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A two-week fund raising drive has been launched by students at The Eyergreen State College to rush immediate financial aid to victums of the catastrophic tornadoes which swept the Middle West earlier this week,

Among the areas hardest hit by the tornadoes was 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 the tornadoes, which took more than 300 lives and caused millions of dollars property damage.

No immediate relief is available for students at the two institutions, Eyergreeners are collecting cash immediately to send directly to the Ohio collegians. All Puget Sound residents, as well as Evergreen students, faculty and staff, are asked to submit tax deductible cash, check or money orders to: TORNADO RELIEF FUND, Evergreen Branch, South Sound National Bank, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, Washington 98505.

For more information on the Ohio relief drive, call the Evergreen Information Center, 866-6300.