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Fuller Center Disaster ReBuilders

Women of ELCA

About FCDR



- Christian mission: rebuild the uninsured homes of low-income families who have experienced storm damage in major disaster areas using volunteer labor and donated funds
- Volunteer driven, rebuilding partner
 - 20 years and over 900 homes
- Current operations
 - Eastern NC: 240 major repairs
 - Western KY: 58 new homes; 60 major repairs
 - Western North Carolina—Buncombe & McDowell
 - 40 major repairs underway
 - 50 new homes planned



The Need

- Home is foundation for wellness, dignity, and economic opportunity
- Thousands of homes lost in Hurricane Helene
- Restore/maintain critical low-income housing stock
- Create a resilient and more sustainable future



Disaster ≠ Displacement!

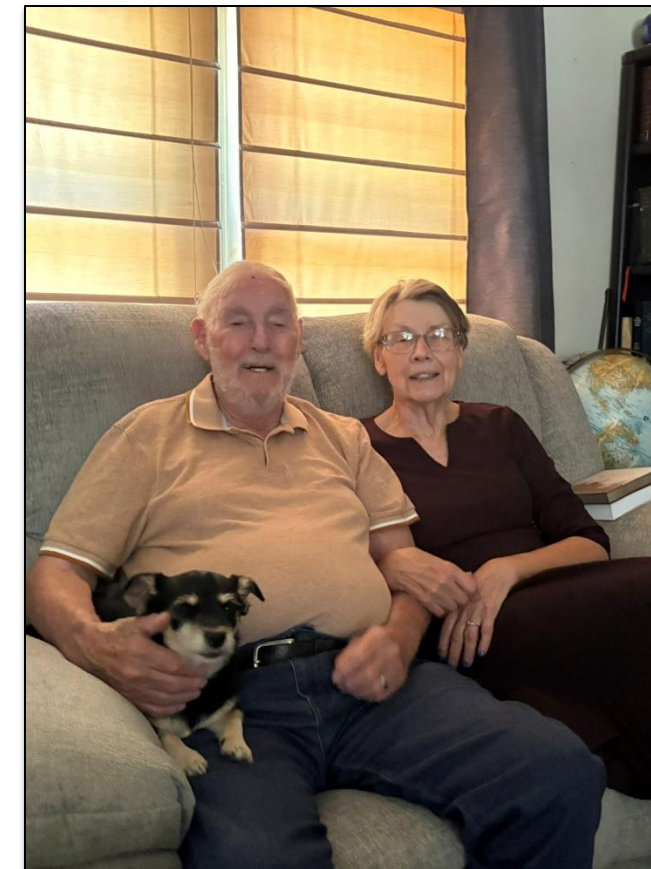
How do we operate?

- Build with volunteers and donated funds. We're not emergency responders; we're rebuilders
- After storm, establish local operation and staff in partnership with local churches and like-minded nonprofits
- Arrange "room and board" for out-of-town volunteers
- Establish relationships with vendors, building departments, subcontractors, etc.



Whom do we serve?

- Damaged or destroyed home
- Owner occupied; clear title
- No flood insurance
- Low income (<\$65,000/year for a family of 2)
- No additional property or capital assets
- PRIORITIES: seniors, disabled, single parent families, etc.



How are we funded?

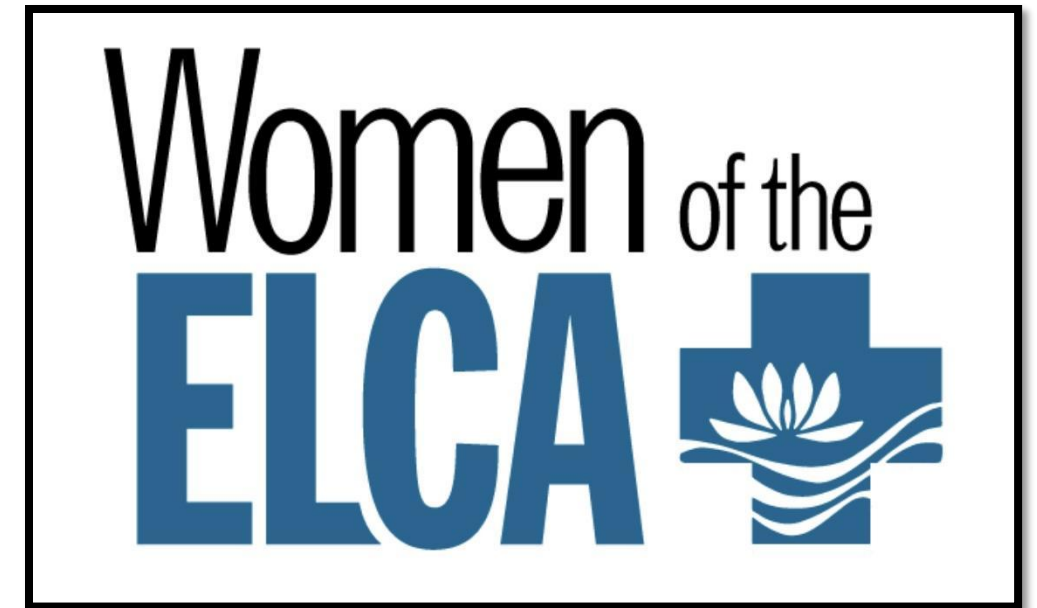
- Homeowners contribute their FEMA funds for materials
- Donations and grants
- Church, individual, or civic organization family sponsorship
- No FEMA funding

Volunteer labor dramatically reduces the cost of rebuilding!



“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

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- ✓ Bart's personal journey
- ✓ Faith journey of storm survivors
- ✓ Faith journey of volunteers



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- ✓ Construction
- ✓ Logistics runners
- ✓ Landscapers
- ✓ Hospitality
- ✓ Homeowner partners
- ✓ Prayer partners & chaplains
- ✓ Stephen Ministry

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And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds

Hebrews 10:24

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- ✓ FCDR core mission is to support mission teams
- ✓ Provide safe and comfortable accommodations
- ✓ Pre-qualify homeowners for assistance
- ✓ Support homebuilding with training, tools, logistics, & professional oversight
- ✓ Purchase construction materials

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Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share

1 Timothy 6:18

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- ✓ Demonstrating God's love
- ✓ Provide hands on volunteer opportunities (gifts and talents)
- ✓ Provide relationship-centered ministry to survivors and volunteers
- ✓ Equipping churches to live out their mission
- ✓ Connecting donors with transformational projects
- ✓ Partnering with local churches during recovery

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- ✓ Promote healing of emotional, spiritual, social and economic wounds of a disaster
 - ✓ Unite congregations around a shared mission of active service
 - ✓ Provide safe and affordable housing
 - ✓ Demonstrates the love of Christ transcending differences in income, race, geography, etc.

...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race this is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus

Hebrews 12:1

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- **Get your church engaged**
 - **Especially men!**



Join the cause!

- Pray for our mission—most important!
- Send volunteer team
- Fund sponsorship of home rebuilding
 - The House that WELCA built!
 - Or synod or community
- Make donation
- Become a disaster HUB church

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