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# CARTER COUNTY RECOVERY NEWSLETTER

We are looking forward to the good and lovely things that 2026 will have in store for us in Carter County- we have an amazing team, strong partnerships, and incredible volunteers. We continue to make progress for survivors through repairs and rebuilding projects.

Thank you for your trust and your investment into seeing our community restored.

**Leya Martinez**  
Director of Carter County LTRG

## LONG-TERM RECOVERY NEWS

**Volunteer Update:** Ralph Jeffers, our Volunteer Coordinator is hosting a Volunteer Committee meeting on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30PM at The Coffee Company. If you are interested in serving survivors in Carter County in any capacity, please RSVP to him at [volunteercarterltrg@gmail.com](mailto:volunteercarterltrg@gmail.com)

**Sign up for the Avante program with FoundersForge** through Elizabethton Chamber of Commerce. We will be meeting each Thursday evening in February to help each other as business owners learn and thrive. Register here:  
<https://elizabethtonchamber.com/avante/>

**Our case managers have doubled!** We are excited to welcome two more case managers to help the case load in Carter County. They have closed 96 cases so far and completed 307 screenings.

**The first Northeast TN VOAD meeting** is Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM at Summit Leadership. We encourage churches, nonprofits, and disaster relief organizations to be there as we organize. Please email us for more information.

**You can give via QR code, our website, or through FTDD- thank you!**  
Learn more at: [cartercountyltrg.com](http://cartercountyltrg.com)  
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### Current Priorities

Ways to become involved:

- ☐ Volunteer Committee: cooking, housing, etc.!
- ☐ Financially support LTRG efforts
- ☐ Project Managers

### Needs Met

Here are some of the needs recently met:

- ☒ Launched Avante Program for Business Owners
- ☒ Partnerships with churches
- ☒ 6 Unmet Needs MET!

### How to Donate?

Visit <https://www.ftdd.org/carter>

