# RECOVERING OKLAHOMANS AFTER DISASTER Making Homes Home Again

# Recovery does not happen without a ROAD!

# ROAD Construction...



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# ROAD Mission...

To build community resiliency across Oklahoma by providing hope to disaster survivors in Long Term Recovery through: project and volunteer management servicing home repair needs; awareness and advocacy; preparedness and mitigation services; all to vulnerable populations who have no means of recovery on their own.

# Why Recovery...

Oklahoma Ranking for Presidential Disaster Declarations (based on FEMA historic data / out of 26 different categories). Note that this is only for declared disasters not for number of occurrences (non-declared disasters).

**3<sup>rd</sup> Over-All** (Texas, California, Oklahoma, New York, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama, Missouri) 1<sup>st</sup> for Tornadoes (Oklahoma, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, Alabama, Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee, Illinois, Kentucky) 1<sup>st</sup> for Severe Storms (Oklahoma, Kentucky, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee, Kansas, Illinois, Alabama, New York) **3<sup>rd</sup> for Wildfire** (California, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arizona, Texas, Alaska, Idaho, Karuk Tribe, Montana, New Hampshire) **3<sup>rd</sup> for Winter Storms** (S. Dakota, New York, Oklahoma, Nebraska, N. Dakota, Virginia, Alaska, Kansas, N. Carolina, Oregon) 4<sup>th</sup> for Straight Line Winds (Iowa, Tennessee, Alabama, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Florida, Kentucky, Alaska) 6<sup>th</sup> for Flooding (Texas, Kentucky, Missouri, W. Virginia, California, Oklahoma, Iowa, Minnesota, New York Tennessee) 7<sup>th</sup> for Snow Storms (Massachusetts, Connecticut, Kentucky, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, S. Dakota) **10<sup>th</sup> for Fire** (California, Alaska, Idaho, Massachusetts, Colorado, Micronesia, Florida, Montana, Nevada, Oklahoma)



(1 MONTH TO YEARS)

Recover by staying involved for the long term (Home repair teams, material donations, funding)

(YEAR ROUND) Mitigate by improving homes

(fixing deferred maintenance, digging drainage, raising structures)

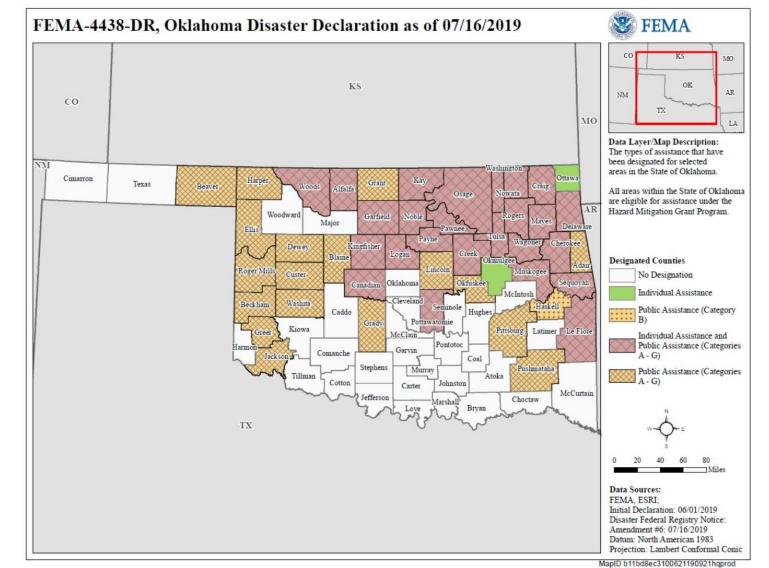
# **ROAD** Partnerships...



# ROAD work...

The 2019 Spring Storms were major flooding events that encompassed 52 counties across the state.

ROAD serves as the hub for all projects in this recovery by coordinating all assessments, contractor bid reviews, immediate need requests for tarping and muck-out, as well as tracking all funded projects and their work status.



# ROAD work...

ROAD Statistics to Date (7/13/2021)

• 448 Assessments Completed (\$890,012 in materials costs)

53 Tarping Projects Completed

58 Homes Repaired

- 22 Projects Funded ready to be Worked
- 23 Volunteer Teams Served (Oklahoma, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas)
  26,254 Labor Hours for \$602,409 in Labor Value

Flooding creates some of the most substantial and all home encompassing damage of any disaster type.



Sand Springs, OK

## You can no more judge a book by its cover, than you can judge a flooded house by its curb appeal.





# Moffett, OK

















# Sand Springs, OK



# Webbers Falls, OK



# ROAD way...

### Volunteers

Volunteers have been the life blood for disaster recovery across the globe saving as much as 70% over the cost of hiring contractors to do the work. This has allowed donated dollars to stretch helping many more families than it would otherwise. While we are optimistic that volunteers will return, COVID-19 has caused us to reimagine what disaster recovery needs to look like.



# ROAD way...

### **Vocational Training Apprenticeship Program**

This new program launched in November 2020 in partnership with the State Career Tech, WorkForce-Tulsa, and the Galt Foundation. WorkForce-Tulsa provided 6 participants to be hired and paid by the Galt Foundation and trained by ROAD. This program offers 80 hours of classroom instruction our project managers teach followed by up to 6 months of On-The-Job instruction for roofing, flooring, drywall, insulation, siding, etc. while repairing a disaster survivors home. At the end of the 6-month program each participant receives a competency certificate from Career Tech. This program will be expanded to other agencies

this year.











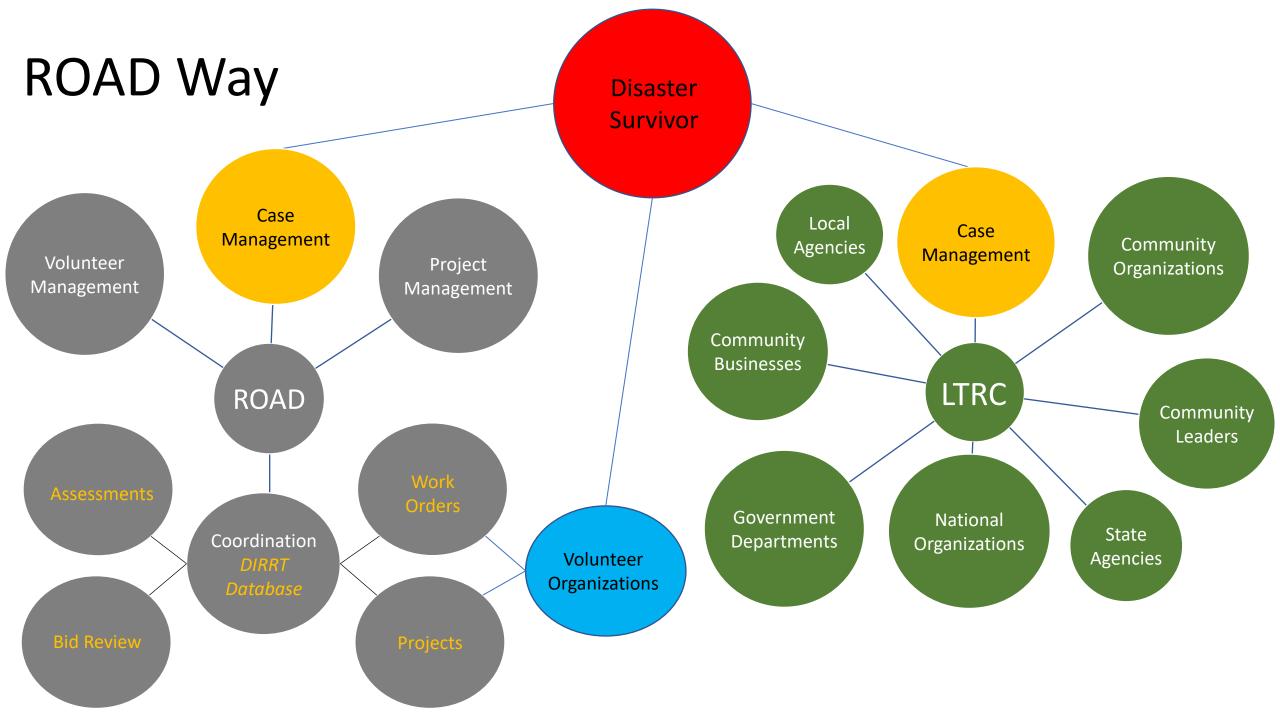














### **Project Management (PM)**

Our key service is providing the supervision needed to complete each home repair. Each project is vetted by a case manager who qualifies the disaster survivor as having a <u>true need they can not meet on their own</u>. Our PM then assesses the disaster related damages which are in turn funded by a local Long Term Recovery Committee. When a volunteer team is scheduled, the PM will purchase and deliver the materials, along with a trailer full of tools, and provide all the project knowledge needed to make any team successful.



### Volunteer Management (VM)

All of our work pre-COVID-19 was based on volunteers where the VM recruited across the country, secured lodging for the team, and ensured their stay was hospitable.

While we await the return of volunteers we have created a new sustainable labor force through a partnership with the states 59 Career Tech Centers to provide hands on training in the repair of disaster damaged homes to their 2<sup>nd</sup> year construction trades students, Work Force clients, Department of Corrections work release inmates, and Department of Veterans Affairs.



### **Administration**

ROAD is the center of all things home repair in a disaster. ROAD maintains the DIRRT database where all disaster case managers track their work orders, assessment requests, bid reviews, and funded projects.

ROAD provides all the assessments, bid reviews, and logistics for every funded project. ROAD Project Managers train and oversee the repairs done through volunteer labor.

ROAD maintains partner relations with over 50 agencies as a member of the Oklahoma Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, "OKVOAD".

# ROAD Recovery...

Flooding is an illusionary disaster. When the flood water is present damage is visible or at least it is known that damage will occur. However, when the waters subside it can appear as nothing has taken place. Shortly after a flood when no more waters are seen the stories in the media quickly move on with no follow up stories because what is seen from the street all looks back to normal. But it is far from normal.

Mr. Ronald's home looks much like it did prior to the flood. At quick glance, no one would know that five feet of water once consumed this property. Water damage was followed by rampant mold growth requiring the entire inside of the house to be removed in a muck out by volunteer teams. Months after work was begun by a volunteer team to repair the home that included the installation of flooring, insulation and drywall.

Mr. Ronald is a veteran and has been living in his churches parsonage since the disaster hit. Mr. Ronald is not an isolated story but one of many across the state that await help from voluntary organizations that can help him recover.

With media coverage comes awareness followed by volunteers and donations. Oklahoma is not alone in the lack of media coverage around the effects of flooding that occur across the country. We are in need of many more volunteer teams that can help disaster survivors recover. Without the time and generosity of volunteers many families will not recover.





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Nina was impacted by flood waters rising to a height of three feet in her garage and a foot and a half in her home. Nina had lost her husband only four months prior and receiving the volunteer help "was a blessing from Heaven." Her home was flooded twice within a four week period of time and with reports of it possibly happening a third time. Volunteers took up flooring as well as drywall and insulation half way up the walls. There was a lot of waste and dirt that washed through her home forcing her to live with her daughter a short distance away. Nina said that having this kind of help "makes you have a sense of wanting to give back," and she fully intends to do just that.



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Ken was in his home as 12.53 inches of rain fell over the area. What was supposed to be a relaxing evening, turned into an evening of him having to be rescued from his home as the flood waters rose 5 feet in 10 minutes. Ken lost all of his belongings of which included his vehicles, tools and equipment for an automotive restoration business he runs in a shop on his property. Ken is not in a flood plain and had no need for flood insurance. He states "I feel as if I lost everything I own and I would not know where to begin if it wasn't for your organization."



# ROAD Responses...

"You know all my life I have loved to hear it rain. But for the last two years I get worried when the weather man even says there's a chance of rain. Now for the first time in two years I can listen and appreciate Gods watering my yard again. Thank you guys for giving it back to me."

"I feel like this organization is God sent. I was truly afraid my house was going to be destroyed because it leaked every time it rained. I am so happy and thankful for your help. God Bless You."

"Thank you all so very much. You have no idea the positive effect that we have had by receiving the materials to rebuild. Please keep giving and helping. You are amazing."

"I am still in a state of awe and jubilant wonder at the appearance of a new roof on my dwelling place. And so I want to thank you."

"I just want you to know how much I needed someone like you to come into my life. I had nearly given up!! But you have given me hope. Thank you so much for what you did for me today. God Bless all of you!!

"Words can never be enough to allow you to know how much difference this amount of help can make. I am 77 and my husband is 82. God is good. He works in ways we do not even know exists."

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