

# MCWSV ships much needed supplies to Eastern N.C.

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After collecting donations for more than a week, on Saturday morning the Minsters' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity (MCWSV) and the City of Winston-Salem shipped more than 1,000 bottles of water, non-perishable food items, diapers, toiletries and dozens of other items to residents in Eastern N.C. who are still recovering from Hurricane Matthew.

MCWSV President Bishop Todd Fulton said he was proud to see the community come together to help those in need. He said, although it will be some time before things get back to normal in

many cities in the Eastern portion of the state, it feels good to know that the groups did make a difference.

"We have had a tremendous response from our local churches and our community. I'm just grateful to be a native of Winston-Salem and a part of this wonderful city."

Council member Denise "D.D." Adams said, "We want the people in the east to know that Winston-Salem cares. We want them to know that we are here for them."

During a short interview, Adams mentioned the city will be making other trips to send supplies to those in need. She said, "This is only the beginning."



The City of Winston-Salem and the Minsters' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity collected more than 1,000 bottles of water and other items to send to those in need in the east.



Volunteers package items to send to residents in Goldsboro who are still in need of basic items like water, and food after Hurricane Matthew swept through the south a few weeks ago.



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Council member Denise "D.D." Adams (second from left in front row in gray suit) and Minsters' Conference President Bishop Todd Fulton (first from left in front row in white shirt) take a photo with volunteers who helped collect and package items to send to Goldsboro on Saturday, Oct. 29.



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The Winston Mutual was originally built in 1969 as the headquarters of Winston Mutual Life Insurance Company.

## Marker

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Life Insurance Co. in the 1980s, rumors began to surface that the building would be demolished to make way for something new, but black entrepreneurs, business owners and both former and current elected officials fought to ensure the tan-colored building remained a staple in the community well into the late '90s. During that time the building housed a doctor's office, a pharmacy, lawyers' offices, a bank and countless other things, many of which were black-owned and operated.

Former state Sen. Earline Parmon and general assembly Rep. Larry

Womble both ran their campaigns out of the Winston Mutual Building. Council member Derwin Montgomery has a connection with the building as well. In 2013, then a student at Winston-Salem State University, Montgomery ran his campaign for City Council out of the building.

After running a successful campaign, one year later Montgomery and other City Council members voted to move the Winston-Salem Engineering Field Office and Winston-Salem Police Department Community Resource Unit inside the building.

Prior to the marker unveiling, Montgomery

said, "While it is important that we memorialize the historic nature of the physical building it is equally important that we honor the spirit that still lives today."

He said, "When we think about Winston Mutual and black-owned businesses, we have a lot of work to do, but Winston Mutual symbolizes what has been and what can be for our community."

Mayor Tempore Vivian Burke said, "I'm proud to be apart of this historic moment."

"Winston Mutual stood for so much. It made a difference for those who felt they could make an economic impact in this community and in this city."

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