



# Help Us Help Our Neighbors!

**Regional Missouri Bank** sends its heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the citizens of Joplin, Missouri. In an effort to help with the Disaster Relief, Regional Missouri Bank will be a drop off point for monetary donations for the concerned individuals of Linn and Chariton Counties who want to help, but are unsure where to submit their donations. Please bring your donations to any of our five conveniently located branches. Checks should be made payable to: **First State Bank Tornado Victims Fund**. Alden Buerge, CEO of First State Bank in Joplin, has established a fund for tornado victims. **One hundred percent of the funds will go to local tornado victims.** Read his statement below for further detail.

*Alden says: "The outpouring of support for the victims of this devastating tornado is heart warming. The immediate need for help for people who have literally lost everything is overwhelming.*

*We have set up an account for contributions: **First State Bank Tornado Victims Fund.***

*We are distributing funds from this account to people in the community that we know need the financial help. We are currently giving a maximum of \$300.00 per family so that they can buy whatever they immediately need. 100% of these contributions will be given directly to victims in the disaster area.*

*The Tornado missed my house by 150 yards. Kathy and I are incredibly lucky. Several of our employees and their families have lost their homes and cars.*

*Nowhere is the American Spirit any stronger than the people here in the Joplin area. We are coming together, rolling up our sleeves, and rebuilding our great city to honor those friends, neighbors and family members who were lost."*

Joplin Donation Update as of June 7, 2011:

With the help of banks, employees and concerned citizens across Missouri we have received and distributed almost \$40,000.00 to Joplin area tornado victims. ~ Alden

*(Alden Buerge, First State Bank, Joplin, Missouri)*

**Here is a fund-raising success story reported to the Missouri Independent Bankers Association offices:**

**June 2, 2011: Adrian Bank, Adrian, MO**

Adrian Bank CEO Gene Irvin presented a check on behalf of Adrian Bank to Alden Buerge, CEO of First State Bank of Joplin in the amount \$5,000 to be applied to the First State Bank Tornado Victims Fund. Mr. Buerge says: "The outpouring of support for the victims of this devastating tornado is heart-warming. The immediate need for help for people who have literally lost everything is overwhelming." Mr. Buerge goes on to say that they are distributing the funds from this account to people in the Joplin community that need financial help. They are currently giving a maximum of \$300.00 per family so that they can buy whatever they immediately need. Most importantly, Mr. Buerge states that 100% of these contributions will be given directly to the victims in the Joplin disaster area.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO ANY OF OUR  
FIVE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED BRANCHES.**

1201 S. Missouri Ave. - Marceline - 660-376-2077

100 S. Main - Marceline - 660-376-2007

301 E. Hwy 24 - Salisbury - 660-388-6060

400 W. Bridge St. - Keytesville - 660-288-3233

2 N. Livingston - Bucklin - 660-695-3624