

HURRICANES MICHAEL AND FLORENCE FAST FACTS October 13, 2018

Hurricane Michael has caused untold devastation along the Gulf Coast and the American Red Cross is helping as relief operations continue for victims of Hurricane Florence.

Hurricane Michael (Florida, Georgia, Alabama)

- Friday night, more than **2,100** people stayed in as many as **32** Red Cross and community evacuation centers across Florida, Georgia and Alabama.
- The Red Cross has mobilized more than **1,200** trained disaster workers to support relief efforts across three states.
- The Red Cross has already served **66,400** meals and snacks and we're working with partners to start serving tens of thousands of hot meals each day.
- The Red Cross has pre-positioned enough shelter supplies, including cots and blankets, to be able to support some **15,000** people.
- Since October 9, more than **4.8 million** weather alerts have been issued through Red Cross apps allowing people to make informed and lifesaving decisions.
- On October 10, Hurricane Michael made a Category 4 landfall as the third-strongest hurricane in U.S. history. It was also the strongest hurricane to hit the U.S. in 50 years.

Hurricane Florence (North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia)

- Friday night, more than **470** people stayed in **11** Red Cross shelters in the Carolinas. This included approximately **460** people in **10** shelters in North Carolina; and **10** people in **1** shelter in South Carolina.
- In total, the Red Cross and other organizations have provided more than **125,400** overnight stays in emergency shelters across the Carolinas. The Red Cross has provided about **92 percent** of these stays.
- Today, more than **2,200** Red Cross disaster workers—about 94 percent volunteers—from all over the country are helping to shelter, feed and support people affected. Of these workers, more than **1,300** are local community members from the Carolinas who have joined with the Red Cross to support relief efforts.
- Working with partners, the Red Cross has served more than **1.56 million** meals and snacks.
- Volunteer mental health and health services professionals have provided some **48,800** contacts to provide support and care to evacuees.
- We've distributed more than **323,400** relief items like clean up kits, rakes, shovels, bleach, garbage bags and much more to help with the massive clean-up effort.
- Since September 11, more than **5.2 million** weather alerts have been sent through Red Cross apps to help people make lifesaving decisions.
- Hundreds of blood drives were forced to cancel due to Hurricane Florence, resulting in thousands of uncollected blood and platelet donations.
- Hurricane Florence made landfall early on September 14 as a Category 1 storm just south of Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina.
- Florence set tropical storm rainfall records in two states, surpassing 20 inches in South Carolina and 35 inches in North Carolina.
- Over the course of five days, Hurricane Florence dumped an estimated 10 trillion gallons of water across the Carolinas.