

# Images of destruction – and hope

Hurricane Helene swept across the Southeast, causing major flooding and devastation throughout North Carolina. The News & Observer and The Charlotte Observer journalists are covering the aftermath of the storm.



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Sarah Pike, center, gets a hug from her friend Jen Dombrowski, who arrived to help Pike clean up her business in downtown Marshall on Oct. 1.



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A member of a search and rescue team works in a flooded field adjacent to the Catawba River near Old Fort on Oct. 2. He was searching for victims of Hurricane Helene.



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Volunteers fill containers of water for the community at a water distribution site at Pack Square in downtown Asheville on Oct. 1.



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A destroyed house with a car under it in Chimney Rock on Sept. 29.



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A search and rescue team from Atlantic Beach examines a van swept into the river in Swannanoa. They were assisting in the community on Sept. 29.



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The North Carolina National Guard loads supplies in Salisbury on Oct. 3 to transport to Western North Carolina.



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A doll lies in a pile of debris outside a home in Clyde on Sept. 28.