

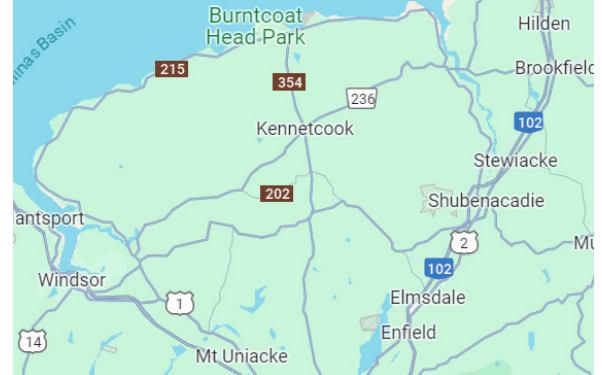


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United Way Halifax - 2023 Flood Report

The floods caused by heavy rain in July 2023 were unexpected, and residents had little time to prepare. This was especially true in East and West Hants, where families already struggling to make ends meet found themselves in a dire situation. Additionally, the floods happened less than two months after historic wildfires destroyed over 200 homes in Halifax Regional Municipality and Shelburne County. Thanks to your generous donation, United Way Halifax was able to engage East Hants Family Resource Centre and the Family Resource Centre of West Hants to help respond.



Stories of Support

A young mother's home and car were flooded. With support from this fund, she was able to have her children's car seats replaced.

Another family used all of their towels to try to mop up the water that flooded their basement, which significantly damaged their child's room. The East Hants Family Resource Centre was able to replace a bureau, mattress and towels.

A four-plex in Windsor was damaged so badly from flooding that it had to be condemned. Four families were displaced with no place to go. Thanks to this funding, the Family Resource Centre of West Hants was able to pay for a u-haul to move belongings, as well as storage unit fees so that their belongings would be safe while they looked for alternative housing.

A young father in Ellershouse was swept off a bridge in the flooding. He managed to grab hold of a tree to wait for rescue. He had only basic insurance for his vehicle, and lost clothes and car seats in the floods. He was provided with some replacement items and gift cards.

A family in Brooklyn, West Hants, lost everything when their basement apartment flooded. The water reached the 5' mark, and nothing was salvageable. While they were able to find temporary accommodations with family, they were provided with a new mattress and food.

These and other stories depict just how harrowing the situation was for some people during these catastrophic floods. Thanks to your support, these family resource centres were able to help bridge gaps in a difficult time, putting individuals and families in a better position to recover.



Overview of Support



- 134 individuals and 26 families received support



- \$1,732 spent to replace food
- \$3,300 spent on grocery store gift cards



- Nearly \$5000 spent to replace items such as mattresses, pillows, towels, dehumidifiers, car seats and other essential items

Preparing for the Future

Going forward, we'll be preparing for future climate change disasters with an established project team and contingency plans. Through our newly established Climate Change Adaptation & Disaster Relief Fund, we'll support community-based organizations making adaptations to mitigate the impact of future climate disasters so that they are ready and able to respond when there is a need.

To learn more about United Way Halifax's climate change adaptation and future disaster response work, please contact **Nicole Cameron**. Together we can help lessen the impacts of climate change on people living in poverty, on those at risk of being pushed into poverty and those who are marginalized.

Contact Us



We'd love to hear your feedback! Please reach out at any time.

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