Resource Guide

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NC

MERCI (Marion Edwards Recovery Center Initiatives)

Warehouse · Open

Faith–based

676 Community Drive, Goldsboro, NC 27530

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Web www.merciumc.org
Hours 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, M–F, EST
Service Temporary

MERCI is a Warehouse for Disaster Response and Building Materials and Supplies as well as a Volunteer TRAINING CENTER.

Directions to MERCI: From North: I–95 South to Hwy 70 East (Exit #97)– Hwy 70 East to Hwy 581 South. Turn right onto Hwy 581 South. After .9 mile, turn right onto Community Drive. After .7 mile, warehouse is on left.

Today at MERCI:

It seems that each year gets more and more challenging while offering more and more opportunities to be in ministry. This year started on a smooth note with only Hurricane Isabel to complete and a few new homes. And then Hurricane Katrina hit and the world changed.

All the new homes were completed but we still have a few disaster–homes to finish; all of them are in Hyde County and all are Hurricane Isabel related. When we talk with folks in the Gulf Coast area is easy to understand the concept long term recovery [4,569 volunteers worked 85,567 hours to complete 39 homes this year]

We have some clients waiting for volunteers in order to start their repairs. If you can't get to the Gulf Coast, there?s plenty of work right here in eastern North Carolina.

Katrina brought to light the need for being ready. One of the challenges we accept for this coming year is to have supplies on hand and ready to ship when and where needed. One of our priorities for 2007 will be stocking the warehouse with all the emergency supplies and having them on palettes and ready to go.

Volunteer Teams Needed:

In preparation for the upcoming hurricane season, volunteer teams are needed at the MERCI Warehouse in Goldsboro, NC. Teams will collect, sort and pack response kits, organize inventory to prepare for immediate response, become trained to better respond to emergency situations (see Training at MERCI) and commitment to join a team to serve in the most awesome ministry of caring! To schedule a team of one or more, call Ann Huffman at:

1–888–440–9167 or email at: ahuffman @nccumc.org.

Disaster News Network Volunteer Op listed by MERCI:

Speciality: Home repair and replacement from Hurricanes Isabel & Ophelia

Description of volunteer needs: All types – carpenters, sheet rock finishers, painters, plumbers, electricians, roofers, listeners, office help. Emergency kits need to be assembled, packed, inspected, and shipped.

Skills volunteers are required to have: Willingness to work

Useful Skills: Any and all skills needed

Tools or supplies volunteers should bring: Personal tools helpful, most tools available

Will volunteers need to bring any money or material, such as for housing: Housing fee is $20/person/day

Length of time volunteer can help: Any length of time

Size of volunteer team: 2 to 12 ideal, larger accepted when space allows

Are individual volunteers welcome? Yes

Age restriction, if any: 16 and older

Denomination/affiliation, if any: United Methodist but all are welcome

If yes, must volunteer be a member: No

Any other restrictions: Some handicapp accessibility is available

Housing provided for volunteers, if any: Yes, some housing costs may vary

Meals provided for volunteers, if any: No, but kitchens are provided

Any additional notes: If traveling cross country, lodging may be available for $10/night. Twenty minutes off I–95. Subject to availability. Call for reservations and directions. Starting from Floyd (1999) continuing through Hurricanes Isabel (2004) and Ophelia (2005).

Approximate date the project started: Sep–15–1999
Information Updated: Aug–02–2006

Services offered: Building Materials / Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Kitchen, Kitchen Privileges (For Volunteers); Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Disaster Preparedness; Training Classes, Disaster Response; Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Handicapped Volunteers (This facility accomodates Handicapped Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers)
Campaigns: Lutheran Disaster Response; UMCOR Relief Network; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services
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