Did You Know?
Charities soliciting for donations in North Carolina must be registered with the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State Charitable Solicitation Licensing Division. Search Our Registry at http://sosnc.gov/CSL/

Avoid Scams this Hurricane Season:
Give to Charities Experienced in Disaster Relief

The aftermath of multiple hurricanes in recent years has been more devastating than initially imagined with local and state emergency management officials still conducting damage assessments throughout the state. Secretary Elaine Marshall knows that many are looking for ways to help families and communities affected. North Carolinians are encouraged to continue their charitable giving to “established charities and organizations that have experience assisting with disaster relief,” such as these which addresses unmet needs in the aftermath of a disaster:

- North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund
- American Red Cross
- Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC
- The Salvation Army
- United Way of North Carolina

These and other recognized charities know how to leverage and maximize your giving. Gift cards are welcomed and allows for a more effective and impactful relief due to the ease in use, virtually no transportation cost, reduction in manual labor and storage space.

How to Verify a Hurricane Relief Charity

Find lists of vetted charities on:
- give.org
- charitynavigator.org
- charitywatch.org
- guidestar.org

Search the charity name online.
Do people say it’s a scam?

Report Scams to:
https://ftc.gov/complaint

Also search our charity registry at
https://sosnc.gov/online_services/search/by_title/_charities
Hurricane Disaster – Giving Tips

Avoid Being Scammed: Donors face many challenges in their giving, being scammed should not be one of them. Thank you for your generous giving.

Giving Tips:

- Get the name of charity and Search Our Registry at http://sosnc.gov/CSL/.
- Visit the charity’s website.
- Ask how your donation will be used.
- Be cautious on giving out personal information.
- Never give cash.
- Telephone solicitors should also be registered in North Carolina.
- Before sending contributions via text verify the charity.
- Avoid phishing attacks through unsolicited spam emails.

Hurricane Disaster – Charity Evaluation

Tools for Evaluating Charities: See the following links for valuable information on a charity.

- NC Secretary of State Charitable Solicitation Licensing Division
- American Institute of Philanthropy
- Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance
- Charity Navigator
- GuideStar

https://sosnc.gov