

VERY SPECIFIC WNC NEEDS

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Communities do not need – have already received sufficient donations of – water, feminine hygiene products, and pet food. Used clothing is also unhelpful because there is no one to sort and process it.

Communities need pallet jacks, totes, boxes, bubble wraps, and other supplies to manage donations.

Here are some specific unmet needs of which we are aware – reach out to LeDayne for more information on these, and she can connect you to the groups who have asked for support.

Survivors are experiencing travel barriers to reach Disaster Recovery Centers. Houses of faith with vans/buses could be very helpful, please pass along this need to partner houses of faith in impacted areas

REQUEST: There are pockets of populations in impacted areas from Hurricane Helene who face transportation challenges to access resources, particularly for visiting Disaster Recovery Centers to register for FEMA. The NCVOAD Disaster Case Management Committee is looking to identify groups who can provide transportation to these communities, especially churches and congregations with vans and mini-busses. Please email Daniel.Altenu@cccharitiesdor.org to be part the this discussion with the NC VOAD Disaster Case Management Committee.

There is still a great need for heated housing with running water for volunteers. Until there's greater housing availability, local volunteers, or those that live close enough to do day shifts, are preferred to those that need overnight accommodation. Volunteer Housing in impacted areas continues to be a great need. If you have housing supports or ideas, please contact Kristy Kolberg at president@NCVOAD.org

Carl Bartlett who spoke at our meeting on October 17

Working as volunteer coordinator from Black Mountain - former Mayor -- Currently urging cash donations as the most efficient and helpful means of support

Specific Requests Various Locations:

- well water testing

NCVOAD (ask LeDayne for contact)

- water/soil/air quality professionals to help create guidelines for residents

UNETE (ask LeDayne for contact)

- child care volunteers

Project Camp (ask LeDayne for contact)

- Pallet jack, shrink wrap, and laundry detergent
Crisis Relief and Recovery (ask LeDayne for contact)

Asheville:

Free or at cost building materials

SKILLED construction volunteers

AVLFAST (ask LeDayne for contact)

Sylva, Morganton, Waynesville area:

One Site- Sylva

75 Dehumidifiers

150 Box Fans

One Site – Morganton

100 Dehumidifiers

175 box fans

One Site- Waynesville

50 Dehumidifiers

65 Box Fans

Contact: Roland Whitley (ask LeDayne for contact)

Henderson County #1

El Centro of Henderson County could really use donations of building material - floor plywood, sheetrock, snap-lock flooring - particularly for undocumented families who will receive no federal aid and are taking it upon themselves to rebuild their homes. At a later time, we will also need appliances and beds. Thank you for your consideration.

LAC Main Nancy Díaz (ask LeDayne for contact)

Henderson County #2

Help removing trailers (would need a specialized crew)

I need at least 43 single mattresses and 20 space heaters

-Contact: Melisa Soto (ask LeDayne for contact)

MITCHELL COUNTY NEEDS

Generators

Electric Heaters

large and small propane buddy heaters

butane cylinders tanks

1lb and 20 lb propane tank

Propane hose with regulator

Drop cords/ Surge protectors

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Smoke Detectors

Bungee Cords

Pallets 150

Boxes (various sizes). YES TO TOTES!!

Plastic bins/containers (for smaller items).

Packing tape and dispensers.

Label maker or pre-printed labels.

Pallet wrap or shrink wrap (to secure items on pallets)

Dollies for moving boxes 10

Pallet jacks (manual or electric) 4

Forklifts (if available and necessary for larger loads)

Shopping carts or baskets for individuals to carry items 50

Shelving for items 200

Racks for clothing 200

Hangers for clothing 2000

-Contact: Carlene Anders (ask LeDayne for contact)

UNETE

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Norma Duran Brown, UNETE's founder and Executive Director, and I include Luisa Rodriguez our UNETE Youth Coordinator in our conversation as well as Jose Infanzon Chavez, Community Health Workers Coordinator. We are a local nonprofit that serves an average of 1,300 people per month. Our Latino Youth program only outreaches weekly to 150 Latino families with our flagship programs: Mentoring And Nurturing Our Students (MANOS) for

high schoolers and Freedom, Advocacy, Resilience for Our Students (FAROS) for middle schoolers. We also have De Mujer a Mujer NC, a Latina women programs that has led a movement raising awareness about unhealthy relationships

As we approach Thanksgiving, we are preparing for what will be a very different holiday season for many in our community. While some will be filled with gratitude more than ever, others are facing significant challenges. It's heartening to see how this uniquely American celebration has been embraced by our Latino families, and we're hoping to make this time a bit brighter for them.

With that in mind, I wanted to reach out to see if your faith congregation would be willing to help us by creating a "Thankful Box" for our families. Any support would be deeply appreciated, especially by families currently dealing with unemployment and uncertainty.

Thank you so much for considering this request. We would be grateful for any way your congregation could contribute.

We serve 5 counties, but our offices and main Latino programs are located in Asheville.

Allow me to share how an ideal Accion de Gracias Food box will look like:

- Turkey
- Rice
- Oil
- Canned tomatoes
- Stuffing
- Maseca
- Oregano

- Cumin
- Clove
- Pepper
- Canela sticks
- Condensed milk
- Sugar

It is a big ask and of course that we can pick up the donations but we always love to share the moment of giving with our army of angels on the ground...

-Contact Norma Duran Brown J.D. (ask LeDayne for contact info)