

NEWSLETTER

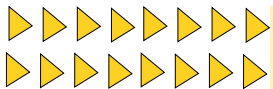


Together, We Rebuild: Updates & Immediate Needs



As we move forward in our mission to support Western North Carolina's recovery after Hurricane Helene, we are continually amazed by the generosity and dedication of this community. Your support has helped families regain stability, restore essential services, and rebuild their lives. Here's an update on the impact you've made and how you can continue to help.

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How You Can Help; Immediate Needs:

- Monetary donations
- Volunteers skilled in restoration home building, and construction
- Grant Writers

If you would like to volunteer or apply as a grant writer, please reach out to info@hopemill.org



Your Donations At Work

Funds have provided seasoned firewood, special baby formula for families, propane, gravel for washed out drives, culverts, bridges, campers, covering bills, furniture, and lots more. We couldn't continue to help with recovery efforts without your support!



RECENT IMPACT & RELIEF EFFORTS

- Delivered over **20,000 lbs+** of livestock feed, dog, and cat food to most WNC Counties.
 - **Purchased** a trailer to deliver firewood, appliances, and donations more efficiently.
 - **Donated a camper** to an elderly woman in Spruce Pine who lost her home.
 - **Provided new tires** on a van for a family of eight. We were also able to help them catch up on bills.
 - **Supported** several other non-profits with ongoing supply runs (2-3 times per week) to McDowell, Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey Co.
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- **Supplied building materials** and **Two Stoves** for Peterson General Store in Hunttdale, NC. Eight picnic tables were built and placed outside on the old foundation. Lynn Peterson runs his general store today out of a camper to help feed the Community, Volunteers, and Workers in Green Mountain.
 - **Cut and delivered** firewood to countless in need alongside volunteers.
 - **Partnered** with *A Girl with a Truck* to provide feed and fencing for a 47-acre farm.
 - **Collaborated** with *United Way of Lincoln County* and *Sun Valley Farms* to provide livestock feed to Mitchell and Avery counties.
 - **Donated and filled kerosene tanks** for elderly church members at Beans Creek Baptist Church.
 - **Distributed winter clothing and heat sources** for families in Old Fort and Swannanoa.
 - **Provided wheelchairs** for those in need.
 - **Delivered 7 Whirlpool stoves** along the North Toe River up to Green Mountain and Spruce Pine.

ONGOING PROJECTS & FUTURE GOALS



- **Demolishing** and **Clearing** single wide trailer that was flooded and replacing with brand new home for family of 5.
- **Launching** a new bridge project in Marion helping with access to remote communities.
- We are working to find **Sustainable Solutions** and partner with other organizations to provide long-term relief.
- **Partnering** with CampLinn Haven in Newland, NC to provide back-to-school supplies for Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties.

UPCOMING WAYS TO GIVE BACK AND EVENTS

- **May 3rd**–Clay Shoot Fundraiser at Chetola Sporting Reserve, Blowing Rock, NC
- **June 6th**– Mennel's Biscuit Day Community Outreach Event, Downtown Newton, NC
- **July 31st**– CampLinn Haven's Back to School Bash, Newland, NC
- **October 4th**– Downtown Catawba WNC Benefit Concert '
- **TBA**–HopeMill's 2nd Annual Winter Gala



CAMP LINN HAVEN'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH & BACKPACK PROGRAM

PARTNERED WITH



SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

SUPPLIES
COLLECTED THRU
JULY 1ST

Inquiring children K-12 receive a new backpack and school supplies in Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey County Schools

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PENCIL POUCHES • PENCIL BOXES • PENCILS • PENCIL SHARPENERS • MECHANICAL PENCILS • BIG PINK ERASERS • PENCIL TOP ERASERS • CRAYOLA CRAYONS • COLORED PENCILS • WASHABLE BROAD LINE MARKERS • FINE TIP MARKERS • GLUE STICKS • BLUNT TIP 5" SCISSORS • 7" SCISSORS • PENS • HIGHLIGHTERS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOOSE LEAF PAPER • COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS (WIDE RULED) • ONE SUBJECT SPIRAL BOUND NOTEBOOK (WIDE RULED) • LOOSE LEAF PAPER (COLLEGE RULED) • COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS (COLLEGE RULED) • SUBJECT NOTEBOOKS (COLLEGE RULED) • SUBJECT SPIRAL BOUND NOTEBOOK (COLLEGE RULED) • INDEX CARDS • 1 INCH BINDERS • 1.5 INCH BINDERS • 2 INCH BINDERS • DIVIDERS • 2 POCKET FOLDERS • DATELESS AGENDAS
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SUPPLY DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

LKN CHEESECAKERY LOCATIONS

~107 COURT SQUARE LINCOLNTON

~278 N. BUSINESS 16 DENVER

UNIFOUR FLORAL WHOLESALE

935 3RD AVENUE SE #104, HICKORY

UNIFOUR HYDRAULICS-LENIOR

1002 CONNELLY SPRINGS RD, LENIOR

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

2126 ST JOHNS CHURCH RD NE, CONOVER

TOWN HALL OF CATAWBA

102 1ST ST NW, CATAWBA, NC 28609





EVERY YEAR CAMP LINN HAVEN LOCATED IN NEWLAND, NC RELIES ON FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND DONATIONS TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE STUDENTS ACROSS AVERY COUNTY WITH NECESSARY SCHOOL SUPPLIES DURING THEIR TEEN SERVANT WEEK PROJECT.

IN THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE HELENE THE STUDENTS OF WNC NEED OUR HELP MORE THAN EVER. OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS TO PARTNER WITH CAMP LINN HAVEN TO SUPPORT LOCAL YOUTH WITHIN AVERY, MITCHELL AND YANCEY COUNTIES.

WOULD RATHER ONLINE SHOP? WE HAVE AN AMAZON WISHLIST!




HopeMill Resilience Scholarship: Supporting students whose education has been disrupted by Hurricane Helene.

Eligibility: Applicants must reside in an affected state, be enrolled in an accredited college or trade school, and demonstrate financial need due to storm-related hardships.

HIGHLIGHT STORIES

MOUNTAIN PARADISE CAMPGROUND

We have been partnering with *Carolina Built* to rebuild facilities within Mountain Paradise Campground. Together we were able to complete a full renovation of a cottage and the family has been able to return home after being displaced from the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. HopeMill has other projects and plans in the works to continue to help restore one of Marion's favorite campgrounds.



MT. CALVARY GETS A NEW PLAYGROUND



Mt. Calvary Freewill Baptist Church in Spruce Pine, NC purchased a new playground weeks before Hurricane Helene hit and unfortunately it was washed down stream by the flooding. Their old playground was damaged. Their one request was to give their youth a place to be kids and play. Fortunately, we have generous donors and we were able to purchase this playground for Mt. Calvary. Stay tuned for workday announcements and opportunities to volunteer. You're going to want to be apart of this one!

THE JENKINS FAMILY

This incredible family has put their neighbors before themselves, using their towing and recovery business to help clear debris and assist those in need. Their generosity includes:

- Donating diesel, construction equipment, and a shipping container to help a local business rebuild.
- Partnering with HopeMill to restore a vital bridge in Fairview—materials were donated, and HopeMill covered concrete and coordinated volunteer labor.



THE BALLEWS UPDATE

The Ballews, who recently welcomed their daughter in January have spent their time in the NICU. While they were waiting on a room to open at the Ronald McDonald House, HopeMill was able to provide their stay at an AirBnB during their transition. HopeMill has been able to cover their rent for six months, demolish and clear their destroyed home, and provide an online baby shower for the Ballews. We can't wait to meet their baby girl.



THE RAYS NEW BEGINNING

Lisa and Howard Ray lost their home to floodwaters, leaving them with nothing. Thanks to our sponsors, we have been able to help them financially as they take the next steps toward restoring their home. A \$5,000 check was written to the Rays to help with the drilling of a new well. HopeMill was able to stock their AirBnB with essential items immediately after the storm along with providing their family with a wonderful Christmas this year.

TRACTOR TO THE RESUCE

HopeMill was able to purchase a new Badboy Tractor, Kit and Trailer for Hidden Cove Choose n Cut Christmas Tree Farm in Marion, NC. Amanda and her family were able to clear one of their pastures in time for hay season. The tractor will help the Chapman's remove debris and downed firs in time for next Christmas Season. The Chapmans are very involved in the recovery and rebuild of their community. This purchase will help many within McDowell Co.



Thank you for standing with us. Your kindness is rebuilding lives, one step at a time.