

## **Mission Statement**

GAVOAD is a humanitarian association of independent voluntary organizations who may be active in all phases of disaster. Its mission is to foster efficient, streamlined service delivery to people affected by disaster, while minimizing unnecessary duplication of effort, through cooperation in the four phases of disaster: preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.

#### What is VOAD?

VOAD associations improve outcomes for people affected by disasters by facilitating cooperation, communication, coordination, and collaboration among nonprofit organizations, community-based groups, government agencies, and forprofit companies.

40+ member organizations ready to assist communities at minimal to no cost.

# Reasons to join Georgia VOAD:

- 1. Experiencing a Disaster
- 2. Planning for the future
- 3. Learning best practices
- 4. Training opportunities
- 5. Networking with peers



#### Cooperation

Foster cooperation among GVOAD member organizations at all levels and in all phases of disaster

#### Communication

Exchange and disseminate information among GVOAD member organizations and the public, as well as local, state and federal agencies, in conjunction with the individual GVOAD members

## Coordination

Coordinate the development of GVOAD policies and procedures, and the implementation of services among GVOAD member organizations. GVOAD may also provide links to national and international disaster relief organizations. GVOAD serves as an advocate and liaison between member agencies and the State of Georgia

#### Collaboration

Work together to achieve specific goals and to undertake specific projects at disaster sites. We form partnerships during the disaster response

**ADVOCACY** CASE MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY OUTREACH CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT COUNSELING DAMAGE ASSESSMENT DONATION MANAGEMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MASS CARE MITIGATION PLANNING MOBILE FEEDING REBUILDING RESOURCE COORDINATION SHELTERING **VOLUNTEER COORDINATION** WAREHOUSE MANAGEMENT AND MUCH MORE

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## **Membership Information**

#### Statewide Membership

Organizations that have a statewide focus, scope and purpose, voluntary, and active in disasters
\$85 annually

## **Local / Regional Members**

Organizations that focus on a particular area or region within the state [e.g., Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD), local county VOAD, or members of private industry involved in disaster response \$60 annually

Members attend our monthly meetings and are invited to partner trainings and events as well as receive updates from our government partners.