

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **WNCSupplies Marks Key Milestones in Relief Efforts Across Western North Carolina**

*October 30, 2024* — WNCSupplies is pleased to announce substantial advancements in its mission to provide disaster relief to the communities of Western North Carolina. In the past week, the organization has reached several significant milestones, with essential support from its team, volunteers, and community partners. These achievements mark a strong step forward in creating a more resilient aid infrastructure for the region.

### **Recent Milestones and Achievements**

#### **1. CEO-Led Volunteer Coordination and Outreach Initiative**

CEO Savannah Bayliss has taken the lead on a week-long mission beginning Monday, October 28, to locate donation points and camps that require volunteer support. Working with a dedicated team of volunteers, she will assess specific sites to determine where additional support is needed to sustain or refocus efforts. This program will give WNCSupplies a clearer perspective on resource allocation and will allow for strategic volunteer deployment to areas of highest need. Bayliss's outreach aims to strengthen collaborative efforts and streamline operations across the region.

#### **2. Enhanced Communication with New Starlink Installations**

With efforts led by Director of Ground Communications Jamal Yusuf, more than 30 Starlink units were secured and will be strategically installed across isolated areas beginning Monday. These units, donated through external support, will not only provide immediate communication access to residents but will also ensure communities remain connected amid normal seasonal weather changes. This connectivity enables an effective, on-demand supply request system that responds to urgent needs, significantly enhancing WNCSupplies' ability to serve vulnerable areas swiftly and effectively.

#### **3. New Warehouse and Supply Distribution Success**

In the past week, WNCSupplies has secured a new warehouse for supply storage, increasing capacity to support areas like Pensacola, NC, and its neighboring towns. Pensacola and surrounding areas are now well stocked with essential items, which are readily accessible for rapid distribution. This additional storage space allows for smoother, more organized operations and more resources to reach hard-hit areas.

### **Looking Ahead: Preparing for Winter Conditions**

With colder temperatures and rainy conditions forecasted in the coming weeks, WNCSupplies remains focused on preparing affected communities for seasonal challenges. The organization's

expanded supply chain, combined with improved communication networks, will provide a foundation to distribute critical resources, including heaters, fuel, and cold-weather gear, as winter approaches.

### **Support Needed to Sustain and Expand Efforts**

With ongoing and anticipated needs, WNCSupplies invites community members to support these initiatives by volunteering or contributing to fundraising efforts. Financial donations will enable the continued provision of resources to underserved areas, while volunteer efforts remain critical to distribution and on-the-ground support.

For more information on how to get involved, visit [wncsupplies.com](https://wncsupplies.com) or follow our updates on social media.