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## Franklin County Commissioner Sidney E. Dunston Reaches Out

*Commissioner joins the effort to donate to victim relief*

**Louisburg, February 16, 2007:** Franklin County Commissioner Sidney E. Dunston and Otis Gill, President of the Franklin County North Carolina Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) travelled to Columbus County recently in an effort to help those less fortunate. Along with the Columbus County NAACP, a total of \$1,500 has been contributed to help three different families devastated by the November, 2006 tornado that struck the Riegelwood area of Columbus County.

"We try to respond wherever there is a need," Commissioner Dunston stated. "Last year, we provided a donation to Hurricane Katrina victims on the Gulf coast."

Dunston said the Franklin County group doesn't have the membership numbers to contribute to physical cleanup activities like the North Carolina Baptist Men but are able to make a monetary contribution.

Two families received contributions of \$500 apiece. Commissioner Dunston stated that by splitting a \$1,000 check, it would help two families instead of one. Added to the Columbus donation of \$500, three Riegelwood-area families were assisted.

Gill stated the group considered sending another major donation to Katrina victims this year. But, because the Riegelwood destruction was closer home, their predominate donation was given to Riegelwood and the victims within North Carolina.

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