



**Robeson 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 Robeson County Community Foundation recently awarded \$56,250 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:

- \$24,000 to NC Baptists on Mission to repair homes damaged by Hurricane Florence in Robeson County
- \$12,500 to NC Conference - United Methodist Church to provide appliances for homes damaged by Hurricane Florence in Robeson County
- \$6,000 to Lumberton Rescue and EMS Inc. to fund replacement of responders' personal protective equipment damaged by contaminants during Hurricane Florence response
- \$5,000 to Robeson Family Counseling Center to fund counseling for individuals coping with the effects of loss from Hurricane Florence in Robeson County
- \$4,375 to Robeson County Church and Community Center, Inc. for the food pantry, supporting those impacted by Hurricane Florence facing food insecurity in Robeson County
- \$4,375 to Lumberton Christian Care Center for disaster relief services including, but not limited to, emergency housing, showers and laundry facilities

The 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 Robeson County.

"These grants are critical to the long-term recovery of Robeson County from Hurricane Florence," said Kenny Biggs, RCCF 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 Robeson County Community Foundation**

The Robeson County Community Foundation is a growing family of philanthropic funds, source of grants for local causes and partner for donors. RCCF was founded in 2005 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 Robeson County.

The RCCF is an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation. In addition to Biggs, board members include: Ken Windley (vice president), Marcus Bryant (treasurer), Sylvia Pate (secretary), Alfred Bryant, John Carter, Sara Hayes, Bruce Huggins, Abraham Marshall, Bryan Maynor, Mike McGehee, Sandra Oliver and Viv Wayne.

### **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](http://nccommunityfoundation.org).

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