

Logan Students Aid Missouri Flood Relief Efforts

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While the nation's attention was focused on the flooding in the Midwest in July, students from Logan College of Chiropractic in Chesterfield, Missouri joined forces with volunteer relief efforts near St. Louis County.

The Logan relief efforts were initiated by seventh trimester student John Kozy, who joined with students Dave Schaller, Shane Neifert, Bob Lang, and Anna Olivetti to recruit Logan volunteers. Ann Carter, executive secretary to Logan President George A. Goodman, DC, provided administrative coordination for the effort.

A few days prior to Logan's large scale relief efforts, groups of interns from Logan's Health Centers in the St. Louis suburbs of St. Charles and Webster Groves helped with sandbagging at St. Charles and South St. Louis County sites. Students and clinicians also offered chiropractic treatment to the other volunteers. The interns were accompanied by Health Center Directors Drs. Kelly Brinkman and William Hemmer.

The major relief effort by Logan College took place July 19, when a school district provided five buses to transport flood control volunteers to threatened sites. The students spent most of the day filling sandbags and piling them on levees at four sites in counties surrounding St. Louis County. In Festus, Missouri, about 30 miles south of St. Louis, the Logan volunteers worked against an impending river crest. The town's levees held.

While the Logan campus was not threatened by the flood waters from the Missouri River, thanks to its hilltop locale, large portions of the valley lands of Western Chesterfield were flooded by the Missouri River on July 30. Most of the St. Louis metropolitan area escaped flooding, but Eastern Missouri battled for weeks against flooding from the Mississippi and over rivers as record crests were recorded late in July. Logan volunteers assisted with food preparation for hundreds of volunteers working at the threatened sites in Eastern Missouri.

The students also organized drives to benefit the Salvation Army's flood relief programs: Logan Students for the Advancement of Chiropractic organized a clothing/food/cash/household goods drive, and the Logan chapter of the Student American Chiropractic Association (SACA) held a bowl-a-thon that raised \$150. About 40 Logan students, faculty members, and friends participated in the bowl-a-thon.

The magnitude of the flooding was staggering. In Missouri, some 150 levees were breached, resulting in the flooding of more than 320,00 acres. The human toll: 22 deaths, with an estimated 19,000 people forced to flee their homes; property and crop damage was set at a staggering \$2.7 billion.

