



## News Release

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### **Trillium Responds to Community Needs after Hurricane Florence**

*Ongoing relief efforts remain for housing, rebuilding, and donations*

GREENVILLE, NC-Trillium Health Resources has responded to needs across its 26-county catchment area following the devastation caused by Hurricane Florence. Since September 10 when Trillium initiated our Emergency Operations status, our staff have shared information about resources available, volunteered in shelters, initiated and coordinated donations, and offered services by licensed clinicians. However, much work remains.

“Trillium’s region extends from Brunswick County in the south to the Virginia border in the north, and covers North Carolina’s entire span of coastline—more than 300 miles,” said Leza Wainwright, CEO of Trillium. “Intense flooding continues to threaten inland and coastal areas, even days after the storm. Trillium has worked hard to ensure the population we serve does not experience a disruption in services or medication, while also assisting with basic needs such as housing and food.”

Trillium staff from across the agency have made personal visits to shelters, distribution sites, and community partners to ensure first responders and volunteers are aware of Trillium as a resource should any displaced individuals need behavioral health services. Trillium staff are working with official shelters, community agencies, and organizations that are assisting with the recovery efforts.

For residents who did not experience extensive damage and are looking for ways to assist other communities, the agencies below encourage the public to provide cash donations. Local agencies will in turn directly purchase supplies, food, and medications primarily needed by affected residents.

- [Volunteer & Donate Responsibly \(FEMA\)](#)
- [Tips on disaster relief giving \(givewell.org\)](#)
- [Red Cross page specifically for Hurricane Florence](#)

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Trillium is accepting donations at our headquarters (201 W. First St. in Greenville) until October 12. We will place priority on ensuring supplies get to members with behavioral health diagnoses as they may not be able to adequately share their needs. The following items are in highest demand:

- Children: small toys, toothpaste and toothbrushes, diapers and wipes
- Adults: new socks and t-shirts, flashlights and batteries, soap and shampoo
- Food: sealed or canned fruits and vegetables, energy bars, individual packages of nuts, and small cereal boxes
- Cleaning supplies: bleach, rubber gloves, sponges, and wipes

Trillium's website includes a [page dedicated to sharing resources to be used during the recovery phase](#). We ask any public groups to notify Trillium at 1-866-998-2597 for additional resources to add to this list.

In the months ahead, Trillium plans to provide ongoing assistance to any individuals experiencing anxiety, post-traumatic stress, or other issues as a result of this extreme event; for anyone needing services, please call Trillium on the 24-Hour Access to Care Line 1-877-685-2415.

For more opportunities to help, please visit [www.trilliumhealthresources.org](http://www.trilliumhealthresources.org) or visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TrilliumHealthResources/>.

#### **ABOUT TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES**

Trillium Health Resources is a leading specialty care manager (LME/MCO) for individuals with substance use, mental illness and intellectual/developmental disabilities in 26 counties in eastern North Carolina. Trillium's mission is to transform the lives of people in need by providing them with ready access to quality care. We take a person-centered approach to health and wellbeing, coordinating care across multiple systems to achieve improved health outcomes, quality of care and efficient use of resources. Trillium is investing in innovation to meet the unique needs of the individuals and communities we serve, and remains focused on delivering the right services, in the right amount, at the right time. For more information, visit [www.TrilliumHealthResources.org](http://www.TrilliumHealthResources.org).

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