

# Local retirement home staff, residents show care for Joplin

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When workers at the Ten Oaks Senior Retirement Community in Lawton saw the devastation caused by an EF-5 tornado that hit the Greenbriar nursing home in Joplin, Mo., May 22, they decided to help.

The staff and residents of Ten Oaks will be holding a fundraiser to benefit the American Nurses Association's relief fund for the

Joplin tornado victims from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the facility, 3610 SE Huntington Circle.

Whitney Heinz, business office manager for Ten Oaks, said there will be a yard sale, a silent auction and a \$10 per plate cookout. She urged the public to come out and enjoy the event while helping survivors of the natural disaster that took the lives of 11 residents of Greenbriar nursing home, who were among the hundreds killed

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Abandoned wheelchairs dot the parking lot of a devastated Greenbriar nursing home May 25 in Joplin, Mo. An EF-5 tornado hit the facility May 22, killing 11 residents. Staff and residents of Lawton's Ten Oaks Retirement Community are holding a fundraiser Saturday to benefit the victims in Joplin. The event will include a yard sale, silent auction and a \$10 per plate cookout, featuring bratwurst, potato salad and sauerkraut.

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in last month's tornado outbreak that tore apart Joplin.

"The yard sale — we're going to have a lot of miscellaneous stuff," Heinz said. She said toys, decorations and clothing — especially baby clothes — have already been donated.

Heinz said she and others at Ten Oaks are currently contacting local businesses for donations to be used for the silent auction.

The cookout will feature grilled bratwurst, sauerkraut and potato salad.

Heinz said anyone who wants to donate items for the auction can contact her

or executive director Tammy Brown at 353-1190.

"If people want to bring out donations for the yard sale, too, they can do that," Heinz said.

She said they haven't set a goal for the fundraiser but expect a good turnout.

"We just wanted to help out," Heinz said.