



Health and Human Services

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Dear Jennifer:

I wanted to sincerely thank you and America Cares for all the support and assistance you have been providing as we have been trying to find safe housing for the remaining residents of the Gold's Gym shelter. This is the last remaining Hurricane Helene shelter in Buncombe County and the residents that are left are some of the most difficult to find housing. The shelter is closing on December 31, 2024, and several of these residents are going to camping situations with donated campers. Your organization's support has been vital in getting them the needed resources to make it through the winter. The generous donations of generators, propane, gas cans, tarps, pots and pans, and other camping supplies lets us all sleep better knowing these vulnerable residents have what they need to survive. Most of these folks are on lists for housing and we are hopeful they will secure more permanent housing in the coming months, but these donations have been critical for us in facilitating a safe discharge from the shelter. The fresh food you provided for the campground was being utilized by numerous people and they were all incredibly grateful. One shelter resident indicated that he could not believe the generosity as he is now in a much better spot than before the storm. Thank you again for everything you and your volunteers are doing to support the residents of Buncombe County with disaster recovery as it truly makes a difference in the lives of many.

Sincerely,



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