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#### **FATHER'S DAY FLOOD**

# Fairmont Village Apartments owner releases statement following partial collapse

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FAIRMONT, W.Va. (WBOY) — Fairmont Village Apartments owner Lance Edwards, of Signature Landmark Properties, has released a statement following <u>the partial</u> <u>collapse of the building</u>.

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The statement, sent in an email to 12 News, can be read in full below:

Because of our proactive, lifesaving collaboration with Marion County officials, we were able to quickly ensure all our residents were evacuated and relocated as soon as we could after the damage occurred. We continue to coordinate with local authorities and the Red Cross to provide support to these families. Our team has established an official fundraising channel, where the public can provide donations that will be directly routed to these families as they rebuild their lives. The website is: <a href="www.FairmontVillageRelief.com">www.FairmontVillageRelief.com</a>.

Additionally, we will be working with residents on the timeline to clean up and rebuild the property. It is important for all residents to remember that even with a new roof and proper building maintenance, natural disasters can have devastating effects. Our hearts go out to all those affected in the storms.

#### LANCE EDWARDS, SIGNATURE LANDMARK PROPERTIES

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While an official cause for the collapse has not been named, it is believed to have been a result of flash flooding that swept through much of Fairmont on Sunday. An emergency shelter has been set up in the Colebank Hall Gym at Fairmont State University, and organizations such as the Tygart Valley United Way, the Marion County Rescue Squad and the Valley Volunteer Fire Department are accepting donations.