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Disaster Recovery Help Mobile App

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android

iOS

Dec 2021



Jun 2023



Feb 2024



May 2024



Sep 2024



Jan 2025



Mar 2026



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1st Disaster – Marshall Fire



On December 30th, 2021, a wildfire started in the Northwest Denver metro area affecting Boulder, Superior and Louisville. Fueled by dry conditions and 100+ mph winds 1,000 homes were destroyed within a few hours. The Marshall Fire is now recognized as the most costly wildfire in Colorado history.

As a 20+ year resident of Colorado, I watched this disaster unfold with everyone else wondering what I could do to help. As a technology expert I jumped right into what I knew, technology. A mobile app that would contain everything a Survivor would need to get them through the coming days, weeks, and months. This is where I was given the vision for "Love Your Neighbor Everywhere".

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2nd Disaster – Perryton Tornado



On June 15th 2023 an EF3 tornado hit Perryton Texas. 140mph winds destroyed 410 homes, 92 businesses, injuring 125 people and killing 3. This would be the 2nd disaster relief app for LYNE.

Significant progress has been made on the app in the area of registering users. Proving who is and is not a survivor is critical. There is now a solution for having checkpoints into damaged neighborhoods. Police Officers, Store Owners (with give-aways), Volunteers, Donors, and Survivors can now register to use the app.

Please watch the demo video links below to see how the app works:

- Survivors - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DoLE_kXry6k
- Volunteers/Donors - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ltjyx3E8bVc
- Security QR Codes - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yymj-UVuOqA

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3rd Disaster – Smokehouse Creek Fire



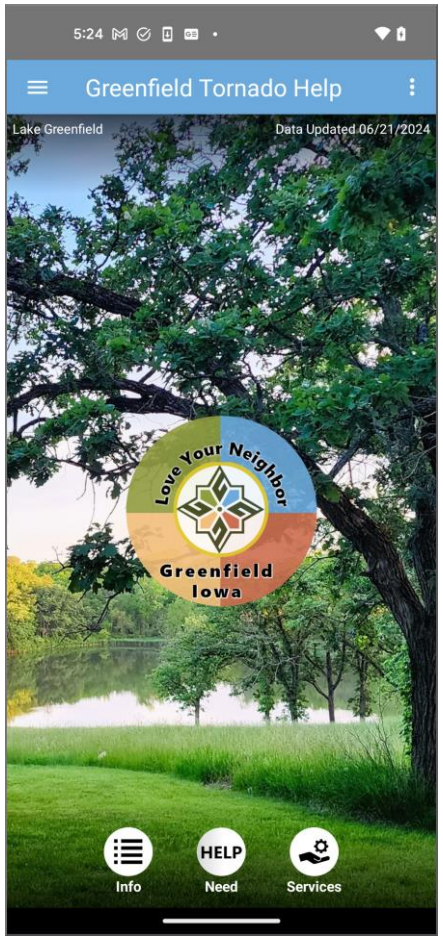
On February 26th 2024, a wildfire started and swept through the Texas panhandle burning over 1 million acres. Known as the Smokehouse Creek Fire and the Windy Deuce Fire, it would become the largest wildfire in Texas state history.

4 main cities were impacted, Fritch TX, Stinnett TX, Borger TX and Canadian TX. Approximately 600+ structures were destroyed, including 100+ homes. Farmers and ranchers were severely affected losing hundreds of livestock as well as crops. This would be the 3rd disaster relief app for LYNE.

Significant progress has been made on the iOS version of the app. It is now approximately 70% complete.

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4th Disaster – Greenfield Tornado



On May 21st, 2024, an EF4 Tornado ripped through Greenfield Iowa damaging and destroying 328 homes, killing 5 and injuring 35 people. An EF4 tornado has winds from 166 - 200 mph.

The downtown area was spared but other parts of town were not where the winds of the tornado stripped the trees bare. This would be the 4th disaster relief app for LYNE.

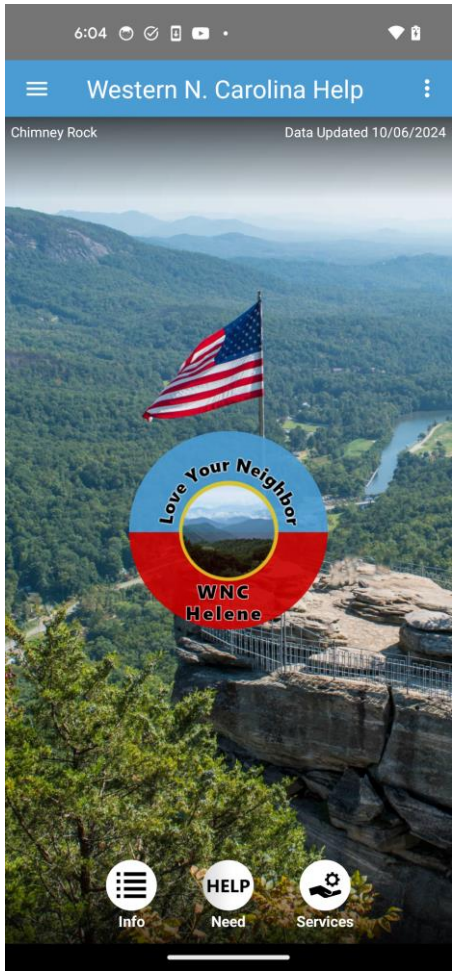
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Please watch the demo video links below to see how the app works:

- Survivors - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPQNhkpuIs8

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5th Disaster – Western North Carolina (Hurricane Helene)



On September 27th, 2024, Hurricane Helene made its way to Western North Carolina. It dumped several inches of rain which caused severe flooding with 1,000+ houses destroyed and 100+ people killed.

Significant progress has been made on the iOS version of the app. It is now in review with Apple.

Please watch the demo video links below to see how the app works:

- Survivors - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqtCi4sudX4
- Volunteers/Donors - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UDDzkAEWEOI

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6th Disaster – LA Fires (Southern California)



On January 7th, 2025, wildfires swept through the Los Angeles area burning thousands of acres in multiple fires with 12,000 structures lost and over 25 people killed.

The iOS version of the app is now at 100% complete!

Please watch the demo video link below to see how the app works:

- App Demo - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FIHPJT43Aw

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7th Disaster – Kankakee Tornado



On March 10th, 2026, an EF3 tornado swept through my hometown area of Kankakee IL. There was widespread hail that damaged thousands of houses and structures.

The iOS version of the app is now at 100% complete!

Please watch the demo video link below to see how the app works:

- App Demo - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHAXkrLA1Wk

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Concept

- “Love Your Neighbor”
  - Disaster Relief – Marshall Fire 2021, Other future disasters
  - Neighbors in Need Due to Death, Illness, Disaster, Tragedy
- Mission Statement
  - To be a servant and care for others in their time of need no matter where in the US
  - To help neighbors to know their neighbors if they don’t already know them
  - To focus on those in the most “need” first and foremost, before addressing the “wants” of others
  - To be a leader in how to handle donations and sensitive financial issues
  - To work with local charitable organizations that already exist or are being created
  - To not have any hidden agenda to gain from the disaster, no realtors or real estate related side businesses
  - To work with local, state, and federal agencies as it makes sense to, but never at the cost of working directly with those in need
  - To identify and partner with local neighborhood leaders and organizations
    - Churches, Synagogues, Mosques, Schools, Businesses, Hospitals, HOAs, etc…
  - To provide verified survivors so as to avoid fraud
  - To provide secured access to the disaster area afterwards to prevent looting
  - To provide a “Secure Information Hub” so that only neighbors can see other affected neighbors to avoid fraud and misrepresentation (no ads, no commissions, no agenda but to help)
  - To provide no cost access to the survivors (for several years if necessary)

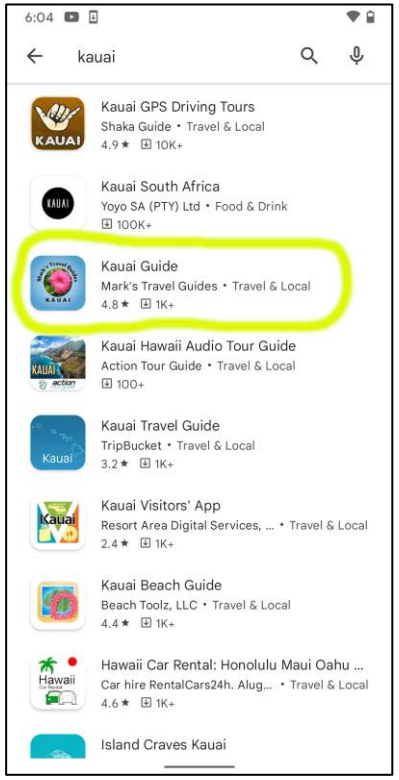
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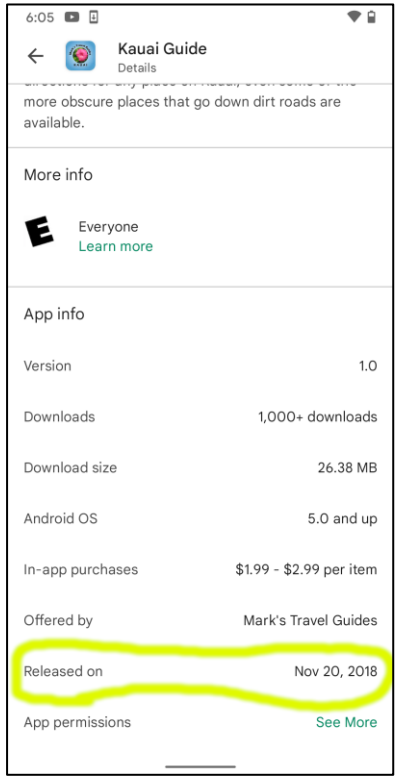
Concept

- “Love Your Neighbor”
  - New Testament
    - Mark 12:31, Matthew 22:39, Luke 10:27, Romans 13:9, Galatians 5:14, James 2:8
  - Old Testament
    - Leviticus 19:18
  - The Holy Qur’an
    - al-Nisaa 4:36
- Individuals want to directly provide help to those in need but don’t know how to
- Love Your Neighbor Everywhere cuts across all organizations
  - Focuses directly on the neighborhoods and families affected
  - Connects those in need directly with those who want to provide for their needs
- Families needing help need a one stop shop for accurate, timely information
  - Food Trucks, Free meals at Restaurants, Deadlines for Aid, Rebuilding Info and Workshops, Meetings, etc…
- Websites don’t work well on 4” smart phone screens
  - Dozens of websites with different information, info is not easily usable or kept up to date
- Don’t recreate existing faith based/non profit services
  - Leverage their strengths and network everything together
- Organized as a 501(c)(3)non-profit

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Based On An Existing System



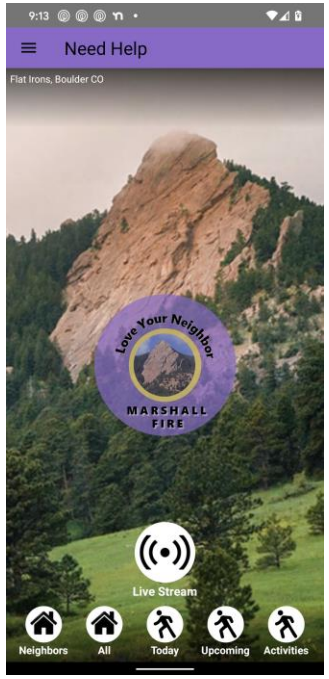


Travel App, In Production For 7+ years

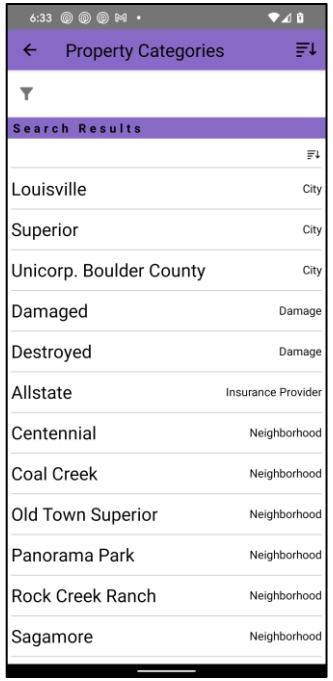
4.8/5.0 Rating

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Mobile App – Need Help



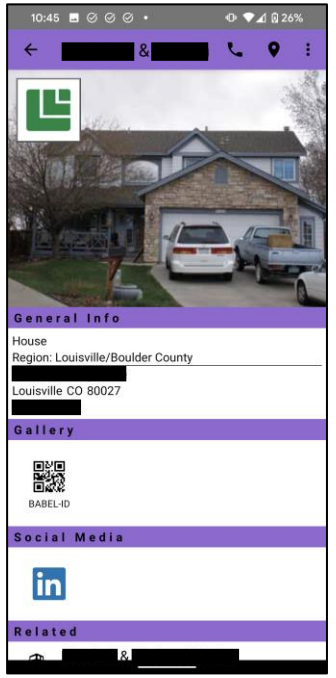
Only verified Survivors can access the “Need Help” area. It provides a Secure Information Hub for Neighbors to get to know other Neighbors.



Find Neighbors easily



Everything is in easy to read lists.



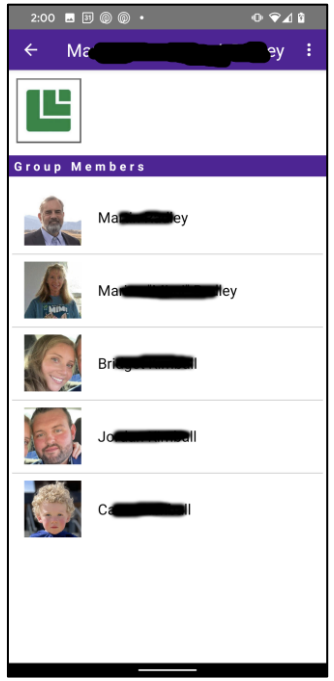
Get To Know your Neighbors



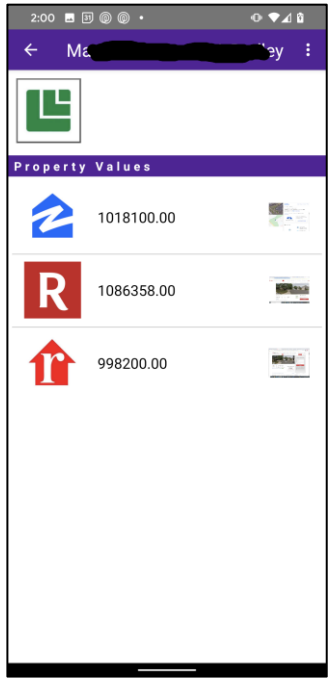
Locate properties when nothing is left standing using GPS. This was used to help one of the insurance companies to verify we were standing at the proper address.

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Mobile App – Need Help



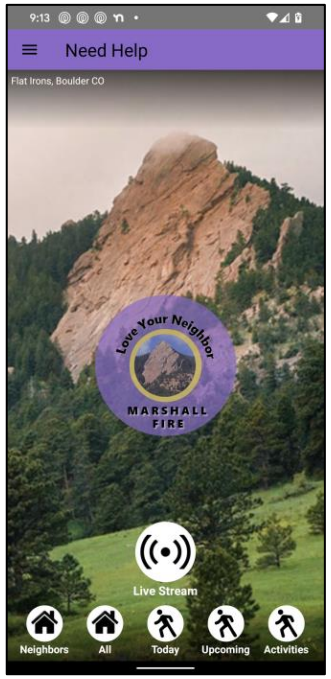
Only neighbors can see other neighbors personal info so as to provide a secure information hub.



Property values at time of loss can help neighbors negotiate more fairly with the insurance companies.

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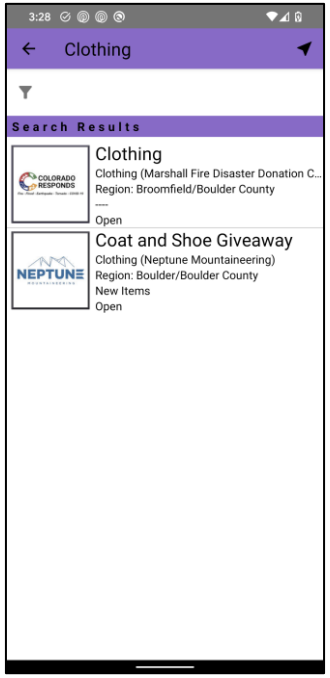
Mobile App – Need Help



Neighbors can find help that is available to them today.



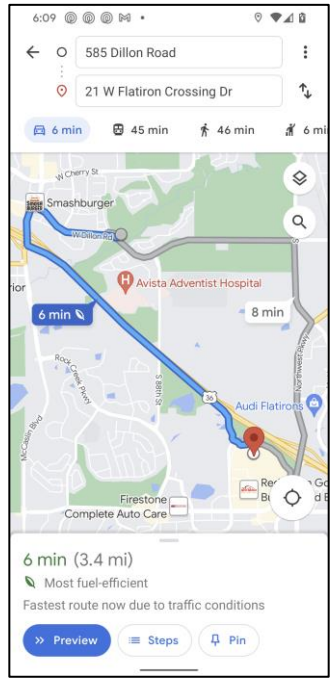
Neighbors can discover types of help that they may not have known about. This list shrinks as the day goes on depending on the hours these places are open.



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Details on the help and how to find it.



Maps integration so Neighbors don't get lost trying to find the help.

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Mobile App – Provide Help



Everyone can access the “Provide Help” area.



Everyone can sign up to volunteer.



People can donate to charitable organizations. We will ensure that each organization is legitimate and will use the funds directly for helping survivors.



People can donate directly to individuals who suffered loss. We will ensure that each charitable endeavor is legitimate.

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Security and Fraud prevention



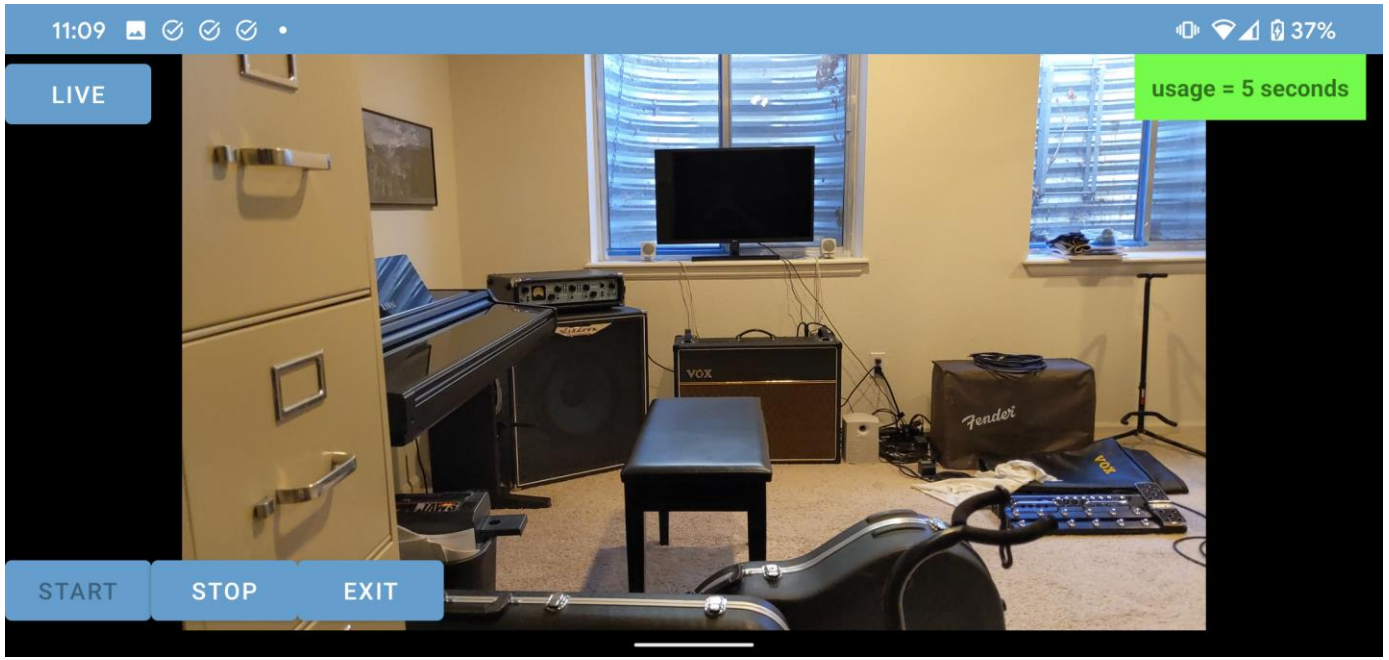
“Babel ID” is the key to identify all Marshall Fire Survivors to prevent fraud and to assure all parties of who is a survivor and who is not. Provides a single source of access to/from secured areas to prevent looting and theft. Authorities, store owners providing donations, building contractors, and survivors can scan and validate each other. Within an agency, “Babel ID” provides agency specific identification.

Demo - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14lMSl8BSr4

Key	Value
FEMA	<encrypted data>
CityOfLouisville	<encrypted data>
TownOfSuperior	<encrypted data>
StateOfColorado	<encrypted data>
Allstate	<encrypted data>
StateFarm	<encrypted data>
…	<encrypted data>

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Live Streaming – Broadcast To Neighbors



- **Live Streaming** is only a few push buttons away.
- **Neighbor to Neighbor meetings**, HOA's, knowledge sharing sessions, group support sessions, etc…
- **Any time, any place** - Users can watch on their device, a computer browser, or cast to a large screen TV.

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The Beginning

- The Lord woke me up at 3am on Friday 12/31/2021 (the day after the Marshall Fire)
  - God - Mark 12:31 → Me - Mark 12/31/2021
  - Mark 12:31 “Love Your Neighbor as yourself”
- My “Kauai Guide” travel app, with minor changes, can be used to help people recovering from disasters
  - Within hours I created a disaster recovery prototype based on the “framework” I created for my travel app
  - Mobile based solution, can work without an internet connection
  - Robust server side process allows data updates to be pushed to devices at will which is critical when information is changing so frequently early on in disasters.
  - “Kauai Guide” development started in 2012, published in 2018, 3,300+ downloads and 7+ years of real world usage
  - Some parts of the “Kauai Guide” have been tested for 10 years
  - http://markstravelguides.com/

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Design & Technology

- Accuracy and Timeliness Of Information
  - Automated Website scanning
  - Automated Social Media monitoring
  - Live Streaming Video as needed
  - Ability to push data updates to devices at any time
    - Data lives on the server and gets pushed to each device
    - Probably more data updates needed earlier on in the disaster when things are “fluid”
    - Works even when the device is disconnected, will queue up requests and do updates automatically when it does connect next
- Cross Platform (Android/iOS)
- Can work well when disconnected
  - “Near Me” GPS feature still works without an internet connection
  - “Babel ID” scanning works without a connection
- Built on AWS (Amazon Web Services)
  - Available worldwide
  - Affordable

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Design & Technology

- Marshall Fire is the first disaster to try this concept
- Designed to accommodate other disasters (small to medium)
- Local Coordinator needed for each Disaster
  - Responsible for keying in data
  - Has local knowledge on the ground of what help is available
- Both Android and iOS versions are available
- Designed and Built to handle millions of users if needed
- Represents a huge jump in how to handle disasters by leveraging technology

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Qualifications

- First Hand experience with Disasters & Survivors
  - Catherine D.
    - Friend from Bloomington IL who lost everything in a fire in Winter 1992
    - Alice (my wife) and I were there for her all day long
    - She had gone in to work OT on Sat. am, she literally had nothing other than what she was wearing and what was in her car (Engagement pictures, etc…)
    - We were with her when the Fire Department allowed her to see her apartment for the first time, the word “devastating” doesn’t quite describe what we all felt
- Alice LaFond - 17 years at a large national mutual insurance company
    - Software Developer, GREAT attention to detail
    - Fire Company/Homeowners Insurance to Value for all insured homes
    - Fire Actuarial/Natural Catastrophe Loss Reserve Modeling
      - Data Feeds from the Hurricane Hunter C-130 Hercules
      - Tons of data and analysis
- Mark LaFond - Expert Level Software Developer/Architect
  - 35+ years in IT, cutting edge technology, own company for 18+ years
    - http://markstravelguides.com/MarkLaFondTechPortfolio.pdf
  - 10 years at a large national mutual insurance company
    - First Expert System/Artificial Intelligence deployed successfully
    - Automobile Insurance and Homeowners as well

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Next Steps

- Android version takes 1 day to create and about 1 day to get through the review process and on to the Google Play Store
- iOS version takes 1 day to create and a few days to get through the review process and on to the Apple App Store
- Estimated Sponsorship Costs
  - Low side probably $3k per month, more realistically $5k-$10k per month

Questions?