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## **GGAR Supports Joplin Residents**

Glen Carbon, IL — The Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS® (GGAR) has donated \$1,000 in Target gift cards to aid in the renovation efforts in Joplin, Missouri in the wake of the recent devastating tornadoes. Other real estate associations throughout Illinois have also made contributions that were sent directly to the Ozark Gateway Association of REALTORS® in Joplin to be dispersed to individuals needing assistance.

GGAR will travel to Joplin in the near future to assess the damage and determine the best plan of action to help the citizens in that area. "We anticipate recruiting our members to participate in a "work day" once the rebuilding process begins," stated Chairman of the Board Jenni Beck, e-PRO, GRI.

In the meantime, GGAR encourages businesses and the general public to make every effort to support the citizens of Joplin, Missouri in their time of need. To learn more about basic necessities, volunteer opportunities, or making a donation, visit <http://www.joplinmo.org/>.

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The Greater Gateway Association of REALTORS® serves nearly 1,000 REALTOR® and affiliate members in the southwestern Illinois region including the counties of Bond, Calhoun, Fayette, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Monroe, and Montgomery. The Association strives to promote education, professionalism, and ethical conduct in the real estate industry; to advocate for the protection of property rights; to assist in providing Americans with safe and affordable housing; and to further the interest of property ownership.