

Official Calls for Session To Discuss Disaster Funds

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The N.C. General Assembly might convene for a special session to formulate an aid plan for state residents dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd, if Gov. Jim Hunt honors this request.

Rep. Leo Daughtry, R-Johnston, called for the special legislative session Wednesday so additional funds could be allocated to help the victims of what officials dubbed the worst natural disaster in N.C. history.

Jay Warshaw, Daughtry's communications director, said the session was critical to ensure that all N.C. citizens' needs were met in the wake of Hurricane Floyd.

"Right now, without an emergency session of the legislature, hurricane and flood victims will have to wait until May to get any (state financial) relief," Warshaw said.

He said the Federal Emergency Management Agency was providing aid, but aid could be expanded by dipping into the \$322 million "rainy day emergency fund."

Warshaw said the fund could not be touched until the legislature met.

"First and foremost, the legislature must be convened for the state to take any effort to help in the relief effort," he said.

But Kirsten Week, spokeswoman for Hunt, said she did not anticipate Hunt calling a special session to discuss emergency measures.

"I think we are just so busy trying to figure out what federal resources are there," she said. "I think it is way too early to be talking about a special session at this point."

Local lawmakers said whether or not a special legislative session was necessary remained to be seen.

Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, said special session at this point would not be

a wise use of taxpayers' money.

"I think the money that would be spent on getting the legislators to Raleigh (for the session) would be better spent by giving it directly to the victims," Kinnaird said.

She said it cost \$120,000 a day to call a legislative session. If special session is called, Kinnaird said the staff would prepare the bill for legislators to save money.

Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, said the legislature approved a fund after Hurricane Fran's excessive damage to North Carolina in 1996, allowing Gov. Hunt access to state funds for future natural disasters.

Hackney said it was too early to call a special session, but he would support one if it proved necessary.

"We just don't know now what funding will be needed."

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McDonald House Seeks Volunteers

A reception held Wednesday showcased the different volunteer opportunities available for organizations.

By ROBERT ALBRIGHT
Staff Writer

Local service organizations seeking volunteer activities might not have to look much further than just down the road.

At a reception held Wednesday afternoon at the home of UNC-System President Molly Broad, Chapel Hill's Ronald McDonald House voiced its need for additional volunteers among UNC students.

Sara McCoy, wife of interim Chancellor Bill McCoy and hostess of the event, said the reception gave people a better understanding of the Ronald McDonald House.

"This is a good vehicle to get more volunteers," McCoy said.

"In years past, (this reception) has been a great way to get students involved."

The Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill functions as a small, 20-bed-room hotel for families who are in the area with ill children receiving treatment at UNC Hospitals.

Since its inception 11 years ago, over 10,000 families have benefited from the

facility's comfortable setting, rather than being forced to stay in a hotel in the area.

The house offers families an opportunity to interact with others facing similar situations.

"The families can be so relaxed at the house because they have other people that are in the same dire straits," said 10-year volunteer Pat Stoy.

Although the Ronald McDonald House has a small paid staff, the majority of help for the house comes from volunteers.

Kathy Bartlett, president-elect of the Board of Directors, said the agency's volunteers played important roles in the day-to-day running of the facility.

"We rely heavily on volunteers," she said.

"There are so many simple things to be done to help relieve a lot of the stress on the families."

Bartlett said cooking hot meals, landscaping, decorating and answering phones were just some things volunteers could do.

Many residents and students have responded to the needs of the Ronald McDonald House.

"We can't offer medical support, but

we can do the small things to help out the families," said Angela Lindsay, a junior from Raleigh.

Bartlett said several Greek organizations - including several from the University - participated in volunteer work at the house.

"We are very fortunate to have a lot of groups take on (the house) as a project," Bartlett said.

Although many students already contribute, Bartlett said the house would continue to actively recruit more volunteers.

McCoy said the reception was only one method to attract those interested in volunteer opportunities.

Broad could not attend the reception because of previous responsibilities, but her husband was in

"(Volunteering) is very rewarding. Don't underestimate the difference you can make."

KATHY BARTLETT
Ronald McDonald House President-Elect

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Aid Efforts Get \$100G BOT Boost

UNC-system schools are banding together to collect money for campuses ravaged by Hurricane Floyd.

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UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees member Walter Davis has transformed UNC-CH's "Quarter Campaign" into a major funding effort to help flood-ravaged students.

At a BOT meeting Thursday, Davis presented UNC-CH Student Body President Nic Heinke with a \$100,000 check to support hurricane recovery efforts for UNC-system campuses in eastern North Carolina.

Cliff Webster, East Carolina University student body president, heard of the donation Thursday afternoon. "I was overjoyed to know that someone out there cared so much," he said.

Students at 14 UNC-system campuses have donated to the "Quarter

Campaign," the UNC Association of Student Government's plan to raise money for damaged campuses. Many have begun their own drives to meet student needs at ECU, UNC-Wilmington and Elizabeth City State University. UNC-CH has raised approximately \$477 through the "Quarter Campaign," aside from Davis' contribution.

Jeff Nieman, UNC-CH student and ASG president, said the fund-raising

campaign was originally set to end Oct. 1 but was extended indefinitely after he saw the devastating floods at ECU. All proceeds from UNC-CH's "Quarter Campaign" will directly benefit students, Nieman said.

There are "Quarter Campaign" collection boxes in Lenoir Dining Hall and in Student Stores for student donations.

Heinke said UNC-CH's "Pass the Hat" effort extended not only to students, but also to administrators and the

Board of Trustees. "So far the student response has been great," Heinke said.

"I have yet to talk to anyone who does not want to help the flood victims in any way possible."

N.C. State University is also participating in the campaign.

N.C. State Student Body President Raj Merchandani asked every student to donate at least 50 cents. He said students filled a five-gallon jug full of cash in just

two hours Wednesday morning.

"Students are excited about helping out and seem to be genuinely concerned," Merchandani said. Appalachian State University and Western

Carolina University will begin collecting supplies Monday, Nieman said. "It's heartening to see all the campuses come together as a community."

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NIC HEINKE
UNC-CH Student Body President

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student groups looking to get involved. To find out more about the volunteer opportunities available, drop by the Campus Y.

Volunteer Orange! has office hours

from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday.

In addition, students can stop by Volunteer Orange's main office at its new location at 209 N. Columbia St., Suite 1.

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ers obtain theirs. "I have had many experiences, and therefore I know a lot and I want to help blind people," she said. Although life forces Landers to follow, she said she had already found and would continue to find different ways to lead.

"If I can meet someone and inspire them, then I have done something."

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By James E. Hinish

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- Clearly detailed
- of Green
- Amateur sports grp.
- Orator's malady
- Mend, as socks
- Voluminous ref. source
- Female adviser
- Mick of the Rolling Stones
- Nicene, for one
- Medleys of songs
- Kenny Loggins hit
- Buyer
- Nativity
- Competed (for)
- Promontories
- Art category
- Confronts
- Cloud over
- Lee of "Days of Wine and Roses"

DOWN

- Back talk
- Chuckle
- Hebrew month
- Get along
- Moves on
- sneaky feet
- Facial growth
- Late-night Jay
- Elbow-wrist connection
- Canines
- Surrendered
- Boxer De la Hoya
- Video-game pioneer company
- Ross or Muldaur
- That girl
- Become a jelly
- Poke fun
- Fortitude
- French lake
- Type of table
- Touch lightly
- Judges' garb
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