



Transportation is Key to Helping After Disasters

Being able to reach those impacted by a disaster is not just vital to rescue operations, but also to ensuring donated supplies remain flowing.

Sedona, Ltd. helped Mountain Mule Packers in North Carolina outfit mules to carry necessary supplies to remote areas of North Carolina after Hurricane Helene made reaching them nearly impossible.

But how do many of those supplies get to the staging areas to be packed onto a mule? Most arrive via truck when roads are passable.

NECHAMA - Jewish Response to Disaster is a Minnesota-based non profit that assists in disaster recovery work.

“We serve the most vulnerable (poorest, often older) clients impacted by a disaster,” says Stephan Kline, CEO of NECHAMA – which means “to comfort” in Hebrew. “Many underinsured will probably have insufficient recovery from FEMA. We work to make their houses liveable by cleaning them up, or we tear them down to the studs, so that their FEMA funds go further and repairs can happen quicker.”

Upon hearing of the situation in North Carolina after Hurricane Helene, NECHAMA sent a truck full of supplies bound for Asheville. But the truck needed a new transmission as it arrived in North Carolina. Sedona, Ltd. made a donation to help cover the cost of the repairs.

“Trucks—along with volunteers— are the backbone of our deployments,” Kline says.

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