

## **Joplin support was amazing**

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We appreciate everyone who recently gave cloth items to help the tornado victims in Joplin, MO.

With your sincere generosity, the donations that were given far exceeded our expectations. Nearly 16,000 pounds and 25,000 items were taken to Joplin on Friday, June 10.

We appreciate that Kassy has a place of work that allowed her to collect items for this drive. We would also like to thank the following communities for their support for those in need: Gothenburg, Cozad, Brady, Callaway, Eustis, Farnam, Lexington and Holdrege. We are grateful to Robert Litzenburger at Peterson's Supermarket and Tom at Erickson's Furniture of North Platte for collecting boxes for our cause.

Special appreciation goes to Ann Kauffman and Tammy Knauss of Cozad, Pat Potter of Willow Island, Tim Schmeackle for his trailer, Jo Johnson of Land O Lakes, First State Bank, Gothenburg Times, KRVN Radio, Gothenburg Tire, Horizon Ag and Pony Express Chevrolet.

When we started this cloth drive, we had no idea it would turn out this way. We are truly amazed by the outpouring of generosity. When we left for Joplin, we had no idea what we would find. Pictures on TV cannot even begin to describe the devastation. Words cannot tell everyone what we saw. The amount of loss is overwhelming. The cloth items that we took as a small community does not begin to make a small dent in what Joplin needs.

The hours spent sorting all of these items before boxing them up were greatly appreciated by the Salvation Army. They wanted good, clean items and, thanks to your amazing generosity, that is what they got.

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