

For Montreat

The most helpful thing for Montreat as a community is financial contributions to the **Conference Center** (montreat.org)

Having said that, though, the **Town of Montreat** (townofmontreat.org) is struggling to pay its noble civic staff who saved our lives and homes at significant risk to their own (or both)—the police chief, for example, lost his home entirely. There are no businesses in Montreat to provide municipal funds through taxes, and the town coffers are literally day to day as they try to pay their employees and the many contractors who have been called in to work near-miracles here.

Local Area

For the area around us including Black Mountain, financial gifts to Black Mountain Presbyterian Church (bmpcnc.org) are as helpful as anywhere; they have been PHENOMENAL.

Western NC

It may be that Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is the best and most obvious recipient.

World Central Kitchen has also been phenomenal for us.

The Right Donation at the Right Time

Things change by the week, day, and hour around here, and that will be the case for a while longer. MPC is set up to receive contributions and direct them where they are most needed in real time: montreatchurch.org.

Some other worthy recipients in the area:

MANNA Food Bank www.mannafoodbank.org

BeLoved Asheville www.belovedasheville.com

ArtsAVL www.artsavl.org

"These organizations compassionately and effectively served our community to address the areas most pressing needs (food, housing, equity -- which will only be amplified by the storm's destruction) and the vibrant arts community (many artists' studios and performing arts spaces have been completely destroyed) before the storm and they will be here long after the initial emergency response is finished.