

Campbell University Community Care Clinic NEWSLETTER



CUSOM Students Volunteer to Provide Flood Relief to Robeson County Residents

During the beginning of October 2016, the Eastern Coast of the United States experienced significant damage from the heavy rains and fierce winds in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. On October 4th, the category four storm hit Les Anglais, Haiti. Five days later, the storm had moved east headed towards the North Carolina Coast. Unfortunately, this hurricane caused as much damage as it had threatened by flooding numerous counties in Southeastern, North Carolina. Fortunately in Harnett County, a majority of CUCCC patients were minimally affected by the devastation of the hurricane.

Most CUCCC patients experienced temporary power outages and difficulty accessing clean drinking water but did not experience flood damage. Due to local flooding that threatened the volunteer and patient safety, the CUCCC was closed on October 11th. Although Hurricane Matthew was an unsuspected natural disaster, the CUCCC student board had already implemented a waiting list for new patients and non-urgent follow-up appointments which provided scheduling flexibility during the closure. Roshni Delwadia, co-director of the CUCCC student board, exclaimed “Luckily for us, many of our patients were spared during Hurricane Matthew. We were so blessed for that to be the case! When we communicated with patients that we were canceling Clinic that Tuesday, they were beyond understanding, and some patients offered prayers to those who were less fortunate”.



“Floodwaters caused by rain from Hurricane Matthew block NC Highway 41 West at the Bladen and Robeson Counties line outside of Lumberton, N.C.”

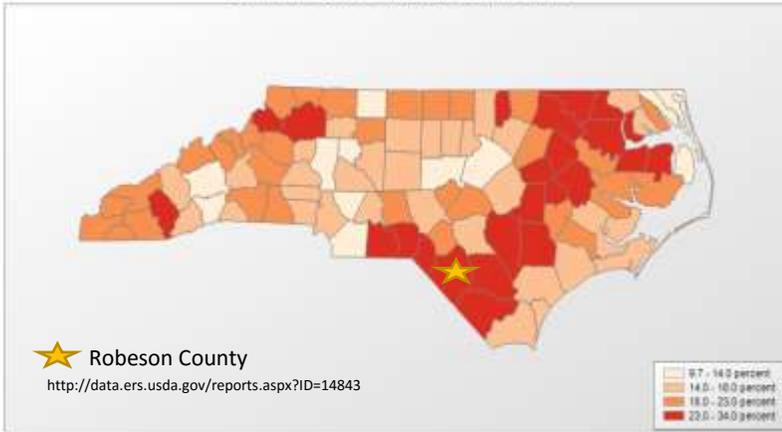
Associated Press. *Hurricane's cost, chaos lingers*. The Blade: Toledo, OH. Oct. 11, 2016.

Needed Flood Relief Supplies:

Household cleaning items, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, undergarments, towels, coloring books, and board games.

To donate flood relief supplies, contact CUCCC student board secretary, Megan Kauffman, MS-2.
Email: mekauffman0115@email.campbell.edu

Percent of total population in poverty, 2014: North Carolina



Although Harnett County was spared from most of the devastating effects from Hurricane Matthew, the city of Lumberton in neighboring Robeson County was not as fortunate. In the aftermath of the storm, Lumberton had fallen trees, power outages, and widespread flooding affecting homes, hospitals, highways, and public buildings.

The United States Department of Agriculture reported in 2014 that Robeson County had the highest percentage of poverty in North

Carolina. The combination of Hurricane Matthew devastation and the high poverty rate in Robeson County contributed to disparities in basic food, water, hygiene, bedding, and clothing supplies. Many residents lost all their belongings due to the damage. Third year Campbell University School of Osteopathic Medicine (CUSOM) students who are completing their clinical rotations in Lumberton took action. In order to gather flood relief supplies, they contacted first and second year CUSOM students in Harnett County.

The CUCCC board would like to thank all of Campbell University students and members of the community who helped raise awareness and contribute to flood relief for the residents of Robeson County, North Carolina.

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