

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The mission of Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is to demonstrate Christ's compassion for people by promoting hope, healing, and wholeness for disaster survivors. That mission involves rebuilding lives as well as homes. There are three unique programs we are pleased to make available to help children and teens recovering from disasters and who need to learn how to prepare for the future.

- **Camp Noah** is a weeklong day camp program designed for children in grades K-6 who are recovering from a disaster. Within a fun-filled environment, using music, skits and crafts, this program builds on the biblical story of Noah to provide an uplifting experience.
- **Can Do Kids** is a three-day program (typically Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday afternoon) for children in grades K-8 designed to help them deal with their fears, experience relief from stress, connect with God in the aftermath of disaster, and gain coping skills to deal with life's hardships. Philippians 4:13 "*I can do all things through God who strengthens me*", serves as the anchor verse for this program.
- **Gearing Up - Renew U** is a one-day program for young people ages 15-18. With similar goals as Can Do Kids, this camp also introduces practical skills for family disaster preparedness and community response. Being prepared in advance for disaster helps to reduce the fear that teens experience and empowers them to control their lives.

Any of these programs can be conducted at your site, if appropriate, or at a local community facility. LDR can provide funding, training, materials and support staff for your volunteers. (These are great senior volunteer opportunities) If your congregation or service group would like to learn more about any or all of these camps, please contact one of the following Youth Program Coordinators at our LDR offices in Mobile County.

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