



December 29, 2015

To All DCMS members:

In light of the recent tornado damage in our region, the Dallas County Medical Society's charitable foundation, the DCMS Foundation, is establishing a Disaster Relief Fund. We will utilize donations to assist DCMS members and staff who have been severely impacted by the December 26 tornadoes. We are asking for your help to assist these colleagues, society staff and their families.

When our community suffered a direct hit by numerous tornadoes on Saturday, December 26, we all felt a sudden sense of vulnerability. Several DCMS member physicians and one member of the DCMS staff experienced significant losses and damage to their homes and offices.

Deanna Wooten, DCMS VP of Information Technology, who has worked at DCMS for over 26 years, lost her entire home when it suffered a direct hit from the tornado in Ovilla. Her home was among many that were destroyed in the Ellis County storm. She and her husband, Tony, and their two teenagers are safe, but their world has been turned upside down. Similarly, we are aware of several physicians who lost their offices and/or homes.

I ask for your help with several items:

1. Identify and inform DCMS of any physicians or physician's staff members who have been impacted by these storms.
2. Contribute to the DCMS Foundation's Disaster Relief Fund. The DCMS Foundation can receive tax-deductible donations to the DCMS Disaster Relief Fund at <http://www.dallas-cms.org/dcmsfoundation.cfm>.
3. Sign up for the Dallas County Medical Reserve Corps. We have received requests to help recruit physicians who can volunteer at three Red Cross relief sites.
4. Buy and send gift cards for DCMS to distribute. DCMS will collect gift cards to assist Deanna and her family. Please send them to:

DCMS Foundation
Disaster Relief Fund
PO Box 4680
Dallas, TX 75208

5. Provide direct financial assistance for Deanna and her family at www.gofundme.com. Search for "Deanna and Tony Wooten Tornado" to contribute to their account.

I thank each of you for your consideration of this time-sensitive request. We consider every DCMS physician member and staff member to be part of our DCMS family, so we call upon you to help if you can.

If you have questions or can provide information on who has been affected by the tornadoes, please respond to this email or contact Connie Webster, DCMS Senior VP of Operations, at connie@dallas-cms.org.

Sincerely,

Jim Walton, DO
President