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It's too easy to sit around and wonder "What Can We Do To Help?".

Debbie Stidham and a team from County Wide Insurance Agency found a way to get involved with local flood victims and put the CWI Trick or Treat Bags into action. Collecting donations from all CWI team members and a matching donation from the agency, Debbie organized and packed bags for those facing tough times from the rising flood waters.

A quick shopping trip later, Leigh Ann Kincy, Marla Buchanan, Wes Howard, Jason Comfort and others helped Debbie fill the bags full of hygiene supplies. The bags were loaded up and delivered to the Lighthouse Christian Center for distribution.

Lighthouse Christian Center is the Official distribution center for the American Red Cross. Many members of the Church are serving others by housing area residents displaced from their homes as well as assisting in the distribution of needed items.

First Baptist Church has also sprung into action during this time of need through their Mission Team group. Headed up by Carolyn Rowland, they are providing meals to those the Advance Shelter feeding over 60 people that are residing in that location.

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**CURRENT AMERICAN RED CROSS
NEEDS ARE:** Hygiene Items, Diapers

(Large), Undergarments (men & ladies), Perishable & Nonperishable Foods. There is also

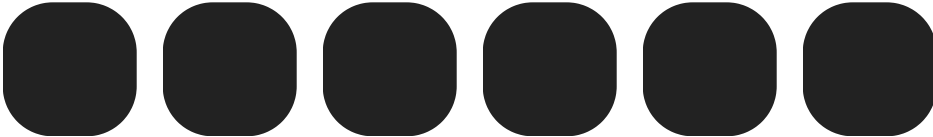
a urgent need for cash donations. You can make your check payable to the American Red Cross.

They say that in times of trouble, people truly step up to help their neighbors. We are seeing that proven each and every day throughout the flooding of our communities. If you know of a business or someone that deserves recognition for their community service, please email news@showmetimes.com or call the News Hotline at 573.624.7436. The ShowMe Times would be happy to highlight these acts of kindness to others.

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