

**JULY 2026**

CARTER COUNTY RECOVERY NEWSLETTER

"Who is my neighbor and how am I to love them?" We are continuing to see strangers become neighbors through acts of service and kindness. We may hear of horrible events taking place across our world, but we are graciously reminded of the goodness of people: when groups travel ten hours to rebuild a porch, the Amish & Mennonite communities commit to rebuild destroyed homes, and when local folks and survivors continue to keep others well-being a top priority. We hope that you will also see the glimmers of goodness and kindness that are all around.

Leya Martinez
Director of Carter County LTRG

LONG-TERM RECOVERY NEWS

Volunteer Gathering: Are you looking for a way to be involved in the continual recovery work after Helene? There are places for you to plug in! Come to East River Park Christian Church on **Tuesday, July 20th at 4:30 PM**. You will find out ways that you, your family, your faith community, etc. can serve our neighbors still recovering and the volunteers that are working in our county. Email Ralph Jeffers for more info: volunteercarterltrg@gmail.com

Thank you to World Renew! We first connected with World Renew at the 2025 National VOAD Conference- they are an incredible organization that directs skilled & unskilled volunteers to areas affected by disaster. As of June, they have sent 17 groups to east TN and we could not be more thankful for the work & relationships that have come from our collaboration.

Case Update for Carter County: We currently have 93 open cases and **225 closed cases!** This is in no small part to the tireless work of our amazing case managers: Desiree, Missy, Brittany, and Skylar. If you know someone that still needs assistance from Helene, please have them reach out to us!

You can support the ongoing work by giving or volunteering your time. Learn more here cartercountyltrg.com or by calling (423) 281-4709

Thank you always for your support!

Current Priorities

Ways to become involved:

- ☐ Volunteer Committee Members
- ☐ Volunteer Board Member
- ☐ Project Managers for Volunteers

Needs Met

Here are some of the needs recently met:

- ☒ Internship Position through Americorps Partnership!
- ☒ Another Rebuild with ACTS & MDS
- ☒ Summer Volunteers with World Renew

How to Donate?

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

