

Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Although conditions on the ground in NC are slowly improving, there are still many people in need in the western portions of the state (primarily District 7670). Hundreds of roads remain closed and hundreds of thousands of people remain without power.

From [Drivennc.gov](https://drivennc.gov):

DANGEROUS CONDITIONS IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

There are shortages of water, food, gas, power, and communications in western NC. Access is limited to local and hurricane response traffic.

You cannot get from North Carolina to TN via I-40 or I-26.

There may be closed roads not listed on [DriveNC.gov](https://driveNC.gov) as many areas are not able to report at this time.

People evacuating the Asheville area can use I-40 east or I-26 east.

We continue to receive helpful information from Rotarians and friends about drop-off locations. Here are three additional locations in different parts of our District:

1. From Rotarian Kayla Stafford:

Tyson Sold Real Estate, 8033 HWY 150, Terrell NC 28682 (Sherrill's Ford – northern Lake Norman area)

2. From former Rotarian Jay Berube:

An associate of Jay who lives in Asheville will be accepting donations for the items listed below and driving them to Asheville on Friday. The focus for this delivery will be to reach more remote locations where it has been challenging to get supplies to. The trailer will actually be parked in front of Jay's home at 2229 E 5th Avenue in Charlotte. Jay asked me to add that his children will be selling lemonade and bracelets on the corner of E 5th St. and Laurel Avenue, with all proceeds going toward filling the trailer with needed supplies.

A blue poster with a white border. At the top, it says 'DONATIONS NEEDED' in white text on a dark blue background. Below this, there are two columns of white text listing items needed: DIAPERS, BABY WIPES, BABY FOOD, TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTH PASTE, NEW SOCKS, BABY CLOTHES (NEW), WATER, PEANUT BUTTER, BREAD, RICE, BEANS, POP TOP CANS, MEALS IN A CAN, NONPERISHABLE FOOD, PAPER PLATES, DISPOSABLE UTENSILS, PET FOOD, WIPES, CLEANING SUPPLIES, TRASH BAGS, ZIPLOC BAGS, REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS, FLASHLIGHTS, CAN OPENERS, HAND SANITIZER, CANDLES, LIGHTER FLUID, MATCHES, TRASH BAGS, BATTERIES, FLASHLIGHTS, BLANKETS (NEW), PILLOWS (NEW). At the bottom left, there is a white box with the text 'DROP OFF DONATIONS 2229 E. 5TH ST *DONATION TRAILER ON STREET*'. At the bottom right, there is a white box with the text 'MONEY DONATIONS @jayceberube-5' and a QR code with the Venmo logo below it.

3. From Rotarian Zachary Parker, Boiling Springs/Shelby NC:



HOSTING A LOCATION FOR CONCERNED CITIZENS TO DROP OFF HIGH-NEED ITEMS
AND A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE CAN PICK UP NEEDED SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES

Interested parties are encouraged to bring pre-packaged and non-perishable
food, bottle water, Gatorade & hydration drinks & toiletries
(toilet paper, paper towels, baby wipes, deodorant, toothbrushes & toothpaste)



SITE WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM 9 AM-4 PM.
307 S MAIN STREET
SHELBY, NC 28152

Please use the North Entrance

In addition, I participated in a Zoom meeting tonight with clubs from Florida, and DG Connie Molland from District 7670 was on the call. It was the first time I had actually seen Connie since this situation began and she was visibly moved by what has happened there. Let's please continue to keep the good people of District 7670 in our hearts as they grapple with this major incident.

Just as a reminder, one of the most urgent needs for communities impacted by TS Helene is cash. Here's a reminder of how you can support Districts 7680 and 7670 by contributing to the Donor Advised Fund:

As it relates to the aftermath of TS Helene, many of you have reached out, asking how you can help. Right now, and for the foreseeable future, the need will be for cash to simply cope with the massive cleanup efforts which will certainly take time. If you want to help, the best action to take is to send a donation to the District 7680 Donor Advised Fund. If you want to pay by check, credit card, or wire transfer, please follow the instructions below:

Check:

Payable to: The Rotary Foundation DAF

In the Memo line: Rotary District 7680 DAF #574

Mail to:

Rotary DAF

c/o NRS

[12 Gill Street, Suite 2600](#)

[Woburn, MA 01801](#)

Credit Card:

Go to www.rotary.org/daf and click on “Make a Gift” under “Contributions.”
contribute online at:

<https://www.your-fundaccount.com/rotary/HowToContribute.asp>.

Wire Instructions:

In addition to authorizing the wire, you must fax a copy of the wire authorization to (781) 658-2497 to complete the transfer.

Please wire funds to: Boston Private Bank & Trust Company

ABA Number: 011002343

For credit to: The Rotary Foundation

Account number: 943423732

For Further Credit: The Rotary Foundation DAF # 574

Account Name: *Rotary District 7680 DAF #574*

Warm regards,
Kevin Kendrick

“Life is For Service”

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Preferred method of communication: email or text