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Blue Ridge Students Reaching Out to Tornado Victims

Blue Ridge Community College's Early Childhood students are teaming with area child care providers to collect items for child care centers in Alabama that were devastated by tornadoes.

Education Club President Brenda Vankoughnett said, "As early childhood providers ourselves, we can only imagine how this tragedy has affected these centers and the many families they serve on a daily basis. Blue Ridge Community College early childhood students were looking for a way to reach out, and we think this project will make a huge impact for a lot of people in Alabama."

Items needed include classroom art supplies; children's books, puzzles, blocks, and dolls; playground and inside toys; and toiletry and kitchen supplies. Monetary donations are also being accepted for a "tree fund" to refurbish trees for shade on the playground.

Other partners for the project include Helping Hand Child Development Center, Butler Bridge Family Child Care Home, Nessa's Young'uns Family Child Care Home, and The Beacon Child Care Center.

For more information about donating to this tornado relief project, contact Brenda Vankoughnett at (828) 676-6466, Kathy Allen at (828) 694-1819, or Vanessa Gilliam at (828) 551-8356.