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BANTERRA BANK DONATES \$50,000 TO KENTUCKY TORNADO RELIEF EFFORTS AND PROVIDES PAID LEAVE FOR DESIGNATED VOLUNTEER TIME

Marion, IL – *Banterra Bank*, in response to Western Kentucky's recent devastation, is donating \$50,000 to tornado relief efforts and providing paid-leave for its 500-team-member base who would like to volunteer with designated organizations in the Mayfield and Dawson Springs area. Monetary donations will be given to Team Western Kentucky Tornado Relief Fund, Kentucky Bankers Relief Fund, West Side Nut Club and Mercy Chefs.

"The devastation from these historic tornadoes, particularly to Western Kentucky communities within our footprint, is unimaginable," said Jeff May, President and CEO of *Banterra Bank*. "We have customers impacted, and we have customers and team members who have a connection to the loss in these areas. We also have banking industry peers affected, and as an industry, we want to support each other. We carefully vetted the opportunities for donations and have confidence that these contributions will go to immediate needs in Western Kentucky. *Banterra* takes care our communities, and this was certainly a time for us to continue that strong support."

Team Western Kentucky Tornado Relief Fund - \$20,000 donation by *Banterra*

This fund was established by Governor Beshear to assist those impacted by the December 11th tornadoes. Information and online donations can be made [here](#).

Kentucky Bankers Relief Fund - \$20,000 donation by *Banterra*

This fund was established by the Kentucky Bankers Association and is designed to assist bank employees who were impacted by the disaster. Funds will be distributed to cover costs for personal supplies, temporary shelter, funeral expenses, etc. In addition to *Banterra's* support, if you would like to make a donation to this fund, you can mail checks to: Kentucky Bankers Relief Fund, Attn: KBA, 600 W. Main St., Suite 400, Louisville, KY 40202.

West Side Nut Club - Dawson Springs - \$5,000 donation by *Banterra* and team member volunteer support

West Side Nut Club, a civic organization that supports Evansville area improvements, is sending more than 100 volunteers to Dawson Springs, Kentucky to offer clean-up services, meals and supplies. Evansville Banterra employees will be part of this volunteer group and Banterra will provide \$5,000 towards the organization's supply needs.

Mercy Chefs - \$5,000 donation by *Banterra* plus paid-leave for *Banterra* team-member volunteers

Mercy Chefs is a faith-based, non-profit disaster relief organization. They provide professionally prepared, restaurant-quality meals to victims, volunteers, and first responders in natural disasters and national emergencies, and they partner with existing like-minded organizations to further their mission by providing food service in underserved communities across the country. *Banterra's* contribution will be designated to the Western Kentucky efforts. Mercy Chefs have served 18.5 million meals for disaster needs since their founding in 2006, serving in more than 26 states and utilizing more than 10,000 volunteers. More information on Mercy Chefs can be found [here](#).

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