As Pirates, we’re all called to serve. Whether it’s through volunteering to help eastern North Carolinians in the storm’s immediate aftermath, or through your donations that are directly funding our relief efforts, our Pirates are in action helping our families, friends and communities in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence.

Chancellor Cecil Staton

GOVERNOR COOPER VISITS CAMPUS

Governor Roy Cooper made a trip to campus Oct. 2, meeting with ECU students, volunteers and recovery workers as part his tour of eastern North Carolina. The governor was introduced to how ECU is helping storm victims, while listening to the challenges that face students, faculty and staff as they return to the classroom after the hurricane. Cooper congratulated ECU’s relief efforts and shared his support in helping eastern North Carolinians get back on their. Learn more about what Cooper and North Carolina are doing to help rural communities recover after the state’s latest natural disaster.

ECU VOLUNTEER GROUPS VISIT NEW BERN

ECU volunteer groups have been hard at work across eastern North Carolina helping storm victims rebuild their homes and communities. Volunteers have been busy in New Bern facilitating the city’s repair of the nearly 5,000 structures and 750 homes affected by Hurricane Florence. ECU has teamed up with Baptists on Mission to provide relief support, sending teams to help tear down structures. Closer to home, ECU departments and organizations have hosted food collection drives and counseling support opportunities, providing food and care to those in need. Click here to learn more about how you can help at our Florence Recovery website.

INSTITUTIONS AWARDED GRANTS

Nearly $2 million in supplemental funding for students affected by Hurricane Florence has been awarded to 24 higher education institutions across North Carolina. ECU received a portion of these funds to support students adversely affected by Hurricane Florence. Click here to learn more about the grant from the UNC System Office.

TO VOLUNTEER OR DONATE GO TO: FlorenceRecovery.ecu.edu
Our Pirates are out in the field helping eastern North Carolina recover after Hurricane Florence! Take a look at what ECU volunteers are doing around the region to help give back.

ECU ROTC ON GUARD

ECU Army ROTC cadets help stack sandbags during Hurricane Florence relief efforts. ROTC cadets performed relief efforts with their respective national guard or reserve duty units during and after the storm.

STUDENT POINT OF PRIDE

East Carolina University freshman Michael Hinson and a group of friends led a relief drive in Wake Forest, bringing in nearly 40,000 pounds of water, food and household supplies to those impacted by Hurricane Florence. The supplies were distributed by Operation Airdrop to Wilmington, Lumberton and other southeastern North Carolina communities.

ATHLETES ASSIST RELIEF EFFORTS

The East Carolina women’s basketball team was on hand to help at the East Carolina Undaunted food drive. Several athletics teams, including baseball, women’s lacrosse, soccer, football and volleyball have pitched in to help with relief efforts.

DONATIONS POUR IN FROM PARTNERS

East Carolina Undaunted’s food drive, in partnership with the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, saw tremendous support from its university partners this week. Donations poured in from the University of Houston, Gaston College and Old Dominion University, including food, water and household supplies. As of Oct. 8, the drive collected more than 50,000 pounds of supplies.

CLEAN THE WORLD

Social enterprise Clean the World provided 20,000 hygiene kits to help in ECU’s recover efforts. The kits will be distributed throughout communities in eastern North Carolina, helping provide essential hygiene products to those in need.

brainSTORM: ENTREPRENEURSHIP MEETS INNOVATION FOR DISASTER RECOVERY

On Oct. 4, ECU hosted brainSTORM, a “make-a-thon” exhibition aimed at bringing innovative ideas to disaster relief efforts. Student teams came together at ECU’s Innovation Design Lab to design products that could potentially help communities recover after disasters. Students explored problems encountered by families, businesses and first responders during disasters, discussed possible solutions, and developed prototypes to combat these issues.