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## **Kentucky Colonels announce \$3.5 Million in Disaster Relief, Colonels' Day of Service for Spring 2022.**

The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels Board of Trustees this morning committed \$3.5 million to emergency relief and rebuilding efforts across western Kentucky.

Col. Shannon Ralston and the Ralston family issued a \$2 million challenge for tornado disaster relief. The trustees immediately responded with a \$1 million match, with a call to Kentucky Colonels across the world to match the remaining \$1 million.

“This once in a lifetime disaster event – the most horrific in Kentucky since the great flood of 1937 – calls for a once in a lifetime philanthropic effort,” said Gen. Hal Sullivan, board of trustees chair.

The Honorable Order has made up to \$500,000 immediate relief available to nonprofits that have received grants from the Colonels' Good Works Program. The remaining \$3 million, along with Colonels' contributions to this relief and rebuilding fund will be distributed to existing nonprofits in the region as the totality of property damages come to light.

Sullivan continued, “We encourage everyone who can remember tornado victims in their holiday philanthropic giving by contributing to the charities of their choosing or the Colonels' relief efforts. One-hundred percent of contributions toward tornado relief will be given to thoroughly-vetted nonprofits providing assistance to the citizens and communities of western Kentucky.”

To contribute to the Honorable Order, Kentucky Colonels and others can visit [KyColonels.org](http://KyColonels.org) or mail their contribution to 943 South First Street, Louisville, KY 40203.

Continuing with the Honorable Order's Day of Service, spring 2022 events are in the planning stages with details to be announced in January.

### **About The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, Inc.**

HOKC is a 501(c)(3) entity dedicated to supporting charitable activities throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The organization is governed by an all-volunteer Board of Trustees. The “Kentucky Colonel” commission is an honorary title granted by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. For decades HOKC has pursued its mission through annual grants to charities across the state, funded by the generous donations of its contributing Colonels. Though the corporate name is The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, most know it by its long-term trademark, KENTUCKY COLONELS.