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DISASTER SERVICES UPDATE

If you would like to learn more about how you can assist communities affected by disaster visit www.serve.gov or <http://www.fema.gov/rebuild/recover/howtohelp.shtm>. If you would like to learn more about how to prepare your family and or community please visit www.ready.gov.

NEW DEPLOYMENTS

TEXAS SEVERE STORMS

May 10th A slow moving storm system over Southern Plains has produced heavy rains, thunderstorms and severe weather over much of southern Texas. Possible tornadoes, severe winds and hail have caused damage to several communities.

WEIMAR, TX

SWIFT-AmeriCorps

May 10th

Ten SWIFT-AmeriCorps members and one alum, are working today to remove debris at the Weimar Independent High school. These members will be performing this service until the school reopens, at which time they will return to their regularly assigned duties serving as tutors to the students. Pictures of the members performing this work are available on the AmeriCorps*Texas Facebook Page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/AmeriCorpsTexas>

**CNCS RECEIVES NATIONAL VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN
DISASTER "PARTNER OF THE YEAR" AWARD**

At its annual conference in Norfolk, Va., the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (NVOAD) named the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) its "Partner of the Year." CNCS was selected for "exemplifying the core purpose of the VOAD movement of coordination, cooperation, communication and collaboration; and for embodying passion, dedication, and professionalism."

Corporation for National and Community Service

CNCS accepted the award on behalf of all of our partners and national service participants. This award recognizes the nearly two-decade long partnership between CNCS and the nonprofit and faith-based organizations in the NVOAD family that has been critical to helping scores of communities recover from natural disasters. CNCS salutes the thousands of Senior Corps volunteers, AmeriCorps members, and community volunteers who have provided vital help and hope in times of crisis.

During the conference, the Disaster Services Unit sponsored and facilitated a five workshop CNCS Track that included representatives from State Service Commissions, Grantees, CNCS Field Liaison Staff, FEMA partners, and NCCC campuses presented, highlighting their valuable work in disaster services. Our thanks go out to our generous presenters and all of our partners for your continued hard work and dedication in assisting communities affected by disaster.

NEW DISASTER EVENTS

For information on new disaster events, please visit fema's daily situation report at:

<http://www.fema.gov/emergency/reports/index.shtm>

RESOURCES

FEMA CORPS, POWERED BY AMERICORPS

For more information on FEMA Corps, a new unit in the AmeriCorps NCCC program please visit:

http://www.americorps.gov/for_individuals/choose/americanccs_nccc_femacorps.asp

VOLUNTEER RECEPTION CENTERS BY STATE:

Illinois

Harrisburg, IL: The VRC is being administered by Operation Blessing and can be reached at 618-294-9600. Operation Blessing has a page dedicated to the Illinois tornado with information on how to contribute: <http://tinyurl.com/OperationBlessingIL>