

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DISASTER SERVICES

Preparedness • Response • Recovery

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Things to know

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EVENT IMPACT
TBD

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www.charitiessc.org

COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What should families in need do to receive Catholic Charities services?

Families can call the disaster intake line at 1-855-377-1357 x 74

What should parishioners do if they want to volunteer?

Contact our disaster team today to sign up to volunteer in your local area with the response work at 1-855-377-1357 x 50 or sign up to volunteer online: <https://charitiessc.org/how-can-you-help>

What is Catholic Charities doing right now?

Catholic Charities of South Carolina activated our Emergency Operations Center with our Disaster Services Team on Monday and have moved all disaster response operations to our Greenville location. We are currently coordinating with county emergency management, state emergency management, FEMA, and Catholic Charities USA to ensure we can help as many of our brothers and sisters in need in the upcoming days, weeks, months and years.

We are currently working with our local partners and resources to get mass goods of water, cleaning supplies, baby items, and other supplies staged as close to our expected impact areas as possible so we can move these supplies and equipment into the impacted areas as soon as we can enter the areas! We already have pallets of water, clean up kits, and emergency food en route to South Carolina today!!

How can I donate?

www.charitiessc.org/donate or text "Disaster" to 555888

What is the best thing to donate?

MONEY!!

I don't want to donate money, how can I donate "stuff"?

First, please call your local Catholic Charities office to see if they are open and where their donation drop off locations are before you purchase items, as the flooding has impacted many of our collection and donation sites.

Second, we are actively working with a lot of our local partners so there are some things that we DO NOT need right now. Catholic Charities is in charge of providing the following, so please drop these items off for our brothers and sisters in need: gift cards (walmart, target, lowes, home depot, Visa) cases of Water, tarps, baby items (baby wipes, diapers, formula, food), adult diapers, non perishable food items, trashbags, sunscreen, bug spray, and cleaning supplies.

WE CAN NOT ACCEPT CLOTHING OR FURNITURE AT THIS TIME!

Why are we assisting?

A disaster can be one of the most traumatic things a family can experience. During this vulnerable time, our staff compassionately works with families to help them recover and persevere through this troubling time.

Who do we partner with when providing this service?

Catholic Charities is a member of the South Carolina Carolina Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster. Through this group, we coordinate efforts with groups such as the Salvation Army, Red Cross, Southern Baptist Convention, United Methodist Church and other local disaster response agencies.

We also work very closely with county and state emergency management to ensure we are aware of the community impact and compliment the services they are already providing and do not duplicate services and goods.

Where can I get the most up to date information?

Sign up for our daily email blasts by downloading our app. Search for Catholic Charities of SC in your app store today!