

HURRICANE FLORENCE

One Year Later

FOOD BANK

OF CENTRAL & EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

HISTORIC STORM

One year ago, Hurricane Florence made landfall on the NC coast, bringing 8 trillion gallons of rain, creating a 10-foot storm surge, and unprecedented flooding. More than one million people lost power and the storm is estimated to have caused \$17 billion in damage.

HISTORIC RESPONSE

In the year since Hurricane Florence, the Food Bank has:



DISTRIBUTED

14,969,375 LBS

of food, water, and supplies for disaster relief.



DISTRIBUTED

961 TRUCKLOADS

into the community.

We know that relief efforts will not end any time soon. Recovery from a storm like Hurricane Florence takes time and incredible resources. The Food Bank continues to serve our community with disaster relief food and supplies. These communities will not be forgotten.

Thanks to your support, we are here... for the long haul.

The response needed after Hurricane Florence is unlike any disaster relief the Food Bank has undertaken. For the first time in its nearly 40-year history, the Food Bank began operating its own pantry in hard-hit Jones County, NC. With integral support from our partners at Bryant Chapel AME Zion church, the pantry was serving around 100 families each day it was open. Now, a year after Florence, the pantry is still serving more than 50 families each day of operation. We're able to support these families for the long haul as they restock and rebuild.



In the months following the storm, the Food Bank worked to restock the food that many people lost during the extended power outages. Holding "Protein Power-Ups" at our branches, the Food Bank has been able to get nutritious meats to people recovering from Hurricane Florence. Becky, who volunteers with one of the Food Bank's partner agencies, shared that "... it's about the every day stuff. You know after a storm like this and people have spent their resources on gas and they've spent their resources trying to keep things together, you need a little extra help for the next few months so you don't get behind that much more."



This summer, 10 months after the hurricane hit, the Food Bank teamed up with Pender County Schools to provide boxes of food to children attending summer camps. The school let the Food Bank's Wilmington branch know that more than 1,000 families are still displaced from their homes, and are in need of food.

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We want to make sure that our students are not forgotten as we enter almost a year since Hurricane Florence. This partnership helps ensure that our kids and families have nutritious food as they recover from the impact of this life-changing storm.

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— Aja Winstead, District Student Support Coordinator