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Disaster Food Benefit Offered October 22-30

WADESBORO, N.C. – Anson County has been declared a disaster county by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services. These declarations authorize the Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services to administer the Disaster Food and Nutrition benefits program.

This program is designed to authorize food stamp benefits for eligible households that are not currently receiving food and nutrition benefits and have experienced a loss as a result of Hurricane Florence. Residents may qualify for assistance for a one-month period if their home was damaged or destroyed or they have disaster related expenses, or they lost income or had food loss because of a power outage or household flooding resulting from Hurricane Florence. Eligibility is based on available income and resources.

Residents currently receiving food stamp benefits, including those who requested replacement benefits, are not eligible for this disaster program.

Applications for Disaster Food and Nutrition benefits will be taken at Harvest Ministries Outreach Center located at 1134 E Caswell St, Wadesboro on the following days/times: Monday October 22nd-Friday October 26th from 8 am-6 pm, Saturday October 27th from 9 am-5 pm, and Monday October 29th-Tuesday October 30th from 8 am-6 pm. No applications will be taken on Sunday.

Individuals will be asked to provide verification of identity. This will not have to be picture identification; any document that shows their name, such as a utility or other bill, will be accepted.

Because long lines and wait times are possible, individuals are encouraged to bring medications and other necessary items. Due to limited space, individuals are encouraged to limit the number of people accompanying them and to consider arranging child care if possible. Residents should come prepared for inclement weather while waiting outdoors as limited outdoor shelter is available for those waiting in line.

Due to the possibility of large numbers of applicants, neighboring businesses should expect heavy traffic in the area.