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Mississippi Delta Banks Create Fund for Rebuilding

On Friday, March 24, a devastating string of storms hit Mississippi, resulting in at least 23 deaths, and as of early Monday morning there were still 24,387 power outages remaining across 16 counties as a result of Friday's storm.

In an effort to help the victims of these deadly tornadoes, Bank of Anguilla, BankPlus, CB&S Bank, Cleveland State Bank, Community Bank, Guaranty Bank, Planters Bank, Renasant Bank, and Southern Bancorp have each committed \$10,000 to begin relief efforts for delta communities in a fund called The Heart of the Delta Foundation.

"These community banks in the Delta are committed to rebuilding, and they realize the road will be long. The MBA is happy to support their efforts leading to recovery and we're proud of the strong example of community shown here. We encourage banks throughout Mississippi and the nation to join us. We are also in discussion with bankers in other impacted parts of the state as well about how the fund can be helpful to them, too," said Gordon Fellows, MBA President and CEO.

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas has also pledged to match up to \$250,000 in donations made to the Foundation. The Heart of the Delta Foundation will work closely with local organizations and community leaders to determine how to appropriate funds where they are needed most.

Banks and individuals are invited to contribute to this fund. For individuals who would like to contribute, check with your local bank about making a donation to The Heart of the Delta Foundation. For any banks that would like to contribute, please contact Gordon Fellows at the Mississippi Bankers Association.

Additionally, the MBA will work with other local Mississippi groups as well to help ensure funding for rebuilding efforts is as thorough and widespread as possible. The MBA will also work with the American Bankers Association [ABA] Foundation, and the Independent Community Bankers of America [ICBA] Foundation to generate national fundraising support. Both foundations will direct funding to different areas of need. For more information or to contribute to it, [click here](#). For more information about the ABA Foundation, visit xxx [link coming].

