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## **HANDS ON DISASTER RESPONSE APPEAL FOR DONATIONS: US MIDWEST FLOODING AND CHINA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS**

### **Disaster response organization sends assessment teams to Midwest US and China.**

**CARLISLE, MA 6/16/08** – Hands On Disaster Response (HODR), a volunteer-driven 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is appealing for monetary donations for its relief efforts in response to the record-breaking and on-going flooding in the Midwest US and the recent 8.0 earthquake in China.

HODR needs funds to support its Midwest Flooding and China Earthquake relief efforts. HODR relies on the support of donors to carry out its effective disaster relief work; all funds donated to HODR go directly toward these efforts. Please give generously to support HODR and the people they assist. In response to the 8.0 earthquake that hit on May 12, 2008, which damaged an estimated 1 million homes, a HODR assessment team has been on the ground in China since May 31, 2008. The team has been meeting with other international and Chinese NGOs and government officials to learn about the response, and has visited several local villages doing an on-site evaluation of the earthquake's impact. Another HODR team has recently begun to assess the flooding in the Midwest, U.S., which has inundated 1,300 city blocks in Cedar Rapids, IA and more than 200 homes in Des Moines, IA. These assessments will determine if HODR's resource of volunteers can be utilized to assist in the aftermath of these disasters.

Please visit [www.HODR.org](http://www.HODR.org) to make a secure tax-deductible donation, and for updates on the Midwest Flooding and China Earthquake relief efforts. Other 2008 relief efforts include responses to an EF4 tornado in Newton County, Missouri, Cyclone Sidr in Bangladesh, an EF2 tornado in Gassville, Arkansas, and an 8.0 earthquake in Peru. For additional information on HODR, the Midwest Flooding or China Earthquake relief efforts, please visit [www.HODR.org](http://www.HODR.org), or contact Beca Howard at 781-570-9412 or [Beca@HODR.org](mailto:Beca@HODR.org).

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ABOUT: Hands On Disaster Response is a US-based, volunteer-driven, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to timely disaster response and relief. HODR strives to provide hands-on relief to survivors of natural disasters with maximum speed and minimum bureaucracy. HODR projects focus on applying volunteer resources and expertise to communities affected by natural disaster. Previous projects have included USA (2008 Missouri tornadoes), USA (2008 Arkansas



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tornadoes), Bangladesh (2007 Cyclone Sidr), Peru (2007 Pisco Earthquake), Philippines (2006 Typhoon Reming), Indonesia (2006 Jogjakarta Earthquake), USA (2005 Hurricane Katrina), and Thailand (2004 Southeast Asian Tsunami). Donations made to HODR are tax-deductible.

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