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**BLOCK PARTY FOR TORNADO RELIEF**

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. – Here’s to Volunteers for Giving HOPE is calling on Madison County to come out and enjoy a night of fun at Sparkman High School for our Block Party for Tornado Relief to bring awareness, answers, and raise funds for those still recovering from the April 27th tornadoes.

As part of Leadership Huntsville/Madison County’s Connect Class 13, a group of 12 young professionals started a journey of learning how to help those affected by the April 27th tornadoes. This learning has developed into the Here’s to Volunteers for Giving HOPE (Helping Our People Emerge) project, a Block Party for Madison County to come have fun while learning how our community is still impacted by the tornado destruction.

The Block Party will be held Friday November 4, 2011 from 4 – 7 p.m. at Sparkman High School, 2616 Jeff Road, Harvest, AL 35749. Attendees will have the opportunity to speak with representatives of the Long Term Recovery Committee as well as enjoy music by KUSH, inflatable bounces, food, and fun.

“Our desire is that this event will bring attention back to those in our community who are still dealing with the aftermath of April 27th. My eyes have been opened in terms of what happens after a disaster,” stated Dani Peele, Project Leader. “Please help us help our neighbors. If we don’t step up, who will?”

In addition to bringing awareness, this event will be a fundraiser for the Long Term Recovery Fund. All the money raised by raffle tickets, t-shirts, and donations will stay here in Madison County to clean-up and rebuild our homes and businesses.

For more information on the Here’s to Volunteers for Giving HOPE project, visit [www.herestovolunteers.com](http://www.herestovolunteers.com) or find us on Facebook at facebook/alabamavolunteers.

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