



Onslow County local nonprofits awarded \$56,000 in Hurricane Florence recovery grants from the North Carolina Community Foundation Disaster Relief Fund

The board of advisors of the Onslow Caring Communities Foundation recently awarded \$56,000 in recovery grants from the North Carolina Community Foundation Disaster Relief Fund to support the long-term recovery of the local community from Hurricane Florence.

Organizations receiving grants are:

- \$14,000 to Crystal Coast Habitat for Humanity, Inc. for providing assistance with rebuilding homes in Onslow County damaged by Hurricane Florence.
- \$14,000 to The Salvation Army of Jacksonville to provide food relief, housing assistance, past due utility assistance and personal property replacement for victims of from Hurricane Florence in Onslow County.
- \$14,000 to the Onslow Women's Center for refurbishing 10 rooms for displaced women and children in Onslow County from Hurricane Florence.
- \$14,000 to Onslow Community Outreach for providing assistance for displaced and homeless families in Onslow County due to Hurricane Florence.

These grants were made from the NCCF Disaster Relief Fund's initial grantmaking allocations to support long-term recovery and meet unmet needs from Hurricane Florence in Onslow County.

"These grants are critical to the long-term recovery of Onslow County from Hurricane Florence," said Debbi Ray Rouse, OCCF advisory board president. "The North Carolina Community Foundation Disaster Relief Fund is a pivotal resource to our local community thanks to the generosity of many donors who gave to help eastern North Carolina."

NCCF is keenly aware of how deeply Hurricane Florence impacted eastern North Carolina and devastated many communities in our state, according to Jennifer Tolle Whiteside, CEO and president. "The North Carolina Community Foundation has been in these communities for more than 30 years and will continue to be there supporting disaster recovery long after the TV cameras are gone," she said. "We were grateful to see the outpouring of generosity that supported the NCCF Disaster Relief Fund and are honored to steward these funds to support long-term recovery efforts and meet unmet needs."

About the Onslow Caring Communities Foundation

The Onslow Caring Communities Foundation is a growing family of philanthropic funds, source of grants for local causes and partner for donors. OCCF was founded in 2000 and is led by a local volunteer advisory board that helps build community assets through the creation of permanent endowments, makes grants and leverages leadership – all for the benefit of Onslow County.

The OCCF is an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation. In addition to Rouse, board members include: Robert M. Sheegog (vice president), Ann Marie Raymond (treasurer), Pete Burgess, Alycia Kellum, Rodney Earl Martin, Julee Efird Sewell, Boyd Tisdale, Steve Wangerin and Gregory Williams.

About the North Carolina Community Foundation

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has administered more than \$145 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With more than \$270 million in assets, NCCF sustains 1,300 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. For more information, visit nccommunityfoundation.org.

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