People locator

With more than 5,000 homes damaged or destroyed, no electrical power available and cellular towers down, among the biggest challenges was locating the dispursed population. Hundreds of people were listed as missing for more than a week. Family and friends across the nation were desperate to make contact.

Within less than 18 hours, we developed an online tool — built from a simple Google document — that allowed anyone to list the name, last known location and other identifying information for someone they were seeking, or, if they wanted to be found, to post information on how they could be contacted. Within the first 24 hours, 366 names had been added by the public. The list grew to 1,587 names. We published the information in print as well, and distributed free newspapers at shelters and aid stations.

http://www.tuscaloosanews.com/article/20110428/MULTIMEDIA/110429675

Timestamp	What is your name?	Are you trying to find someone/wanting people to know you're okay?	If you're trying to find someone, what is their name?	If you're trying to find someone, where might they be?	Where can someone contact you if you're wanting to let people know you're okay or if you're looking for someone?
5/9/2011 11:04:35	Roy Howell	Trying to find someone	Robert Robinson	633 35th Ave., E, Tuscaloosa	royhowell@comcas
5/9/2011 9:34:19	Donna kelley	Trying to find someone	leila smith		
5/9/2011 9:01:57	Jinkie	Trying to find someone	Claudia Chermock	Alberta City	205-657-0106
5/8/2011 21:59:40	Sandra Richardson Hughes	Trying to find someone	Brenda Gordon	Liviing in Cresent East Apartmets Iholt(205-887-3182 or sandra hughes123
5/8/2011 18:45:17	Lisa Rackstraw Betts	Trying to find someone	Stacia Snoddy Roberts	612 5th Street	lisarbetts@gmail.co
5/8/2011 16:32:29	Marrio Sims	Trying to find someone	Maria Cherry		5125631743
5/8/2011 10:32:53	TIMOTHY ELLIS	Trying to find someone	CAROLYN JAMES	104 JAUNITA DRIVE	205-331-9235
5/8/2011 9:38:16	LYNN	Trying to find someone	TYRONE LAWSON	717 30TH AVE E ALBERTA	205-737-7718
5/8/2011 5:17:52	Angela Lee Leary	Trying to find someone	Louise Avery & Linda Berdeaux	4832 Eastern Hill Ln in Cottondale	757-722-0604 or aleary@hampton.go
5/7/2011 22:31:57		Trying to find someone	Evon C. Hinton	2700 10th street	michelle hinton63@
5/7/2011 15:25:47	sarah lawrence	Trying to find someone	stephanie mooney	brookwood	850 625 4473
5/7/2011 12:28:55	emily taylor	Trying to find someone	maggie dunning	na	205 595-5582
		Trying to find	Barbara A	27839 Thach Rd	Olin56SWD@aol.co

Sample of requests published April 29:

James Amador, trying to find Momoko Sakuraba, Cottondale Alabama; reach me at Natureboy93@

Kandy Ward, trying to find Beth Coats.

Katie Griscom, want people to know I'm ok;.

Douglas Murphy, trying to find richard snow.

Chuck Baggett, trying to find N Marcus, Cedar Crest; reach me at 205-393-1900.

Tom Schaefer, trying to find Gary and Pam Sloan, 4644 River Blvd. Drive; reach me at tomary 70@cox.

Judy Boothe, trying to find Jerry Boothe, Moundville; reach me at 614-864-6587.

Barbara Shelley, trying to find jeremy shelley.

Pamela Jones, trying to find All Bama Dining Employees, Bama Dining; reach me at jones-pamela@ aramark.com.

Sheila Busby, trying to find Marjorie Lowery, Larocca Nursing Home; reach me at 861-5252.

Joann Burnum, trying to find Paula Sue Hayes, Tuscaloosa South Of Ua Campus; reach me at joann. burnum@yahoo.com.

■ TWISTER'S AFTERMATH ■

ry Dudley, trying to find joe n hughes, Sweetmaryd@ n.com: reach me at 404 399-

Dudley, trying to find joe

Leah Cross, trying to find C. A. Adair, 1st Avenue; reach me at 205 361-8175.