



The LTRG is funded in part by a grant from the American Red Cross.

# LTRG NEWSLETTER March 2026

The United Way of the Lowcountry's Long-term Recovery Group (LTRG) has met three times in 2026. Our next meeting will be held in late May. (Date coming soon!) Our partners have stepped up for committee participation across three core focus areas: Health & Human Services; Case Management & Communications; and Repair & Debris Coordination. Together, you've helped us reach more than 5,000 local residents and many Hurricane Helene survivors. You've helped us distribute repair tarps and partner neighbors in need with assistance.

We extend our sincere thanks to all who attend to learn, and especially to the our volunteers who generously contribute their time and expertise despite your demanding schedules to help our Tri-County (Beaufort, Jasper, and Hampton, SC) LTRG continue growing toward community-led VOAD status.

**Get involved as a helper by emailing [ltrg@uwlowcountry.org](mailto:ltrg@uwlowcountry.org) or calling us: 843-941-5042.**



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# Let's Get Ready for Storm Season '26



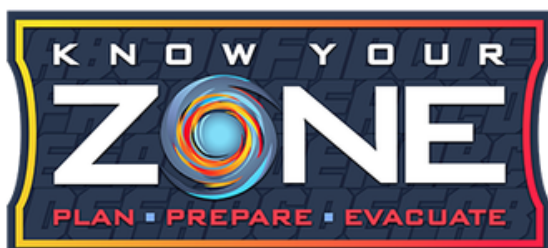
UWLC LTRG is collecting donations of hurricane season supplies. Interested in donating?  
Email: [ltrg@uwlowcountry.org](mailto:ltrg@uwlowcountry.org)



March 20, 2026 UWLC LTRG Meeting

## American Red Cross Shelter Hero Program

[Become an American Red Cross Volunteer](#)



**Hurricane Season 2026:**  
June 1 - November 30

**Have you prepared your hurricane ready kits?**

[Beaufort County](#)  
[Jasper County](#)  
[Hampton County](#)  
[SCEMD](#)



## Showers of Dignity

Our LTRG will be partnering more often in 2026 with Showers of Dignity, the United Way mobile showering and laundry trailer. Elizabeth Palmer's team runs a The Showers of Dignity unit is a thoughtfully designed, 24-foot trailer that brings hygiene, services directly to areas of need across Beaufort and Jasper counties. It was built to offer both comfort and practicality, especially in places where traditional facilities are unavailable or inaccessible. For more information about Showers of Dignity, [visit here](#).



Thomas Horry, Driver for Showers of Dignity with Kate Gill, Dir. LTRG

**Plan. Prepare. Evacuate. Have you visited SCEMD's Know Your Zone maps?** These maps of the South Carolina coast show areas that are most vulnerable to storm surge conditions. State and local authorities will announce evacuations by these designated zones. Use this info to help you plan to evacuate prior to landfall of a hurricane.

<https://hurricane.sc/know-your-zone>

# Blanketing the Lowcountry

In the face of recent winter storms, collaboration made a real difference. The United Way of the Lowcountry Long Term Recovery Group coordinated with the South Carolina Office of Resilience (SCOR), Church World Service, and Agape Family Life Center's Disaster Coordinator to retrieve 150 emergency warming blankets from Columbia. Those blankets are now blanketing neighbors in need in Hardeeville and in Beaufort, as well as Sea Island Presbyterian Church on Lady's Island, which operated as a warming shelter throughout the week.

Additional blankets, palletized water, and hygiene kits are stored in Hardeeville and Beaufort for hurricane season as we prepare for June. We're grateful for strong partnerships and swift action when our community needs it most.



Thank you to our American Red Cross grant guide and **Psychological First Aid** instructor Miriana Robinson. Thank you to all who attended with your wonderful participation and ideas. We trained in techniques to help survivors stay calm and focused during disasters.

## 4 Ways to Help UWLC LTRG

- Continue sharing our marketing posts, flyers, posters, and social media posts.
- Continue to listen and watch for survivors in need.
- Join a committee! We meet for an hour once a month and more often as needed.
- Get trained on Charity Tracker through the United Way of the Lowcountry. This prevents duplication of services between more than 60 local nonprofit organizations. Ask us about the free license and training.

## **Donate to United Way of the Lowcountry**

Pass this newsletter on to a friend, nonprofit or business partner who is interested in what the United Way of the Lowcountry Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG) is doing. Social media links are coming soon! [www.UWLowcountry.org/LTRG](http://www.UWLowcountry.org/LTRG).