

AN OUTPOURING OF GENEROSITY

The United Way opens homeless shelters a month ahead of schedule to accommodate those displaced by the floods. The organization's flood relief fund collects \$1 million in donations.

Churches play a key role in providing support for affected residents. NewSpring Church, which has 19 locations in the state, launches the #FloodSCWithLove initiative to gather truckloads of supplies for delivery to local shelters. Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers from 15 states arrive to assist homeowners and prepare nearly 7,000 meals. The South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church sets up a hotline for people who need assistance and those who want to volunteer. Relief volunteers from as far away as Texas and Minnesota travel to the state to assist with shelter and medical care.



CORPORATIONS ALSO STEP UP TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE



- Anheuser-Busch donates 8,624 cases of drinking water.
- Amazon donates water rescue equipment to the Lexington County Sheriff's Department.
- The parent company of Rayovac donates 3,000 flashlights and portable power packs.
- SCE&G contributes two trucks to Sustaining Our Seniors to help the nonprofit organization repair homes for the elderly.
- Hormel Foods donates two semi-trailer loads of microwaveable meals to area food banks.

Donation campaigns spring up across the country. In Birmingham, Alabama, residents donate household items, diapers, bottled water and canned goods. Emergency disaster teams from the Salvation Army serve more than 55,000 meals to flood survivors and first responders. The Red Cross sends more than 830 workers and more than 56 response vehicles.

