

This holiday season,

we are thankful to so many friends who have contributed to our foundation, including a record number of generous supporters from near and far who made donations to Outer Banks relief efforts after Hurricane Dorian. Thanks to your generosity, we are helping hundreds of storm victims in Ocracoke, Hatteras, and Dare County rebuild their lives after the storm.

You can still make a tax-advantaged gift this year to our Community Fund, which will build our foundation's largest grant-making endowment, and will support all of our organization's efforts in disaster relief, scholarships, and nonprofit leadership.

You can also still contribute to the Disaster Relief Fund, or to any scholarship or grant fund of your choosing.

Year in and year out, we gratefully acknowledge the difference you make with your giving, to your community, through your Outer Banks Community Foundation.

Thank you.

Lorelei Costa, Executive Director

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## Disaster Relief: Your Gifts at Work

In the hours following Hurricane Dorian's destruction on Hatteras and Ocracoke islands, the Community Foundation sprang into action, determined to raise funds that would be used to help our communities rebuild. The extent of the devastation, and the outpouring of gifts, were both unprecedented.

- In Dare County, your donations are helping 85 families rebuild and recover; more funds will be used for long-term resiliency.
- On Ocracoke, more than \$715,000 in Disaster Relief Funds already have been awarded to help stricken families with temporary shelter, home repairs, rebuilds, and other necessities.
- We also awarded over \$70,000 from our foundation's endowment to nonprofits for immediate disaster relief efforts, and to charities that were devastated by the storm.

Rebuilding will take months. The Community Foundation is working closely with local leaders and charities to care for storm victims and to steward your contributions for the greatest good.

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