## \*\*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE\*\*

\*\*Mitchell County Relief Center Closure and Update on Available Amenities\*\*

Mitchell County, NC — Due to a recent decision by the state, the Mitchell County Relief Center will be shutting down immediately. The center has provided critical shelter and support to those in need, particularly in the wake of Hurricane Helene that has impacted our community. As of last week, four individuals were staying at the center, and housing arrangements have been successfully made for each of them.

In response to this development, Mitchell County is committed to ensuring continued access to essential amenities for residents. Shower trailers, laundry facilities, and bathroom amenities will remain available. Local evaluations are being assessed on a weekly basis based on the needs in the community. We encourage residents to utilize these services as they continue to be provided for our community's convenience. There is a laundry trailer at Ledger Fire Department, but is not maintained by the county.

## \*\*Current Locations for Showers and Bathroom Facilities:\*\*

Buladean Dollar General (shower + bathroom)	12144 N Highway 226 Bakersville
Fork Mountain Baptist Church (shower + bathroom + laundry)	3648 Fork Mountain Rd Bakersville, NC
Bradshaw Fire Department (shower + bathroom + laundry)	4256 NC-197 Green Mountain, NC
Baseball Fields by Gouge Primary (shower + bathroom+laundry)	719 SR1211 Bakersville, NC
High Country Arms (shower + laundry + bathrooms)	337 Oak Ave, Spruce Pine, NC 28777
Ledger Fire Department (shower + bathroom)	5165 NC-226, Bakersville, NC, 28705
Walmart Parking Lot (shower + bathroom)	2514 Halltown Rd, Spruce Pine, NC 28777

We thank the community for their ongoing support and understanding during this transition and ever changing information. The resilience and unity of Mitchell County continue to be our strongest assets in these challenging times. Please email the email below to be included in the weekly update email from Mitchell County.

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