

## Heart to Heart International responding in advance of Hurricane Florence

*Massive hurricane expected to bring strong storm surges and heavy rainfall as it makes landfall Thursday.*

**MEDIA ALERT** – Heart to Heart International (HHI) has staff on the ground in North Carolina and is sending an additional advance team in preparation for a response to Hurricane Florence. The advance team will be pre-positioned before the storm hits in order to rapidly respond to the medical needs of those affected by the Category 4 hurricane.

HHI's Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) will be leaving the warehouse (9650 Dice Lane, Lenexa, Kansas 66215) at 6 a.m. on Thursday, September 13. By leaving ahead of Hurricane Florence's landfall, the HHI team will be able to respond quickly after the storm to the areas where help is needed most. This advance response is being supported by HHI's long-time partner AbbVie Foundation.

In addition, volunteers will begin assembling hygiene kits at 5:30 p.m. at the HHI warehouse. These Johnson & Johnson kits provide much-needed hygiene supplies to people who have been evacuated from or lost their homes due to flooding.

The story is still developing and more information will be released about HHI's response to the hurricane as soon as it is available.

*Heart to Heart International is a nonprofit international health organization with its headquarters in Lenexa, Kansas. Since its inception in 1992, HHI has delivered medical aid and supplies worth \$1.6 billion to more than 130 countries, including within the United States. HHI responds to crises and natural disasters both domestically and internationally by supplying medical relief and mobilizing volunteers. The organization is a BBB Accredited Charity and is on the "Philanthropy 400." To learn more, visit [hearttoheart.org](http://hearttoheart.org).*

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