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Florence Displaces Families in Secondary Ways

The mid-September hurricane impacts Habitat houses under construction. *Building progress slows as volunteers and donations are disrupted short-term; local families could be left stranded. There are many ways to help now.*

RALEIGH (Sept 17, 2018) — Even though it quickly downgraded from original predictions, Hurricane Florence has deeply affected the coasts of North and South Carolina and is hitting communities hard. Widespread flooding, debris, power outages and downed trees threaten homes, livelihoods and well being.

Habitat Wake will be working with state and national colleagues to ease the immediate impact that Eastern counties are feeling and to plan long term recovery responses. The reports coming out of areas like Wilmington and Fayetteville are dire and those families are extremely vulnerable. Habitat Wake ReStores are all collection sites for donations of bottled water and personal use products such as diapers, baby wipes, and cleaning supplies. In addition, Habitat Wake is ready to respond to Eastern NC affiliates with a list of volunteers as their needs become more clear.

Locally, this hurricane comes at a time when the cost of housing is at a critical tipping point and so many families are already hurting.

“At Habitat Wake our immediate prayers were with the families who are now living in Habitat homes.” says Kevin Campbell, CEO of Habitat Wake.

“Next, we are thinking about the people we are working with who currently live in unsafe or unaffordable housing who are waiting for their Habitat home to be built. We are thankful to God that impact wasn’t as severe as expected, but at our construction sites the timelines will be delayed, the cost of materials will rise, and the volunteers will be spread thin with extra work,” Campbell adds. “We are trying to get ahead of our work here so that we can be ready to assist elsewhere. We’re really going to need extra help recovering from this hurricane in secondary ways. Vulnerable families are counting on us.”

On Monday, Habitat Wake was recognized by Charity Navigator — an industry leader in evaluating charities nationwide — as a local leader in hurricane support and aid.

[Volunteer](#) or [donate](#) today to help North Carolina recover from Hurricane Florence.

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About Habitat Wake

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity of Wake County brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Since 1985, Habitat Wake has joined with sponsors, volunteers and families to build safe, affordable homes. Qualified homeowners invest 200 hours of sweat equity working on the construction of the home and purchase the home with an affordable mortgage. This year, Habitat Wake is building 70 new homes locally, completing exterior repairs on 50 homes as part of Neighborhood Revitalization, and funding construction of 125 homes globally. Financial support is provided by corporate, foundation, faith and individual sponsors, the Habitat Wake ReStores and other charitable efforts. A nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization, Habitat Wake welcomes people of all races, religions and nationalities to partner in its mission. To learn more, visit www.HabitatWake.org.