



Hello! We hope this message finds you well. We are reaching out to invite you to participate in the **United Way of the Lowcountry Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG)**, a collaborative network dedicated to strengthening Beaufort, Jasper, and Hampton Counties' ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from weather disasters of all kinds, starting with Hurricane Helene survivor needs.

Lowcountry South Carolina has a long history of community resilience, but recent years have continually reminded us that no single organization can shoulder the responsibility of disaster response alone. A coordinated, community-wide approach is essential. Through collaboration among nonprofits, faith-based organizations, civic groups, businesses, and government partners, the LTRG works to ensure that vulnerable residents receive timely, efficient, and compassionate support.

Established in August 2025 through a grant from the American Red Cross, the LTRG has partnered with local organizations to support post-Hurricane Helene recovery and prepare for future declared and undeclared weather events. Our current partnerships include American Red Cross, South Carolina Office of Resilience, Team Rubicon, Presbyterian Disaster Recovery, Lutheran Church Service, Catholic Charities, Beaufort Jasper Housing Trust, Habitat for Humanity, Crisis Cleanup, and many more local faith-based and nonprofit partners.

Your participation in the [UWLC LTRG](#) offers several benefits:

- **Improved communication and coordination** before, during, and after local weather emergencies;
- **Access to shared resources and expertise** across the community;
- **Clearer understanding of our joint roles:** we need more clear roles that reduce duplication of services and address unmet needs;
- **Stronger relationships:** We need stronger relationships during both “blue sky” (non-storm) and “grey sky” (storm and recovery) period
- **Opportunities** for training, preparedness planning, and learning from local, regional, state, and national best practices.

Your organization plays an important role in the well-being of our community, and your experience and insight would be a valuable addition to this collaborative effort. We hold regular in-person meetings, and we welcome your attendance. Please feel free to contact **Kate Gill, Director of the United Way of the Lowcountry LTRG**, if you have any questions or would like more information. Office: 843-941-5042, [ltrg@uwlowcountry.org](mailto:ltrg@uwlowcountry.org).

Thank you for all you do for our community and for considering this invitation to work together in support of those who need us most, especially in times of crisis.

Regards, Kate Gill

#### **"I need Hurricane Helene Help":**

1. [Enter your information at this link.](#)
2. Call UWLC Helpline M-F, 9-5 with questions: 843-524-4357 or visit UWLC's Helpline page and click on the Assistance Button: <https://uwlowcountry.org/helpline>. If we aren't able to pick up, please leave a voicemail.
3. If calling outside of office hours, you can call 211/Text 211211 (24/7) or visit: <https://www.sc211.org/>
4. **Always call 911 in an emergency.**