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**North Carolina Community Foundation re-activates
statewide Disaster Relief Fund to support victims of Hurricane Matthew**

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RALEIGH -- The North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF) has re-activated its statewide Disaster Relief Fund to support relief efforts related to Hurricane Matthew in North Carolina, according to an announcement made today by Grants Chair Rodney E. Martin, who is also a member of the NCCF statewide board.

The fund will support nonprofits with programs that can help hurricane victims included in the 31 counties that have been designated a federal state of emergency. This region includes areas of central and eastern North Carolina. NCCF's affiliate foundation board members serving these regions will work with NCCF's statewide Grants Committee to make grants decisions based on their knowledge of local needs.

Credit card donations can be made online through the NCCF website via the "Give Now" button or under the "Giving" tab at nccommunityfoundation.org or by downloading a contribution form from the site and mailing or faxing it to NCCF offices. (The fax number is 919-827-0749.) The form or checks can be mailed to NCCF at 3737 Glenwood Ave. Suite 460, Raleigh, NC 27612. Please designate your gift for "Hurricane Matthew Disaster Relief." All gifts are tax-deductible.

All funds will go directly to nonprofit organizations serving the needs of local victims in this region of North Carolina. Local affiliate foundations will determine the nonprofit agencies that can best provide relief for victims of storms and flooding in the affected areas. No portion of the NCCF's Disaster Relief Fund

will be used for the Foundation's administrative or operational expenses. The Foundation also encourages this practice among local recipient agencies.

"This is a devastating blow to our state, and our hearts go out to our neighbors and friends who have suffered losses due to Hurricane Matthew and related flooding," said NCCF CEO Jennifer Tolle Whiteside. "Our affiliate foundations and statewide Grants Committee will ensure that contributions we collect for the NCCF Disaster Relief Fund are effectively distributed to those nonprofit agencies that can serve the greatest needs in our state," she said.

For more information visit nccommunityfoundation.org, contact the NCCF headquarters office in Raleigh at 919-828-4387 or email questions to info@nccommunityfoundation.org.

About NCCF

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has made more than \$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 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. For more information, visit nccommunityfoundation.org and Facebook and follow on LinkedIn and Twitter @NCCF.

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