

Apartment Angels Helping Nashville

Nobody realized what kind of damage Nashville was about to be hit with when raindrops started falling on Saturday morning. Too quickly, the spring rain turned into a 500 year flood, and by Saturday evening, five innocent lives were taken because of it.

People started evacuating their residencies, shelters started to form and fill up quickly and over 36,000 residents were without power. Several Nashville landmarks like the historic Grand Ole Opry and the beautiful Opryland Hotel sustained heartbreaking damages.

The death toll due to the flood is nearing 30 now, and damages are already topping one billion dollars.

The Greater Nashville Apartment Association has partnered with national speaker Toni Blake to aid in relief efforts for area apartment managers and residents.

There is a new national apartment industry community page on Facebook to connect managers across the country in need with people willing to serve. "The Apartment Angel Tree" will work much like a regular Angel Tree at Christmas. The Apartment Angel Tree profile picture is an original painting by Toni Blake inspired to bring out the angel in apartment professionals across the country. So far close to 1,000 Angels have joined the community at The Apartment Angel Tree on Facebook.



enough to see your faces . . . it is Facebook afterall! A picture is worth a thousand words; thoughtfully choose the message in yours. Send the picture to rachelallen@nashvilleaptasn.org with a typed list of needs for the caption by your picture. Please send your picture by Tuesday, May 18th.

If you are a manager without damage, and you are able to donate requested items, You can "tag" a picture of the apartment manager you'd like to adopt, or simply comment on the picture or post.

To access the page, log on to Facebook, search for "Apartment Angel Tree" or go to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Apartment-Angel-Tree/123123214370254?v=wall&ref=mf>

On top of the page, next to the title click the button that says "Like." From there you will be able to post comments, share ideas and encouragement and be a part of the community at The Apartment Angel Tree.

If you have any questions on how to use this Facebook page, call Rachel Allen at GNAA at 615-365-3047 or e-mail her at rachelallen@nashvilleaptasn.org.

We are also coordinating relief efforts for those apartments that do not have internet access or are not on Facebook.

We suggest you write down a list of things you need for your apartments and/or residents. Take a close up picture of you (or your staff, residents, etc.) faces. This will be uploaded in a photo album on the Apartment Angel Tree called – **Nashville Managers looking for Apartment Angels**. Industry professional locally or nationally will have the opportunity to tag your picture and "adopt" you and your community. Be creative with your picture, hold up a sign that says "Thank You" – take a group shot near your damage with a sign that say's – "Thank you for your help"! Be sure to be close

