

Helping Our Rural Neighbors in Western North Carolina



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Dear Steve,

We at New Rural Project are deeply saddened by the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene in the counties of Western North Carolina, especially our rural neighbors who won't get much media coverage. The full extent of the damage is still unknown, but it's clear that people are in desperate need of assistance including finding loved ones and access to water, food, and shelter.

What we do know is that NRP supporters are some of the country's most generous and empathetic people, given how you stepped up **when we asked you** to help Moore County when they were hit by the power grid attack. **To contribute to the relief effort, we are providing a few links to organizations either on the ground helping folks directly or who are providing resources to folks on the ground.**

[North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund](#) - Donations go to nonprofits working to meet the immediate needs of storm victims such as food and water, cleaning supplies, and other emergency supplies. All of the donations made will go to disaster relief.

[Hurricane Response Fund](#) - Supports communities hardest hit by mobilizing grassroots efforts to meet basic needs such as food, shelter, and essential supplies, especially for those who couldn't evacuate or prepare, and advocates for support for small businesses and workers whose employment has been impacted.

[World Central Kitchen](#) - World Central Kitchen's Relief Team is providing free meals to communities affected by Hurricane Helene by partnering with organizations on the ground and activating a network of local restaurants, food trucks, or emergency kitchens. WCK serves comforting meals to survivors of disasters quickly and effectively.

In addition, our friends at Democracy NC and their partners on the ground in Western NC have developed a [living document](#) with county-specific information. This document is being updated daily and lists resources for those impacted as well as ways you can help.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those affected by Hurricane Helene. Let's stand in solidarity with our rural neighbors in Western North Carolina during this challenging time and offer our support however we can. The road to recovery will be long, but with our collective efforts, we can help these communities rebuild and regain a sense of normalcy.

Thank you for your generosity and compassion.

With gratitude,

Cynthia Wallace and the New Rural Project Team



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