

E-Headliner Special: Hurricane Helene Response

As we witness the devastating impact of Hurricane Helene on our neighbors in the Southeast, we are driven to lend our support. The Virlina District Church of the Brethren is the closest neighbor to those who were affected and will be centralizing to collect supplies to support the Southeastern District. The Brethren Disaster Ministries works patiently during the immediate aftermath of a disaster, focusing on long-term recovery efforts. Children's Disaster Services has already established childcare locations in conjunction with the Red Cross and 30 children have been present at a shelter while parents are seeing to the needs of their families. With over 400 roads currently closed, housing limitations for residents, line workers, and health care workers, as well as ongoing search and rescue operations, it is advisable to gather supplies from nearby areas instead of self-deploying.

Here's How You Can Help:

1. Donate Supplies: We are collecting essential items to support the relief efforts. Please consider donating:
 - o Emergency Cleanup Buckets (~\$75 each) [Emergency Cleanup Buckets - CWS Kits](#)
 - o Hygiene Kits (~\$15 each) [Hygiene Kits - CWS Kits](#)
 - o Period Packs (~\$25 each) [Period Packs \(Menstrual Hygiene Kit\) - CWS Kits](#)
 - o New sleeping bags, blankets, hand warmers and gently used coats as temperatures in the mountains are cooling off at night.
 - o Concrobium and ShockWave Mold Removal Products
 - o Moisture Meters (ensure wood is at 20% or below moisture before mold treatment)
2. Cash Donations: These will be directly funneled to assist in the Southeastern Church of the Brethren District's recovery efforts. Make Checks payable to Virlina District, 3402 Plantation Road, NE, Roanoke, VA 24012 and write "Hurricane Helene" in the memo line.
3. Volunteering Opportunities: Volunteers will assist with cleaning, rebuilding, and childcare once Brethren Disaster Ministries establishes locations. Meanwhile, the Virlina Disaster Response Ministries Committee is seeking volunteers to drive the Disaster van to collect supplies. They aim to access a Southeastern church near disaster sites for drop-off. For more information through Virlina District, contact HeleneReliefVirlinaCOB@outlook.com. Contact Mary St.John for information at virlina.directordcnw@gmail.com.

Where to Deliver: Supplies can be dropped off at Summerdean Church of the Brethren [6604 Plantation Rd, Roanoke, VA 24019](#) (540-366-6835) now through the end of October 2024. Questions or coordinating drop-off? Email HeleneReliefVirlinaCOB@outlook.com Deidra Fassett (Stultz) Together, let us be the hands and feet of Christ, bringing hope and healing to those in need.

In Christ,

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