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**Truliant Foundation Contributes More Than $50,000 to Hurricane Helene Relief** **Efforts**

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (Oct. 3, 2024)—Truliant Federal Credit Union and the Truliant Foundation today announced several relief efforts following Hurricane Helene's devastation.

The Truliant Foundation has committed more than $50,000 toward food and relief resources. The efforts reach Western N.C. and other areas, including 16,000 bottles of water to Miracle Hill Ministries in Upstate S.C. Additionally, the credit union is providing a $15,000 donation to the Carolina’s Credit Union Foundation Disaster Relief Fund.

Truliant is helping its employees in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia who live and work in counties receiving disaster declarations. About 90 employees are receiving a payment of $250 to help with needed items following the storm. Branch managers in affected regions where a natural disaster has been declared have been buying lunch and ordering food for employees during the day and hot meals for employees to take home at the end of the day.

“Hurricane Helene is an unprecedented disaster that is taking a massive toll on communities and residents in the Southeast,” said Todd Hall, president and CEO of Truliant. “We will be a partner through the rebuilding ahead. The Truliant Foundation is committed to helping our employees and neighbors get back on their feet.”

On Wednesday, the Truliant Foundation delivered 16 pallets of bottled water to Miracle Hill Ministries in Greenville, S.C. Miracle Hill operates homeless shelters and addiction-recovery centers and is serving as a distribution center to provide basic needs for those impacted by Hurricane Helene.

It serves about 950 meals each day at its shelters. The power has been out since Sept. 27.  Miracle Hill has four rescue missions and two addiction recovery programs: Greenville Rescue Mission, Shepherds Gate, Renewal, Overcomers, Spartanburg Rescue Mission, and Cherokee County Rescue Mission. Its food warehouse helps guests under its care, including foster families and the community.

Bill Shell, director of food resources for Miracle Hill Ministries, said that water is vital to each shelter right now so clients can stay hydrated and have something to drink with their meals.

“Right now, there is a lack of food resources for the homeless. Because of that, they are more likely to stay in shelters and less likely to go back onto the streets,” Shell said.

Shell noted that Miracle Hill’s Food Resources warehouse cannot receive perishable donations until the power is restored. The shelter is seeking items such as precooked meats, spaghetti, noodles, pasta sauce, peanut butter, and jelly, or, as Shell said, “Food that fills bellies.”

Miracle Hill Ministries needs immediate assistance. Donations can be left at 725 Keith Drive, Greenville, S.C., Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call (864) 704-9838 or visit <https://www.miraclehill.org>.

Through its $15,000 donation to the Carolinas Credit Union Foundation’s Disaster Relief Fund Truliant is providing aid for credit unions, employees and volunteers directly impacted by Hurricane Helene. Credit union employees and volunteers can receive grant assistance for food, temporary shelter, housing, gas, transportation, and insurance deductibles, among other items.

Also included are lodging costs due to temporary displacement, relocation costs due to evacuation mandates, and personal property losses incurred that were not reimbursed by insurance.

“These efforts not only underscore the importance of community solidarity but also ensure that support reaches those directly impacted by the storm,” said Atticus Simpson, executive director of the Truliant Foundation. “By standing together, Truliant and its partners are making a tangible difference in the lives of many, reinforcing the power of collective action in times of crisis.”

For those looking to assist in the efforts of the Truliant Foundation, donations can be made by visiting: <https://www.truliantfcu.org/foundation> and clicking on *Donate to the Foundation Now*.

**About Truliant Federal Credit Union**
Truliant is a mission-driven, not-for-profit financial institution that improves lives by providing great service and straightforward financial solutions. Truliant was chartered in 1952 and now serves 354,000+ members. Truliant has more than 35 branches in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

**About The Truliant Foundation**Established in 2023 as an independent, 501(c)(3) organization to support Truliant Federal Credit Union’s commitment to community and its social responsibility to give back to the neighbors it serves, the Truliant Foundation elevates the “People Helping People” credit union philosophy by providing donations, grants and scholarships to community organizations and relief funds to Truliant employees facing unforeseen personal hardship. Donations to the foundation are tax deductible. To learn more or give, visit www.truliant.org/Foundation.