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A fund-raising drive launched this week by students at The Evergreen State College to rush immediate financial aid to victums of the catastrophic tornadoes which swept the Middle West last week has already netted more than \$100, organizers reported today. The two-week drive ends April 19.

Students collecting funds on the mall of the Evergreen College Activities Building say they've been receiving donations in the mail which they will send to Greene County, Ohio, home of Wilberforce and Central State Universities. Both institutions were virtually obliterated and more than half the nearby town of Xenia --- about the size of Olympia --- was destroyed by tornadoes.

No immediate relief is available for students at the two institutions, Evergreeners have been able to contact the president of Central State and he has agreed to channel any donations directly to his students. They hope to reach administrators at Wilberforce before the end of this week.

Persons interested in contributing to the relief drive can send donations --cash, checks or money orders --- to: TORNADO RELIEF FUND, Evergreen Branch, South Sound National Bank, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, Washington 98505.

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