

**FFTC awards \$750,000 to aid recovery in first round
of Hurricane Florence Response Fund Grants***Grants awarded to 20 organizations providing help to hardest hit areas of NC and SC*

CHARLOTTE - Foundation For The Carolinas announced the recipients of its first round of grants from its Hurricane Florence Response Fund, giving more than \$750,000 to 20 organizations focused on relief, recovery or rebuilding assistance for Hurricane Florence-impacted areas in North Carolina and South Carolina.

Foundation For The Carolinas established the Hurricane Florence Response Fund on Sept. 13, before the storm hit the Carolina coast. The response nationwide was robust. Local and national businesses, Michael Jordan, the Charlotte Hornets, Stephen Colbert and members of the Carolina Panthers, among many others, all joined the effort. The fund even received donations from a fifth grader who raised money by cat sitting.

“We asked the community to rally around this important cause, and it responded,” said Michael Marsicano, FFTC president and CEO. “We’ve seen people give so much, and now we get to see the results. These first grants will have an immediate impact on our coastal neighbors, during a time when they are still recovering. I’m amazed by our community’s generosity and compassion.”

Grants were awarded by a committee to the following organizations:

- \$50,000 to All Hands and Hearts for stabilizing flooded households
- \$25,000 to Breaking Barriers Catching Hope for mental health recovery
- \$46,000 to Brigade Boys & Girls Club to repair youth center
- \$20,000 to Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity for shelter and home repair
- \$50,000 to Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity, Inc., for home repair
- \$10,000 to Communities in Schools of Robeson County for holiday celebrations and gifts for disaster-affected students
- \$35,000 to Connections of Cumberland County to maintain or obtain housing
- \$35,000 to Fayetteville Urban Ministry for relief and home repair
- \$25,000 to Food Bank of the Albemarle for food aid
- \$50,000 to Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina for food aid
- \$55,000 to Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders for home rebuilding
- \$25,000 to Harvest Hope Food Bank for food aid
- \$22,500 to Humane Society of Charlotte, Inc., for animal care
- \$25,000 to J/P HRO for roof repairs
- \$50,000 to Lowcountry Food Bank for food aid
- \$50,000 to NECHAMA Jewish Response to Disaster for recovery in Horry County
- \$30,000 to Onslow Women’s Center for shelter renovation
- \$25,000 to SBP, Inc., to aid recovery efforts
- \$50,000 to Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast North Carolina for food aid
- \$75,000 to Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry for housing rehab

Donations are still being accepted for the Hurricane Florence Response Fund. To give, visit www.ffc.org/HurricaneResponse. A second round of grants is planned that will target long-term recovery efforts. For more information about the fund or grant applications, contact Will Jones at wjones@ffc.org or 704.973.4542.

About Foundation For The Carolinas

Celebrating its 60th year, Foundation For The Carolinas is the sixth-largest nonprofit community foundation in the country, serving donors and a broad range of charitable purposes in North and South Carolina. With assets of \$2.5 billion, FFTC’s mission is to inspire philanthropy and

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