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Press Release – For Immediate Release

September 30, 2024 - Wilkes County, NC in partnership with Speedway Motorsports Inc, is collecting donations to assist those who have been impacted locally by Tropical Storm Helene. If you would like to donate, we will be accepting water, non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, diapers, wipes, and personal hygiene items (no clothing items), etc. Staff will be accepting donations at the Wilkes County AG Center starting Sunday, 9/29 till dark, then 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM Monday through Friday. Wilkes County AG Center is located at 416 Executive Drive, Wilkesboro, NC 28697. Please pull around to the garage door at the rear of the building.

The items that have been donated will be distributed on Thursday, October 3rd and Friday, October 4th at the North Wilkesboro Speedway. The hours of operation will be from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm each day. Both local and High Country individuals and families in need are encouraged to come by the speedway during these times to receive donated items. The only requirement to receive donations is to present an ID so we can track where the donated items are going. Any donated items that are not given out will be transported to the High Country to assist them.

Attendees coming to this event are asked to enter the North Wilkesboro Speedway backstretch entrance, located in the 3500 block of Fishing Creek Rd., North Wilkesboro, NC 28659. From there vehicles will be directed where to go. Once individuals or families receive their items, they will exit the venue site through the front entrance. For more information, everyone is encouraged to monitor the Wilkes County EMS Facebook Page and the Wilkes County Website.

Wilkes County is one of multiple Western North Carolina counties that has been declared a federal disaster area. Individuals needing additional assistance may be eligible for federal aid under this declaration. Wilkes County Emergency Services will be sending out additional information about the process of applying for federal FEMA assistance once more info becomes available.

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