

Flooding in Osawatomie

The water is receding now in Osawatomie, Kansas, after flooding brought devastation to the town. Fortunately, Life Care Center of Osawatomie is located on high ground, and our residents were safe and no general evacuation was necessary.

Unfortunately, however, 14 of our associates lost everything in the flood, according to Lisa Kolman, executive director.

A couple of associates are still living in a school that was set up as a relief shelter. Churches, the Red Cross and other organizations have been good about providing meals, clothing and household items, Kolman said.

More than 150 homes were totally destroyed by the floodwaters, with water levels up to the roof. "If we had not had the levee, the whole town could have been flooded," Carla Reithmayr, a nurse in the building, said.

A prayer request came in to Life Care this past Thursday for "all of those suffering from the flood that affected Osawatomie. I know that the staff at Life Care Center of Osawatomie is very dedicated to their residents in keeping them safe. They had people there working 16 hours staying the night or day to help out any way they could. Although we had some employees lose everything they had in the flood, they were still able to come to work and help out. But I just want to say a prayer for all of those through these trying times, and for them to keep their heads held high and remember that God will only deal what you can handle. I also want to thank the DON and executive director for all of their support. We couldn't have done it without you."

Once again, Life Care associates have demonstrated their amazing commitment to those they serve – putting their needs ahead of their own.

Isn't it remarkable to work for a company with that brand of values?

--Beecher Hunter