

Dear Friends:

The devastation of Hurricane Florence is quickly fading from the daily news, but I want you to know that **American Red Cross** is still there, working closely with government agencies, non-profit organizations, faith-based groups, and thousands of volunteers *to alleviate suffering* in the face of this ongoing disaster.

Here are some ways that your gift to **American Red Cross** is having real impact across five states affected by the storm.

As of yesterday September 23, 2018:

- **3,300** – workers including Red Cross staff and volunteers deployed across the area (including over 100 from our area)
- **189** – Red Cross shelters have operated since September 10th
- **107,800** – nights of shelter provided so far – one person for one night = one night of shelter
- **2,500** – persons in shelters *last night alone* (Sunday, 9/23)
- **91** – Red Cross-supported emergency operations centers (of the 138 total across the region)
- **149** – emergency response vehicles deployed (the Red Cross workhorse “ambulance style” vehicles and their newer counterparts)
- **1,062** – additional vehicles deployed to support the massive relief operation
- **15** – centralized mass kitchens preparing thousands of meals every day.
 - These meals are being served at **39 shelters** and in hard-hit neighborhoods by **100 mobile feeding vehicles**
- **563,000** – meals and snacks already served
- **601** – contacts made with persons with disabilities to help them integrate while in shelters
- **1,115** – contacts made with persons for spiritual counseling while in shelter
- **21,400** – contacts made with persons for physical and mental health support while in shelter

Thank you – none of this is possible without the *power of volunteers* and the *generosity of donors*.

Gratefully,

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September 20, 2018 in Wallace, North Carolina - Damage remains eight days after the first impacts of Hurricane Florence were felt along the North Carolina coast.

Ongoing road closures continue to limit accessibility to the area.

Photo by Daniel Cima/American Red Cross



Emergency Response Vehicle just in time for dinner at the Red Cross managed shelter in Mullins, South Carolina. They have driven many miles since leaving Gulfport, Mississippi to assist neighbors here.

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Red Cross volunteer Bob Snyder and David McCovey unload meals from the