

HOW TO HELP: HURRICANE MATTHEW



TOP TIPS: Volunteer and Donate Responsibly

- **Cash is best.** Financial contributions to recognized disaster relief organizations are the fastest, most flexible, and most effective method of donating. Organizations on the ground know what items and quantities are needed, often buy in bulk with discounts and, if possible, purchase through area businesses which supports economic recovery.
- **Confirm donations needed.** Critical needs change rapidly – confirm needed items BEFORE collecting; pack and label carefully; confirm delivery locations; arrange transportation. Unsolicited goods NOT needed burden local organizations' ability to meet survivors' confirmed needs, drawing away valuable volunteer labor, transportation, and warehouse space.
- **Connect to volunteer.** Trusted organizations operating in the affected area know where volunteers are needed, and can ensure appropriate volunteer safety, training, and housing.

MORE ONLINE: www.fema.gov/donate | www.fema.gov/hurricane-matthew | www.redcross.org/find-your-local-chapter

FLORIDA

www.volunteerflorida.org/hurricane-matthew

1-800-FL-HELP-1 (1-800-354-3571)

Volunteer Florida serves as Florida's lead agency for volunteers and donations before, during, and after disasters. Individuals interested in helping following Hurricane Matthew may register online to volunteer, or call the Volunteer and Donations Hotline.

Volunteer Florida CEO Chester W. Spellman said "One of the most critical times to use volunteers is following disasters. Whether it is shelter staffing, food distribution, or to assist with clean up, we will need volunteers positioned to serve immediately with local disaster relief organizations. Having volunteers prepared and ready to deploy will be a critical tool as we move forward."

GEORGIA

Please volunteer and donate responsibly. For information on volunteering in Georgia, email volunteer@gemhsa.ga.gov.

NORTH CAROLINA

The North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service promotes and facilitates service and volunteering to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement. www.volunteernc.org

SOUTH CAROLINA

Monetary Donations and Volunteering – Please donate or volunteer directly with any South Carolina Voluntary Organization Active in Disaster (SCVOAD; see list to right), which are assisting the state in this emergency.

You may also volunteer by visiting **The United Way Association of South Carolina's** "Get Connected" portal to be matched with local volunteer opportunities.

<http://getconnected.uwasc.org/drm/>

Clothing – Clothing items are NOT being accepted. Please donate clothing to charitable organizations in your community which can make best use of these items.

Food – Please donate food items through local food banks and charities in your community. We work with local organizations to distribute food to survivors. If you are planning a food drive for disaster relief, please confirm the most-needed items by contacting the **South Carolina Food Bank Association**. If you prefer, you may make a monetary donation online. www.scfoodbankassociation.org

South Carolina Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

[Adventist Community Services](http://www.adventist.org) – 877-227-2702

[American Red Cross of South Carolina](http://www.americanredcross.org) – 800-435-7669

[Feeding America](http://www.feedingamerica.org) – 800-771-2303

[Harvest Hope Food Bank](http://www.harvesthope.org) – 803-254-4432

[Lowcountry Food Bank](http://www.lowcountryfoodbank.org) – 843-747-8146

[Lutheran Disaster Response](http://www.lutheranrelief.org) – 800-638-3522

[Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](http://www.presbyterian.org) – 800-872-3283

[Salvation Army](http://www.salvationarmy.org) – 800-725-2769

[Samaritan's Purse](http://www.samaritan.org) – 800-528-1980

[Southern Baptist Convention/Disaster Relief](http://www.southernbaptist.org) – 800-462-8657

[United Methodist Committee on Relief](http://www.unitymethodist.org) – 800-554-8583

[United Way of America](http://www.unitedway.org) – 800-272-4630

[United Way of South Carolina](http://www.unitedway.org) – 803-929-1000

[Water Missions International](http://www.watermissions.org) – 843-769-7395

[ONESC Flood Relief Fund](http://www.onesc.org)