



## CARTERET LONG TERM RECOVERY ALLIANCE

### Hurricane Florence Recovery: 4 Year Anniversary Progress Report

September 2022

This Fall marks the 4th anniversary of Hurricane Florence and its devastating impact on Carteret County. We wish to update you on the tremendous accomplishments achieved through your CLTRA, and acknowledge how much work is yet to be done.

***Most of all, we want to invite you to continue to remember the needs of your neighbors, and partner with us as we seek to complete the goal of full recovery for our community.***

#### CLTRA--QUICK GLIMPSE FACTS AND FIGURES:

##### The Need--Over 600 requests for assistance were processed through caseworkers:

300 cases have been completed, offering direct housing assistance through repairs or rebuilding, Or through referral to ministry partners who were able to meet housing needs.

***200 families are still on the waiting list for help.***

##### The Construction—90% of our home repair/rebuilding projects depend on volunteer labor:

40% have been completed solely through volunteers,

50% have required the assistance of contractors/professionals.

Only 10% were completed by contractors/professionals--due to the skills required.

##### The Volunteers—Covid drastically reduced the number of volunteer groups and individuals!

After the initial influx of disaster relief groups, construction help has come from:

19 work teams (2 from AmeriCorps, 10 from individual churches/service organizations, 7 from national disaster relief organizations),

40 individual volunteers

##### The Extenuating Needs--Our assistance went beyond construction to meet a variety of needs:

Over 100 families were provided home furnishings,

65 families received legal assistance,

30 families received help with temporary housing, logistics, and crises counseling.

##### The Finances—as of August 2022, we have received \$913,858 in funds (details below):

\$96,675 from governmental relief agencies, \$524,932 from grants/foundations,

\$152,978 from local churches, \$110,054 from out of area churches.

\$152,978 from individual, church and community donations.

\$7000 from local civic clubs, \$21,219 from individuals in the community

\$823,912 has been expended in accomplishing our work,

***Leaving a balance of only \$88,946 to finish rebuilding our community, when over 200 families are still waiting, in need of home repair.***

## THE LARGER PICTURE:

1. Initially, we were told that a typical hurricane recovery effort takes 5-7 years or longer. No one believed it at the time! Now we understand.
2. We work with federal/state agencies and insurance companies to help our families tap all other available resources first. We then become the only lifeline for continuing hope and help.
3. The impact of COVID had a devastating effect on the volunteer force upon which much of our rebuilding effort depends. That impact continues even now.
4. After a one-year grant for a paid director to provide the initial organization and administration, the board has been an all-volunteer group—neighbors helping neighbors.
5. Since Florence there have been many other disasters across the nation and world, quickly drawing attention and funding away from the ongoing recovery effort here.
6. Compassion fatigue is real. It takes enormous energy and commitment to realize our neighbors are still in need, still waiting, still hoping the community cares.
7. It has now been 4 years. State and federal funds have been exhausted. The need for local support is ever more crucial.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. **Remember and Pray**—The families still waiting for assistance need to know their neighbors have not forgotten them.
2. **Spread the Word**—4 years is a long time. Many are not even aware the need continues. Help the community realize recovery is still underway.
3. **Volunteer**—Email us at [carteretLTRA@gmail.com](mailto:carteretLTRA@gmail.com) or call us at 252-723-7274 and tell us you are willing to help in whatever way you are able.
4. **Create a work team**—Invite your neighbors, civic group or church to join you in offering their service for a day, a weekend, a week, or on a monthly basis. We will match your availability and skill level to an appropriate project!
5. **Give Financially**—every tax-deductible donation received speeds the planning and completion of the projects yet to be addressed. Remind your church and community service organizations that the need for recovery is ongoing, and recommend that they join you in financially supporting this effort.

## THANK YOU!

Carteret County has proven itself to be a loving, caring, compassionate community where neighbors reach out to help neighbors whenever need exists. We are blessed to live where we live. **Help CLTRA extend that blessing so that no family is left behind as we, together, enjoy the wonder and beauty of the Crystal Coast.**

An even briefer newsletter/bulletin insert report for churches.



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#### CLTRA--FACTS AND FIGURES:

1. Over 300 families have been served through home repair/rebuilding projects.
2. **200 families are still on the waiting list for hurricane relief assistance.**
3. 90% of our home repair/rebuilding projects depend on volunteer labor.
4. Covid drastically reduced the number of volunteer groups and individuals.
5. **We have a balance of only \$88,946 left to finish rebuilding our community.**

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO--THE NEED FOR LOCAL SUPPORT IS CRUCIAL:

1. **Remember and Pray**—Let your neighbors in need know they are not forgotten.
2. **Spread the Word**—Help the community realize recovery is still underway.
3. **Volunteer**—Email us at [carteretLTRA@gmail.com](mailto:carteretLTRA@gmail.com) or call 252-723-7274.
4. **Create a work team**—Invite your church, neighbors, and civic groups to offer their services.
5. **Give Financially**—Donate on-line at <https://carteretltra.org/> Remind your church to support us.

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