



## WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Federation of Jain Associations in North America

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### **“Hurricane Florence Victims Relief Fund”**

Jai Jinendra.

Hurricane Florence is pummeling the Carolinas with strong winds, heavy rain and dangerous tidal surges. Florence is inundating communities and leaving over one million are without power. The storm surge has been as high as 11 feet, combining with as much as 50 inches of rain to produce catastrophic flooding. Compounding these challenges, Florence is moving very slowly with 90 mph winds and heavy rain. The storm will affect coastal North Carolina and South Carolina

Watching families wait out the storm in shelters, wondering what will become of their homes, is heartbreaking. While disaster workers and volunteers are primarily focused on the safety and security of shelter residents, providing emotional support to those who need it is also our priority. We couldn't do it without you. We're going to deal with rivers out of their banks for weeks, massive destruction, and structural damage to homes. I think we're going to have an incredible long-term housing challenge. At least 9 deaths related to Hurricane Florence have been reported in Carolinas in its aftermath. Over 30,000 have registered for disaster assistance in the aftermath of Florence. As the waters recede, as infrastructure damage is assessed and addressed, there are going to be significant needs - of food, shelter, basic amenities, protection from water-borne diseases....the list is endless.

The rain has paralyzed infrastructure. Chances are high that every one of us has family and friends who have been impacted. Our prayers are needed for all their safety and welfare, no doubt, but there is an even greater need to help.

JAINA World Community Service (WCS) is launching a fund for the victims of this unfathomable tragedy and ask the Jains of North America to contribute. The funds will be used for a humanitarian project that will be selected & executed against once the relief operations end and rehabilitation work begins.

As in the past, WCS always gets involved and provides a helping hand whenever and wherever a disaster strikes. Our volunteers work directly in the affected area to deliver aid, keeping in mind Jain principles. Our efforts are always directed towards projects with long term benefits like building a school, hospital, housing or a rehabilitation center.

Previously, with your support, we have raised over \$80,000 for Nepal Earthquake \$200,000 for the Tsunami victims, and \$750,000 for the Gujarat earthquake. Jains in North America have always shown our generosity all over the world, as steadfast believers of “Jiv Daya” and “Ahimsa.”



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We recognize that various organizations have started similar relief funds and you may wonder why you should send your donations through JAINA:

JAINA does not charge any administrative fee to the relief fund. 100% of the donations will go towards relief effort. In fact, JAINA volunteers and partners will volunteer their time and experience to the cause.

Funds collected by JAINA will be spent in a completely non-violent manner keeping in mind the Jain principles.

We request you to send your tax deductible (USA) contribution payable to JAINA, at World Community Services, 2960 Mother Well Court, Oak Hill, VA 20171 or donate online: [www.jaina.org/donations](http://www.jaina.org/donations). For further information or suggestions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Gunvant Shah  
President, JAINA

Bachubhai Ajmera  
Chairman WCS

Prakash Mehta  
Co Chairman

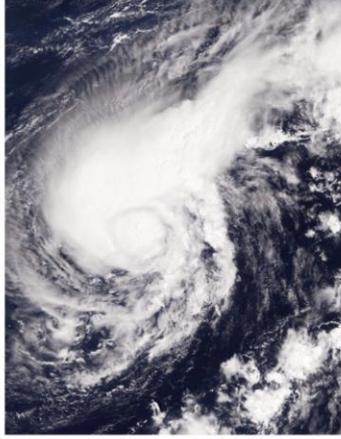


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