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**EIGHT DAYS OF HOPE'S RAPID RESPONSE TEAM IS DEPLOYING TO SHELDON, IA**

Tupelo, MS – Eight Days of Hope (EDOH) is deploying to Sheldon, IA, and the surrounding communities, following intense rainfall that caused a levee in Rock Valley to break. This catastrophic series of events flooded the area in the early morning hours of Saturday, June 22. Our Rapid Response team is heading to Iowa to help families begin to recover from the storm.

An estimated 2,000 structures have been damaged, but even more devastating, at least one loss of life has been counted. As waters continue to recede, more information on the devastation will become available.

“Iowa, we know that this is not the first major disaster that you have experienced in the last few months, and we are hurting alongside you,” says Chandler Gurley, EDOH Director of Operations. “We have leaders, volunteers, and equipment on the way to Sheldon, and as we serve families in need, we desire to help restore hope to the hurting in this community.”

This outreach will take place from Thursday, June 27, until Saturday, July 6. Volunteers will help with drying out homes, sorting belongings, providing mold prevention, and more. You must be 16 or older to volunteer on this outreach.

To volunteer or to learn more about this outreach, please visit [www.eightdaysofhope.com](http://www.eightdaysofhope.com).

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