



**North Carolina Community Foundation allocates second round of disaster relief grants to programs assisting Hurricane Matthew victims**

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The board of directors of the North Carolina Community Foundation recently allocated a second round of grants from the NCCF Disaster Relief Fund to local affiliate foundations serving the areas hardest hit by Hurricane Matthew, according to Rod Martin, statewide grants committee chair and a member of the board.

The latest allocation totals about \$207,500 and will go to 15 NCCF affiliates serving the parts of eastern North Carolina that are still recovering.

**The Pitt County Community Foundation received \$10,000 from the NCCF Disaster Relief Fund in this allocation, which will be directed to Habitat for Humanity Pitt County for local Hurricane Matthew disaster relief.**

“This grant is critical to Pitt County’s long-term recovery from Hurricane Matthew,” said Kim Ball, NCCF regional director. “The NCCF Disaster Relief Fund is a pivotal resource to the community thanks to the generosity of many donors who gave to help eastern North Carolina.”

Grants totaling \$286,000 from the North Carolina Community Foundation’s Disaster Relief Fund were allocated to 20 NCCF affiliates in eastern North Carolina at the beginning of the year. **Pitt County received \$10,920 of that allocation, which also was awarded to Habitat for Humanity of Pitt County.** NCCF’s allocation also included a grant to the Cumberland County Community Foundation to help with extreme needs there and sponsored an NC Rural Center program designed to help affected communities connect and learn about accessing resources.

NCCF President and CEO Jennifer Tolle Whiteside said that the Foundation’s support continues to focus on helping our affiliates meet long-term recovery needs in eastern North Carolina. “These are allocations that we are confident will be granted effectively, because our affiliate boards live and work in these communities and know firsthand where these resources can make the most impact,” she said.

**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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