

Additionally the U.S. Small Business Administration is providing loans to individuals and businesses through their disaster loan programs to assist in the long term recovery needs of the community. There are limits to what government programs can provide. To meet the needs of the community who still need assistance, the H.A.R.T. is the designated long term recovery committee in the Hatch area.

Unmet Needs

The HART NEEDS YOUR HELP Organized as a subcommittee of the Hatch Valley Chamber of Commerce to expedite their organizational structure and take advantage of the Chambers 501c3 status. The mission of the HART is to provide a need assessment, service availability inventory and coordination of services necessary to help members of the community affected by natural disasters. HART can use your help to meet these goals.

All contributions are Tax-deductible. Please check with your tax advisor for full details.



OPEN YOUR HEART TO OUR HART

*Your contribution of money,
materials or time, will make a
difference to all those who have
been affected by this flood.*



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| Please Send to : HART, 210F W.Hall Hatch NM 87937 | | |
| For More Information, call us at: 505-267-5050 | | |



Hatch Area Recovery Team

Hatch, New Mexico

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The Hatch Area Recovery Team (HART) is a group of business, clerical, and community leaders who are committed to assisting the unmet needs of the summer flood victims throughout the Hatch Valley. Despite the coordinated efforts of everyone who helped, there will always be a population of disaster victims who have unmet needs and will be in need of long term recovery support. The HART is the designated long term recovery committee in the Hatch area.



Through their needs assessments, the HART has identified at least \$204,000 worth of unmet basic needs in the Hatch area.

Among these is the need to *totally rebuild homes, assist in the repair of family homes, provide basic necessities for families, and support the long term recovery of flood victims.* Due to the high number low income, and elderly, as well as the lack of rental housing, the task is particularly challenging.



The Flood

Early the afternoon of August 15th, a torrent of flood waters rushed into the community. Four hundred and eighty eight families were force to flee the rising waters and seek shelter. Of those, 402 homes sustained flood damage.



Three hundred evacuees were sheltered in the Hatch Valley High School. The American Red Cross provided temporary housing to some of the victims of the flood by providing rooms 40 miles to the north in TorC and 40 miles to the south in Las Cruces. Damage from the flooding has been estimated at \$20 million.



Recovery

Despite the devastation incurred to Hatch, the community decided to proceed with the annual “Hatch Chile Festival”. The event was a major step in injecting much needed financial resources in to the community, and more importantly, jump starting what will become a major recovery and rebuilding initiative.



Immediate needs

Local emergency managers, the State of New Mexico, the Salvation Army, Red Cross, and various private and government agencies, responded immediately to the disaster. Through the individual assistance program of FEMA, basic housing and household need are being addressed as allowed by law.



The Community

Known as the “Chile Capital of the world” Hatch is located in the beautiful Hatch Valley in south central New Mexico. A long history of agriculture has provided fertile ground for deep roots. Not only for the Pecan groves and chile crops that line the valley, but for the families that have been here for generations. With a population of approximately 1600, Hatch is a tight knit community where many businesses are family owned and operated. The economic and social structures are intertwined and far reaching.