

Greensboro Experiences Tornado and Relief

On Sunday, April 15, 2018, intense storms rocked east Greensboro when an EF-2 tornado ripped through 33.6 miles of land, leaving power outages and property damage in its wake. Fortunately for Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA), there was no substantial property damage to any of our twenty communities. However, Claremont Courts, with 250 units and over 714 residents, suffered power outages from Sunday evening until Wednesday, April 18. Many other parts of Greensboro were not as fortunate as Claremont, and just blocks away, homes and three local schools suffered significant damage.



Volunteers feed Claremont Residents

The greater Greensboro community has offered much support for those affected. Claremont's first day without power brought out volunteers and donations of bag lunches and hot food for dinners. The trend continued into the week, with food provided by local churches, citizens, restaurants and one special donor. GHA IT staff provided power banks for

residents to charge their mobile phones. Kindness was around every corner, with no shortage of individuals to help lessen the discomfort the residents experienced. Volunteers also delivered food door to door for those who were unable to retrieve their meals. And while GHA was unable to make the power come on any faster, these acts of compassion and community, brought hope and comfort to those during an uncertain time.



Food and supplies were also delivered to residents who could not get on their own



Volunteers also coordinated activities for children

A generous monetary donation allowed the agency to provide dinners to Claremont Courts on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Overall all, a total of 2,424 meals and 31 bags of groceries were provided for GHA residents. Over 49 staff members and countless community members volunteered their time towards relief efforts and served or delivered food. GHA is exceedingly thankful for the coordinated efforts across Greensboro and all the people who worked to make sure our residents were taken care of.