



**North Carolina Community Foundation begins allocating from its Disaster Relief Fund to support Hurricane Matthew victims**

*Johnston County Community Foundation awards more than \$3,000 in local dollars*

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Raleigh -- The North Carolina Community Foundation is allocating grants from its Disaster Relief Fund to support recovery efforts related to Hurricane Matthew and flooding in affected areas of the state, according to Rodney E. Martin, chair of NCCF's grants committee and statewide board member.

**The Johnston County Community Foundation, a local affiliate of NCCF, has distributed \$3,750 to date. The board directed the grants to:**

- **\$750 to Benson Area Ministerial Association for Hurricane Matthew disaster relief in Johnston County to be used for the food pantry**
- **\$3,000 to Boys & Girls Club of Wayne County for Hurricane Matthew disaster relief in Johnston County to be used for the Boys & Girls Club of Johnson County in Selma to help families and children and not for the building fund**

NCCF's Disaster Relief Fund was established to support mid- to long-term, unmet needs and does not compete with 'boots on the ground' organizations established to raise funds for more immediate relief. Grants will go directly to nonprofit organizations serving the needs of local communities. NCCF's other local affiliate foundations serving affected counties are also in the process of determining the nonprofit agencies that can best provide assistance in their areas.

NCCF has received gifts from across the state, country and even the world, according to NCCF CEO Jennifer Tolle Whiteside. No portion of the funds will be used for the Foundation's administrative or operational expenses, an approach NCCF is also encouraging among local grant recipient agencies.

"We have been struck by the quick and caring generosity we've witnessed during the weeks since we activated the NCCF Disaster Relief Fund," Tolle Whiteside said. She

said that NCCF especially wanted to acknowledge the generosity of the Tides Foundation, on recommendation of the Google Foundation; AT&T; F.N.B. Corporation; the Humana Foundation and the Oak Foundation.

### **About the North Carolina Community Foundation**

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has made \$116 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With more than \$222 million in assets, NCCF sustains 1,200 endowments established to provide long-term support of a broad range of community needs, nonprofit organizations, institutions and scholarships. The NCCF partners with a network of affiliate foundations to provide local resource allocation and community assistance across the state. An important component of NCCF's mission is to ensure that rural philanthropy has a voice at local, regional and national levels.

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