

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024



My Fellow District 7680 Rotarians,

Please allow me the next few minutes to discuss two very different situations impacting Rotarians and other people in two very different places.

First of all, and as many of you know, parts of North Carolina were severely impacted by the storms and high winds associated with Tropical Storm Helene over the past few days. Thirty-nine counties in NC have been designated as Federal Disaster areas and 12 of our District's 14 counties are included in this designation. Our Area Governors are determining if and where assistance might be needed in District 7680 and if so determined, we will take the appropriate action.

To our west, many sections of western NC, primarily in District 7670, remain impossible to navigate. Efforts are being made by Rotarians in these affected areas to determine needs but suffice it to say, the needs will exist for some time.

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](https://www.rotary.org/daf)

[Woburn, MA 01801](https://www.rotary.org/daf)

Credit Card:

Go to www.rotary.org/daf

Click on "Make a Gift" under "Contributions." contribute online at:

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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

In another part of the world, thousands of civilians in Beirut, Lebanon and the surrounding areas have become refugees in their own country after targeted bombings by Israel. This was brought to the attention of our District because the Rotary Club of Beirut Pax Potentia, which was founded in Beirut, for the purpose of propagating peace, saw an urgent need for action. This club has a Board consisting largely of NewGen Peacebuilder alumni, an organization started by our very first District 7680 Peace Fellow, Patricia Shafer. Members of that club reached out to Patricia with an urgent ask for assistance as they seek to find basic essentials for these displaced persons.

The District has a group of Rotarians from our Peace Committee, examining steps we can take to help ease the growing issues of lack of shelter and lack of access to hygiene products. While as Rotary members we want to remain apolitical, it is also important that we support fellow Rotarians in need and indeed, people who are suffering as a result of conflict. As we learn how we can best help the Rotary Club of Beirut Pax Potentia, we will keep you all apprised.

In the meantime, please stay safe.

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