HELLO! This is my EVER-EVOLVING "master list" of information I have available regarding:

- •Hurricane Helene's Devastation in the SWVA/WNC/ETN Regions
- Volunteer Opportunities
- •Donation Hubs: What they're currently accepting, points of contact, assistance, etc
- Assistance for Locals

& more

It's a work in progress, but I'll do my best to keep it current!

THIS LIST IS ONLY POSSIBLE WITH YOUR HELP. The majority of this is NOT MINE, just information I've compiled from various wonderful people willing to share their resources, energy, and time.

🜟 If you are affiliated with/running a donation/supply hub, non-profit, disaster-relief base, etc, and would LIKE it ADDED to this list, please text me at +15402801437 "MASTERLIST ADD" along with any relevant information.

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## **HOUSING & RESOURCES**

Hope For Crisis **Operation Anchor** On SITE Disaster Relief Appalachian Hope Disaster Relief Coalition to Save Western North Carolina Operation Streamline WNC **Operation Outreach America** Mountain Strong Sanctuary **Backcountry Cavalry** Cajun Navy 2016 Help A Vet Shine Samaritan's Purse U.S. Disaster Relief

Operation Rising Sun w/ Tommy Miller

Rising Light Relief w/ Alyssa Vinyo

**Tiny Together** 

Rebuilding Hollers - Come Hell or High Waters

WNC Disaster Relief

Silverados - Valley Rising Disaster Relief

FREE HOT MEALS

Foscoe Grandfather Community Center

Mountain Women helping Mountain Women

Neighbors Helping. Neighbors w/ Robert Stockley

Mountain Angels Rescue w/Amanda Ray

Emergency Rv

Campers Care LLC

**Embrace Humanity** 

Burner Disaster Response w/Andy Owens

The Propane and Power Relief Fund

**Emergency Response Logistics-ERL** 

FREE HOT MEALS w/ Jonathon Crisp

North Carolina Disaster Relief w/ Benny Hunt

Operation Eagles Rising w/Beth Langenderfer

Help a Vet Shine w/Debora Bare

United Appalachia w/Autumn Mullins

Camp Unity w/ Nick Hiteshaw

Hardcore for Humanity

**Bat Cave Disaster Relief** 

Anchor Ridge w/ Josh Paul

**United Carolina Cavalry** 

Carolina Compassion Network

The Blessing Project

Divine Disaster Relief

**Grounded Boots Relief** 

Supporters: Team 222

United Ambassadors of Hope

Operation Bring 'Em Home

Wilmington Response

Gods Way Baptist Church

Foscoe Grandfather Mountain Community Center

Chainsaws for Christ

The Blessing Barn

828 Neighbors Helping Neighbors Distribution Hub

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Another EXCELLENT masterlist broken up by counties:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10aZLkpx5WMhw4Yzy5ZgXsRLTDvWVgn348uNz2i6 GeuQ/edit?usp=drivesdk

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#### \*Hub Notes

(Please text "HUB NOTES" to 5402801437 to have your current hub needs added/edited.)

# •RISING LIGHT RELIEF

## www.risinglightrelief.org

Location 120 Gage Branch Rd. Bakersville Open hours and volunteer hours 9:30-4:30 Monday to Saturday.

!! Urgent need- drivers to deliver food to the homes of community members daily.

"I have ZERO drivers signed up this week/ next week and it's really scary because the routes are too big for me to run on my own now."

Rising Light Relief is a nonprofit organization based in Bakersville, North Carolina, founded by a local resident determined to support their neighbors after Hurricane Helene devastated the region. The organization is built on a commitment to helping those most impacted by the storm access the resources and support they need as we move to recover and rebuild.

In direct partnership with World Central Kitchen, Rising Light Relief delivers hot meals to elderly, disabled, and storm-impacted residents who might otherwise go without. These meal deliveries also include essential supplies and welfare checks, providing both practical support and meaningful connection for some of the region's most vulnerable individuals.

In addition to home deliveries, the organization operates a distribution site serving Mitchell and Yancey counties. Whether delivering food and supplies or simply checking in on those in need, Rising Light Relief embodies the spirit of neighbors helping neighbors, strengthening the community during its most difficult times.

## Condensed:

Rising Light Relief is a nonprofit based in Bakersville, North Carolina, founded by a local resident to support the recovery of rural communities after Hurricane Helene. Through a direct partnership with World Central Kitchen, the organization delivers hot meals, supplies, and welfare checks to elderly, disabled, and storm-impacted residents. It also operates a distribution site serving Mitchell and Yancey counties, providing essential resources to help the region recover and rebuild.

Current needs (detailed list on tonights' RLR post) but maintained at:

Hurricane Helene Relief to Remote NC Mountain Communities - Amazon Gift List -

https://docs.google.com/document/d/110S1LNI-GXE8PRGJ54bNUUIyOMbaGOF1HwuGdWEqv Sk/edit

We also run a distribution center for the broader community and are in desperate need of the following:

Those we feed are spread out across two counties. I need two to four delivery drivers per day! Plus help at the distribution center. Please encourage folks to check out risinglightrelief.org and hit the Join Us button to sign up!

- Little green propane tanks
- Fuel filter for buddy heater adaptor hoses
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Kitchen size trash bags
- Ziploc bags
- Work boots
- Tarps
- Chain oil
- Coffee
- Water filtration systems
- Dehumidifiers
- Tools of any kind
- Generators over 4800 running watts

Please contact Alyssa Vinyo at risinglightrelief@gmail.com or 828-528-5101 if you can help! -Alyssa Vinyo

# **•CAMP UNITY**

Wilmington Response 241 hoot owl Spruce Pine, NC Wilmingtonresponse.org 9102742523

# Volunteer Sign up:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIIOO9xGkuxoUuX38SFk04Up2OEMC0pSocjDwn eADTYQHRXq/viewform

hurricane Helene Relief Supply List to support families as they work to save every penny for home repairs.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/110S1LNI-GXE8PRGJ54bNUUIyOMbaGOF1HwuGdWEgy Sk/edit

\*Video explaining the Hot Tents:

https://www.facebook.com/share/v/FUrJnS3FR5hSqmMq/?mibextid=wwXlfr

# **Vetted List of Family Needs (On Facebook)**

"We have a list of verified families. You are more than welcome to contact any of them personally."

https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1EwMX9aVxR/?mibextid=wwXIfr

Informational Map GOLD about WNC

\*Highly recommended material

https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1r3syxsZAfT7UnvMTfULAlluYKUTKUr8&fbclid=lw ZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR37jpg98D -AK0WglsYi3oL0pfr-jKfobE5TXl6gajafzG4yHyHSogwkbU aem z7rKzjWqJRxD2O6RcgyjDg&ll=68.22623248592919%2C-129.29971849999993&z=2

HIGHLY recommended watch for anyone that's not been boots on the ground.

30 Min Documentary- Storms of Life https://www.facebook.com/share/v/PRnhcByu4gYDPXVr/

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R4D2

(WNC Supply Streamlining Operation) w/ Jessica MANESS

Download App: Www.R4Relief.org

https://wnc-supply-sites.com/about/partners/partners.html

Link to apply to drive supplies with R4: https://form.jotform.com/243316609742054

Link to volunteer remotely with R4: https://form.jotform.com/243318098770059

Link for Non-profits or Grassroots organizations to be part of R4 mutual aid network: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/243364430721046">https://form.jotform.com/243364430721046</a>

WNCSupplySites coordinates resources across the WNC area, helping supply hubs/warehouses ensure their donations/support get to the places needed most by managing excess, and needs.

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Coalition to Save Western North Carolina

w/ H Marty Schelper

"The Coalition to Save Western North Carolina has a very different mission from most of the organizations on this list. The primary mission and goals of our organization are as follows but we do step outside of the box for community needs, such as "comfort stations", "warming stations" and temporary emergency shelter, but we are more focused on governmental agencies.

The mission and goal of the Coalition to Save Western North Carolina is primarily to advocate and defend the rights of all citizens of WNC, local, state and federal rights. We want to assist and educate citizens, that they have first amendment rights to stand up and speak out for their rights. We invite all citizens of WNC to join us and stand with us, to protect those rights. We also want to educate citizens to be very cautious about signing any documents from any governmental agencies regarding their land, because all that glitters is not gold. We suggest seeking trusted legal counsel. Once that ink dries, the deal is sealed.

Mitigation may look like it's the answer to all of your problems, but think, think twice, because when you get ready to relocate, will you be able to afford to relocate in the community where you currently live with your family and friends, your source of moral support? If you are land rich and cash poor, your property has probably been in your family for decades, just be very careful of carpet baggers because they still exist. Some people may think those are strong words and they are, sometimes the facts must be told. FEMA is NOT your friend."

Google Doc with "Officials Contact Information" for each of the 27 counties affected by Hurricane Helene.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ta80R_4gY7xineSmt_mveShTmVDyunC9jH8zj6UAc0s/edit?usp=sharing

Feel free to contact us with any questions: coalitiontosaveappalachia@gmail.com Volunteer/Skill Spreadsheet https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fspreadsheets%2Fu%2F 0%2Fd%2F1XMvj-dQVAKtV4oSsqifcjpe96CqTr3c1Y4oq9nYW8e8%2Fhtmlview%3Fusp%3Dem bed_facebook%26fbclid%3DIwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2f7WSG0TrdSVpKIFWG5M_eGYgKth RvoTj1R5KhljrSPFAB- ZGxRb1yvw aem eTiEYFw7uWJbRjU3BOMBmQ&h=AT3htHvNaIntsP 5HqEjqZr49BGvaNAC 5Uqbkp9ziHetlqkW6eF7D0jrz397H9tUkzWsz3YMknTmY4 CqKaTpH2 pDMfKL1 ZzP1mT5PJ4DW4EE2XRRAp2GP4OIEuCGQ Q&s=1 ~~~~~~~~~~~ ▲ Video Explaining the Terrain of where I'm located/Primarily Advocating for: https://www.facebook.com/share/v/pkZvCkgH4UgsMFWT/?mibextid Water testing in Buncombe County: https://www.buncombecounty.org/common/health/WaterSample

Amazon lists for Local Families (Please text "AMAZON LIST" at 5402801437 to be added.)

GoFundMe for Lenny, an early Veteran, who needs his driveway repaired.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-a-veteran-rebuild-loris-dads-driveway?attribution_id=sl%3 Ada7f7dc0-7371-4689-b7a4-4beaade6857b&utm_campaign=pd_ss_icons&utm_medium=custo

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The Mathew's Family Ashley Mathews Faiella Venmo: Ashley-Mathews-95

https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/O9T0OK8X2SWR

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## My Home Hub:



Anchor Number: 1 (910) 580-7986 VP Steve Lambert: 1 (919) 210-0867

Spruce Pine, NC

### MISSION STATEMENT:

Our mission is to empower and uplift veterans, individuals struggling with addiction, survivors of disaster, and those at risk of human trafficking by providing free support, resources, and care. We are committed to rebuilding, restoring hope, and helping people reclaim their lives with dignity and purpose. Guided by compassion, empathy, forgiveness, and courage, we strive to create a sustainable and thriving environment where everyone can heal, grow, and contribute to a brighter future for all.

NEEDS:

CONSTRUCTION/BUILDING MATERIALS
VOLUNTEERS; ELECTRICIANS, PLUMBERS, CONTRACTORS
HEAVY MACHINES
CAMPERS/VEHICLES

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NEW CAMPER OWNER TIPS
-> From Hope For Crisis

https://www.facebook.com/share/Ufsk4vsKu5PBj2rC/?mibextid=WC7FNe

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# **S**GENERAL DISASTER DONATION TIPS ■

# PLEASE KEEP IN MIND:

Although the balance of supplies/donations coming in vs being sorted/going out I KNOW can be frustrating, especially for our wonderful neighbors that have driven far out of their way to help...

A )The MOST VALUABLE thing you can donate, is TIME. Please don't take me saying this as meaning we don't appreciate every single monetary and material contribution that's been made.. It will ALL go to use this winter.. But we NEED people to help support/distribute it to the community. We're past the initial voluntary push, and as we head into winter, less people will want to be out doing volunteer work. (Sad, but true.) So PLEASE, if dropping off a donation, consider staying for even an HOUR or two, so we can get these life sustaining supplies out faster.

### B) THIS DONATION RUSH WILL END..

and these people will depend on us for at least six months. Power companies are saying that's the minimum time frame for restoring power, so people will need assistance for at least that long. The "we can't take x,y,z" WILL wear off in just a month or two, and all of our organizations are going to be DESPERATE for your donations. So please, keep this longevity in mind as you organize donations/drives from home. (I can't tell you how much we do appreciate it.)

### C) IF YOURE DONATING CLOTHES...

Please sort by size/style, etc. Vaccuum Sealing will get you five extra brownie points. Same goes for Blankets (only WOOL - cotton takes heat. As the hikers say; Cotton Kills.) No sheets, unless flannel/winter/new.

They need to be NEW or SO LIKE NEW you can't really tell. This is about Giving with Dignity; (something I'll be doing an entire video about.) Same with food - please check expiration dates. Same with toiletries - No opened/already used bathroom supplies. (You wouldn't believe some of the bottles I've seen...) Confirm with your donation drop spot whether or not they are taking clothes.

## D) WHEN DONATING HEATERS..

PLEASE also grab some CO2 & Smoke detectors, extra batteries, and a dry fire extinguisher.

## E) WHEN DONATING SLEEPING BAGS...

They MUST be 30 degree bags or lower. Anything warmer than that isn't going to help prevent hypothermia in these mountains. Please donate sleeping PADS as well; Bags are no good if they have no insulation from the ground.

F) ABSOLUTELY EVERY GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION WILL TELL YOU THEY NEED HEAVY MACHINERY. If you have access to literally any heavy machine, donating any amount of time with it is such a blessing I can't even describe it.

We truly appreciate you all so much, and thank you for being patient with us while we smooth this process out. I assure you, there are MANY wonderful people trying to streamline this process as best as we possibly can.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10aZLkpx5WMhw4Yzy5ZgXsRLTDvWVgn348uNz2i6 GeuQ/edit?usp=drivesdk

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Hub/Organization Assistance:

- www.WNC-supply-sites.com
- •Donation Hub/Volunteer/Assistance List: Www.swannanoagrassrootsalliance.org
- Grassroots Organizations:

Www.www.supportingwnc.com.

Agriculture Assistance:

https://southernagexchange.org/

•Donation Channel for WNC:

https://www.dreamswnc.com/monetarydonations

Helene Related Volunteer Opportunities:

https://nc211.org/hurricane-helene-volunteer-opportunities/

•Farmers Aid/Assistance:

https://www.carolinafarmstewards.org/cfsa-helene-resources/#aioseo-aid-and-relief-assistance

•Not SUPER Mobile Friendly, but a GOLDMINE of information: https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=c408789be87f4e24a8da44e0d33015fc

# •WNC Recourse Guide:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ReiRLo5\_ELxH86XWjj-vGGywB0QAe4hOWPeublaWKP M/edit?usp=embed\_facebook

## •Helene Volunteer/SUPPORT Opportunities:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-1TjtvKKUSiHBd95iqePPtwDhV9JI1VboSzL3R51jrE/edit?usp=embed\_facebook

### •Shelter Information:

https://hurricane-helene-shelter-and-drop-off-centers.glitch.me

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GgqHq8u-Z9iEI-vZ1tEsjKi3dGm5ejclf2f1hR7fbvk/edit?usp=embed\_facebook

### •WNC How to Help:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JGhyBN3NO970ZxZFEQroMKBvXphLN6JIKUIYoJ2kSaQ/edit?usp=embed\_facebook

# •WNC Practical Life Tips:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hDQHZvegBgifc\_5QlE89LzH9ulGYMqHGS75ljiVS4ZQ/edit?usp=embed\_facebook

### •Helene Volunteer & Donate:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-1TjtvKKUSiHBd95iqePPtwDhV9JI1VboSzL3R51jrE/edit?usp=emb

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Hurricane Helene Art Book By Kira Bursky https://www.facebook.com/share/p/TCJMFVdZ5qZtpU41/?mibextid=K35XfP

https://allaroundartsyfashion.com/products/preorder-hurricane-helene-art-collection-book

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PHOTO GALLERY



















