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**Transylvania Habitat Receives Hurricane Relief Funding From Truist Foundation**

**Brevard, NC** – Transylvania Habitat for Humanity is proud to announce it has been awarded a \$585,000 grant from the Truist Foundation's *Western North Carolina Recovery and Resiliency Fund*. This extremely generous funding exceeds the nonprofit's original request of \$500,000 and will significantly support families in the county who are still struggling from the devastating impacts of Hurricane Helene.

The program is designed to focus on repairing and/or elevating a minimum of 26 hurricane-damaged homes, relocating families currently residing in flood-prone areas, and funding a dedicated disaster case navigator to guide affected families through recovery – connecting them with additional resources and services. The funds will be systematically deployed over the course of a two-year period, concluding in March of 2027, ensuring effective and equitable recovery for the families Transylvania Habitat will serve.

"We are incredibly grateful to the Truist Foundation for standing with our community in this critical moment," stated Angie Hunter, Transylvania Habitat's Executive Director. "This funding will not only repair homes - but it will also restore hope, safety, and stability for families who have endured so much since Hurricane Helene."

The Truist Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Truist Financial Corporation, based in Charlotte, NC, and established in 2020, with a strong purpose: to aim and support nonprofit organizations that create economic opportunities and strengthen communities throughout North Carolina. In the wake of Hurricane Helene, Truist Foundation pledged \$500,000 to aid immediate relief efforts, and partnered with the Center for Disaster Philanthropy, providing over \$20 million in disaster recovery grants.

The relief initiative emphasizes climate-adaptive rebuilding practices, such as elevating homes future flood levels, and priority will be given to historically marginalized populations with a focus on assisting low-income families, Hispanic communities, and individuals with disabilities.

Through the relief funding and efforts by Transylvania Habitat, the nonprofit anticipates directly impacting at least 200 individuals across Transylvania County.

"This grant represents more than recovery; it's an investment in a stronger, more resilient future for Transylvania County," concluded Hunter. "We are committed to making sure that every family, especially those historically left out of recovery efforts, has the opportunity to rebuild and thrive."

For more information about Transylvania Habitat's Hurricane Helene recovery efforts, or to support the work being done within the community, please follow Transylvania Habitat on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

**About Transylvania Habitat for Humanity:**

Celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2024, Transylvania Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing safe, decent, and affordable housing. To learn more about homeownership opportunities, ReStore donations, or critical home repairs, visit [www.transylvaniahabitat.org](http://www.transylvaniahabitat.org) or call 828-884-3464.