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HANDS ON DISASTER RESPONSE EXTENDS RELIEF EFFORTS IN MISSOURI

Local group continues volunteer project in wake of May 10th F4 tornado.

NEOSHO, MO 5/30/08 – Hands On Disaster Response (HODR), a volunteer-driven 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is extending Project Newton County through June 30th. Newton County, MO was the primary area in the state hit by tornados that struck on May 10th and affected approximately 460 homes. The volunteer project began May 19th and was planned to last 30 days. After 10 days helping the people of the devastated area, Hands On Disaster Response decided to prolong the project through the end of June.

HODR volunteers, so far, have helped clear trees and repair barbed wire fencing so farmers can secure their livestock and way of life. Volunteers have also been assisting with debris cleanup and home demolition in the area. This week the team began repairing the roof of a home that suffered a partial collapse, blown-out windows, and damaged siding as a result of the tornado. HODR is working closely with AmeriCorps St. Louis on this project; AmeriCorps continues coordinating work and sending skilled chainsaw teams into the field. Please visit the website, www.HODR.org for updates on this project.

HODR welcomes all volunteers and will do their best to put any skills and talents to work in the community. The volunteers only need to get transportation to the volunteer base. In exchange for volunteer time and resources, HODR provides food, shelter, and a dynamic, rewarding work experience.

HODR is also accepting monetary donations to help offset the costs of this project. Donations can be made securely on the website, www.HODR.org. All donations are tax-deductible and will be used effectively in this relief project.

For additional information on HODR's Project Newton County please visit the website, www.HODR.org or contact Paula Ogletree at 706-476-0310 or paula@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-



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on relief to survivors of natural disasters with maximum speed and minimum bureaucracy. Their projects focus on applying volunteer resources and expertise to communities affected by natural disaster. Previous projects have included Thailand (2004 Southeast Asian Tsunami), USA (2005 Hurricane Katrina), Indonesia (2006 Jogjakarta Earthquake), the Philippines (2006 Typhoon Reming), Peru (2007 Pisco Earthquake), Bangladesh (2007 Cyclone Sidr), and USA (2008 Arkansas tornadoes). Donations made to HODR are tax deductible.

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