs.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please visit any local Peoples Bank & Trust or the First National Bank of Pontotoc. Donation checks can be mailed to The First National Bank of Pontotoc, 19 Main Street, Pontotoc, MS 38863. Checks should be made out to the **Pontotoc County Disaster Relief Fund**.

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