

SUCCESS STORY

Extension Homemakers Coordinate Response to Flood

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Red Bush Extension Homemakers and volunteers organizing supplies for flood relief.

Building strong communities and empowering community leaders is a cornerstone of Johnson County Extension. When a flood devastated the Red Bush Community in 2015, the Red Bush Extension Homemakers Club and the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association responded.

The Red Bush Community Center was spared from the flood and became one of the operation centers of the disaster response. FCS Agent Brenda Cockerham and Red Bush Homemakers organized resources and volunteers who prepared and served the community with food and much needed supplies. Extension leaders and volunteers set up a delivery system and an outreach method that served around 300 victims and service workers each day for two weeks, providing hot meals, clothing, emergency supplies and additional food. Around 600 families and volunteer workers were reached via this method. The Center continues to serve the community as needed. Having a strong community enabled volunteers to use this resource to help their neighbors in need.

For more information about Johnson County Homemakers, visit:

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