

Specialized Units



Assessment units

utilize trained individuals who meet with home owners to assess damage and prepare reports which recovery teams use as they respond.



Flood recovery units

remove mud and debris from homes after flooding events. They remove damaged furniture, drywall, and floors; then apply treatments that kill mold and keep it from returning.



Chainsaw units

respond when trees are blown down on houses, cars, yards, and public places.



Feeding units

utilize trained volunteers, and certified and licensed cooks, with the capacity to prepare up to 25,000 hot meals a day.



Chaplaincy units

provide spiritual nurture and counsel to the survivors as well as to disaster relief and rescue workers.



Shower trailer units

have hot showers for both men and women on site, with private shower stalls, and complete laundry facilities.



Child care unit

provides supervised care for children in a daycare operation while their parents are coping with paperwork and putting their lives and homes back together.

Heroes come in all shapes and sizes!



Churches together bringing
help, healing,
& hope
in times of crisis.



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Illinois Baptist Disaster Relief

Illinois Baptist Disaster Relief (IBDR) is the IBSA ministry for mobilizing churches to bring *help, healing and hope* in times of crisis. As a partner with Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, we help make up the third largest relief organization behind the American Red Cross and Salvation Army. Over 1,700 volunteers from IBSA churches across the state comprise IBDR.

IBDR is supported by almost 1,000 IBSA churches. As a non-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization, we use the gifts given by individuals and churches to fund the many free services we provide across our state, nation, and world.

Qualifications for all volunteers

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be a member of an IBSA church.
- Pass a federally mandated background check.
- Complete the IBDR basic training course.
- Complete both the IBDR Health & Safety, and Sharing Hope in Crisis courses (within 3 years).
- Participate in a minimum of one yearly call-out or mission project.

IBDR offers three yearly regional training events in all ministry disciplines. When possible, we provide mini training events for IBSA churches and local Baptist associations that gather 30 or more persons.

How to participate

The fee for new volunteers is \$40. This covers background check, training, T-shirt, hat, and credentials badge.

Current volunteers have a yearly \$10 fee for participation in all training events. There is a \$10 badge renewal fee every three years.

Volunteers may participate during disaster callouts once they have been trained and receive their credentials.

Participate by giving financially: 100% of your gifts will assist disaster victims and the costs related to mobilizing IBDR volunteers.

Send support to:

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