



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ORANGE COUNTY ANNOUNCES SHELTER TO TRANSITION TO ASSISTANCE CENTER FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

ORANGE COUNTY, NC (July 5, 2013)—Orange County is announcing that efforts to assist those impacted by the flood will continue as the Red Cross shelter at Smith Middle School transitions to an Assistance Center and moves to a new location.

Beginning on Saturday, July 6, residents displaced by the flood can report to the Assistance Center seven days a week at the University Mall in Chapel Hill. The center will remain open as long as needed and the hours of operation are as follows:

Monday – Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The Assistance Center will be staffed by the Red Cross, Orange County Department of Social Services, Orange County Housing, Human Relations & Community Development Department, Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD), and other community organizations. This effort is supported by the Town of Chapel Hill, Town of Carrboro and Orange County.

The local governments and the Red Cross have been working together and around the clock to meet the needs of the residents impacted by the flood. Since Sunday, June 30, no residents in need of assistance have been nor will be turned away.

The purpose of the Assistance Center is to provide impacted residents with a one-stop-shop, where they can receive the necessary resources and immediate assistance that will enable them to recover from this flooding emergency.

To date, the Red Cross has provided the following services:

Red Cross Assistance Efforts

Meals Served = 770

Snacks Served = 2122

Overnight Shelter Stays = 102

Bulk Items Distributed (clean up kits, toiletry items, basic needs) = 309

A total of 55 families contacted through outreach teams

Community Partners

Catholic Charities

El Centro Hispano

Rotary Peace Fellows/UNC

Salvation Army

Southern Baptist Men Disaster Relief

Southern Village Pharmacy

American Red Cross

24-Hour Help Line: 919.489.6541 ext. 4141

Important Orange County Phone Numbers

Animal Services: 919.942.7387

Emergency Services: 919.245.6100

Department of Social Services: 919.245.2800

Department of Housing, Human Rights & Community Development: 919.245.2490

Orange County Health Department: 919.245.2400

Town of Chapel Hill Town Hall: 919.968.2743

Town of Carrboro Town Hall: 919.918.7314

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