

Gov. Walker: Rice Lake native Foster Friess donates \$1 million for tornado relief fund following recent destruction in Northwestern Wisconsin

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Madison, Wisconsin - Rice Lake native Foster Friess has donated \$1 million for a "Challenge Grant" with Red Cedar Church in Rice Lake for a relief fund in the wake of last week's tornadoes and severe weather which claimed one life, injured multiple people, and caused an estimated \$10 million in damage in Northwestern Wisconsin. Mr. Friess says his family will double every amount sent to Red Cedar Church.

"Please dig deeply to help these people, who in less than an hour's time, life was changed so dramatically for them," Foster Friess said. "Many of them have nothing but the clothes on their back. Their car is damaged, their home gone, including all the contents blown into the next county. My eagerness to issue the challenge grant to you was inspired when I saw how touched Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker was as he met the people, hugged them, and encouraged them."

Tax-deductible donations to those affected by the disaster can be made at <http://redcedarchurch.com>.

"Foster saw the devastation firsthand and he is donating an incredible amount of personal money to help those in need," Governor Walker said. "I thank the Friess

family for their generosity and I know those impacted by these storms greatly appreciate this assistance in their time of need.”