



## **AT&T Contributes \$15,000 to Support the Griffin + Spalding Community Impacted by Recent Tornadoes**

*Contribution helps support response and recovery in aftermath of Griffin tornado*

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AT&T\* is contributing \$15,000 to the Spalding County Collaborative Authority for Families and Children to support those affected and meet the ongoing critical needs of the Griffin + Spalding community following tornadoes that impacted Georgia last month.

“Even as we see tremendous damage in the aftermath of the recent tornadoes, we also see shining examples of commitment and care. I appreciate AT&T for immediately mobilizing their employees and resources to offer support to neighbors, first responders and communities,” said Clay Davis III, Chair of the Spalding County Commission. “Disasters are not one day events, and, together, we will get Spalding County citizens back on their feet!”

“As our communities continue to recover from last month’s devastating tornadoes that impacted so many, we are grateful for AT&T’s generosity and for its continued commitment to connecting Georgians,” said Cindy Jones, President and CEO, Griffin-Spalding Chamber of Commerce. “AT&T’s contribution will help provide essential support and resources for Spalding County residents and businesses as we work together to rebuild.”

“AT&T is proud to support the Spalding County Collaborative Authority’s Tornado Relief Fund to help our neighbors, friends and families in Griffin as they rebuild,” said Tianna Evola, Regional Director of External Affairs, AT&T Georgia. “Our teams continue to restore critical infrastructure in the Griffin area, and we are committed to doing everything we can to help residents and businesses recover.”

Immediately following the storm, AT&T teams were there to begin restoration efforts in Griffin. To bolster communications while our teams worked to repair service, we deployed FirstNet, Built with AT&T communications solutions to provide temporary connectivity for first responders. Our teams continue working tirelessly to restore connectivity for the Griffin + Spalding community.

To keep AT&T wireless and AT&T PREPAID customers affected by the tornadoes in Georgia connected, we waived talk, text and data coverage charges in Butts, Henry, Meriwether, Pike, Spalding, Troup and Warren counties from Jan. 13-19, 2023. Details available at [go.att.com/se-severe-storms](https://go.att.com/se-severe-storms).



For more information about the Spalding County Collaborative Authority and its tornado relief efforts, please visit <https://spalding.gafcp.org/>.

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