

Sharon Brooks' Reflections on Conditions in the Western NC Mountains and letter to her coworkers who gathered donations.

Finance,

You all are amazing! The accountant in me attached a list showing all the items donated and purchased with your dollars. I also included the items my church sent. On Saturday they assembled 530 Hygiene kits, donated handmade quilts and baby items. The kits went to a central distribution center who will distribute to Helene a Milton victims.

The landscape in the mountains is surreal. Folks are either untouched by the hurricane or totally devastated. From the main roads I could tell a lot of clean-up has occurred in the main population centers. Outreach is still needed away from the centers. Places which obtained the most damage have been flattened and buildings are non-existent. I found the rivers/streams have cut new courses through the areas. It is a blessing there has been no rain since the event which has allowed some drying.

Your items went to two places in the Enka- Candler area west of Asheville. My home church opens a food pantry for the needy in the community two times each month. They receive stock from the Manna Food Bank which was flooded. They did not know how they could keep the pantry running and provide cold weather, hygiene, and cleaning items to the community. The hurricane left the shelves empty. Your donation of items plus the items purchased with your cash **filled** the pantry. The church only took items they needed and the remainder was donated to the Candler Feed and Seed. The Feed and Seed is running a distribution center by taking orders, boxing up items and volunteers deliver the item. Buncombe County still does not have running water in 85% of the county. The 43 County schools cannot open without water. The city school system and some doctor's offices have drilled wells to continue operations. Water is starting to flow, but as it flows new breaks and damage are discovered. Neighbors are helping neighbors. Folks with wells are placing full tanks of water on the side of the road so others can get flush water and others are allowing neighbors to make appointments for showers and washing a load of clothes.

It will be a long road to recovery due to not only the damage, but businesses cannot open without water resulting in no income in an area which relies on the tourism service industry.

THANK YOU!!!!!!! Sharon



City of Raleigh Finance			
Item	Purchased \$	Donated Items	Grace Lutheran Church
Hygeine Kits(dleivered to Conover)			530
Handmade quilts			12
Winter coats			10
Kid mini stuffed animals			1 Bx
baby formula	3	3	
diapers(multi count)	2	10	4
trainer diapers	1		
bottle liners (100 ct)			2
baby wipes		25	5
Cleaning Wipes	3		
2 pack shop towels	4		
Clorax wipes wipes	16		
Ktchen cuffed Gloves	6		
odorban	9		
Disnfcting wipes	12		
4 pk scrup pads	6		
Beef Jerky	12		
Soup	27		
Canned Turkey	4		
Canned Chicken	3		
Canned Beef	9		
Peanut Butter	12		
Chicken and Dumplings	12		
Can opener	7		
Spaghetios	4		
Tuna	15		
Mini Ravioli	12		
Canned Beans	25		
Deodorant	9		
Deodorant Powder	8		
Off Bug Spray	6		
Small First aid kit	10		
Body wipes	12		
Adult Products	4		2
Female products	5	25	3
Flusable wipes	15		
Sleeping Bags	3		
3 queen Sheet Sets	3		
3 queen blankets	3		
fleece throw	4		
double sheets	2		