

Flood relief efforts  
LHU shows strong commitment to serve those in need

Through the MountainServe Center for Global Citizenship, Lock Haven University students, faculty and staff have engaged in flood relief locally, regionally as well as in other communities in the U.S.

In 2004, Hurricane Ivan devastated many homes in Clinton County. In partnership with the Red Cross, students from LHU assisted residents of Mill Hall, Jersey Shore and Renovo. In November of 2005, students, faculty and staff from LHU participated in a Hurricane Katrina Relief service project in Louisiana as well as Mississippi. LHU students have continued to serve the citizens of the Gulf Coast and help in that region's rebuilding effort in their service to Camp Coast Care as well as Camp Victor.

MountainServe is also in the process of coordinating relief efforts to assist citizens in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania who were affected by flooding in September of this year. In addition, on October 20, MountainServe is partnering with the LHU English Department and Alumni Association to host Carolyn Perry's reading from her memoir, "For Better, For Worse: Patient in the Maelstrom." MountainServe will have a strong presence at the event, providing flood relief volunteer opportunities and information for those participating in the reading and discussion.

The MountainServe Center for Global Citizenship coordinates credit and non-credit bearing opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students to engage in service-learning. MountainServe director Anne-Marie Turnage says, "The future of our common humanity depends on how well our students learn the lessons our places are teaching, whether those places are in the Northern or Central Appalachians or the profoundly changed landscape of the Mississippi and Louisiana Gulf Coast." She adds, "MountainServe invites you to come and join us in serving, learning and listening to the stories and lessons that come to our students from places where the ground is often profoundly changed."