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Local Community Organizes Hurricane Relief Supply Drive

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Hurricane Florence brought historic catastrophic flooding to the Carolinas just over two weeks ago. The storm impacted thousands of homes and businesses across the coastal areas. In an effort to provide relief for some of the impacted communities a local group is organizing a donation drive of supplies to be delivered to Bladen and Pender counties. Much of the area is rural, farming communities where they have lost this year's harvest, along with their homes, cars, trucks, equipment and more.

A donation site has been established at the Old Food Lion on Greenville Highway, next to the Great American Hot Dog and the Dollar Store, to provide relief supplies to the victims of Hurricane Florence.

Needed now are relief supplies as they begin to clean up and return to their homes, many of which received significant flood damage. The following is a list of needed supplies but is not limited to this list. Please note we cannot accept clothing or prescription medications.

Paper Goods	Wash Cloths	Feminine Hygiene Products
Plates, cups, bowls	Towels	Clorox Wipes
Paper Towels	Baby Supplies	Cleaning Supplies
Paper Shop Towels	Baby Formula	Simple Green
Baby Diapers	Baby Wipes	Purple Power
Plastic Flatware	Toilet Paper	Buckets
Mops, Brooms	Rubber Gloves	Work Gloves
Band Aids	Insect Repellent	Disposable Diapers
Shaving Cream	Hand Soap	Toothpaste
Toothbrushes	Deodorant	Bar Soap
Mouthwash	Chapstick	Sunscreen
Trash Bags	Gallon Bags	Liquid Soap



Bushes	Canned Food	Can Openers
Utility Knives	Crowbars	Flat Iron Bars
Toys for children	Disposable Razors	Hammers
Rakes	Shovels	

Hours for the Drop Off are 9:30~AM - 5:30~PM beginning on Thursday, October 4^{th} and concluding on Wednesday, October 10^{th} . Sunday Hours are 1:00~PM – 4:00~PM.

Volunteers are needed to help sort and pack items. Transportation to get the supplies to Elizabethtown, North Carolina, approximately a five-hour drive, is also needed.

Last year Alumni from the University of Texas, Texas A&M, along with the Transylvania Car Club, local car clubs and members of the Henderson County GOP, organized to get relief supplies to the victims of Hurricane Harvey which hit Houston, Texas. This same group, spearheaded by Bruce Hatfield a retired Army Officer and Texas Ex, are arranging for donations and supplies to the flood victims of Bladen and Pender Counties.

If you would like to donate and have an address of someone living in the flooded areas, you can order On-Line through Amazon, Wal-Mart.com, Sams.com and other major retailers to have items delivered via Fed-EX, UPS, and the Post Office and have them shipped directly to that address.

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