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## MIRACLE Being Delivered

Dear Friends:

I recently wrote you about the calamity that struck Nichols, S.C. In the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew this town of 445 residents in the Pee Dee was destroyed when 18" of rain and the flooding of two nearby rivers submerged the town.

### Mayor's Pleas for a "Miracle" Answered

During my tour of Nichols days after the flooding Mayor Lawson Battle told me "We need a miracle" if his little town is to survive. 90 percent of the homes suffered major or severe damage and are uninhabitable. Only two homes were unaffected. Every business, a total of 22, was lost. I detailed the plight of Nichols in this article in the Aiken Standard this week ([Aiken Standard](#))

Fortunately, the mayor's plea is being answered by the good citizens of South Carolina. Faith-based organizations, including the Baptists, Methodists and others teams are tearing out flooded homes to prepare for rebuilding. It is going to take a long time for the town to come back; it's a marathon, not a sprint. But the help that Nichols has received during the past several weeks gives them hope for the future.

### You Can Help!

Aiken County residents are being given the opportunity to help the good people of Nichols. Don Cheeks, owner of Southeastern Tool & Chairman of the local Red Cross Board, has stepped forward to offer his business as a drop-off site for donations. Southeastern Freight Lines generously donated a semi-trailer to haul donations to Nichols. I joined Don in launching the donation site. For the [Aiken Standard story click here](#).

Your donations can be dropped off between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to noon on Fridays at Southeastern Tool, 3231 Wagener Road. Those who need a pick up or someone to assist after those hours are asked to call Don Cheeks at 803-507-7602.

What's needed? Canned foods, cereal, dry goods that can be stored and cleaning supplies of all sorts (they have a truckload of Clorox). NEW clothing only (the essentials) - remember, the residents have lost everything. FEMA has banned used clothing because of concerns of bug infestation.

### Contributing \$\$\$

If you are motivated to contribute money to aid Nichols residents, a donation account has been established at the [Anderson Brothers Bank](#). This fund is authorized by the Town. Please avoid the GoFundMe accounts; there is no certainty they are legitimate.

Once again, let's show Aiken County's BIG HEART to those in need! Thank you.

### I'm Available and AT YOUR SERVICE

Thank you for your support. It is my pleasure to be in public service. If you need assistance navigating state government, or have any thoughts or concerns about what we are doing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In your Service,

Photo of the Week

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Southeastern Freight Lines generously donated this Semi-trailer stationed at Southeastern Tool. Pictured here is Don Cheeks, left, owner of Southeastern Tool & Chairman of the local American Red Cross Board and me, introducing the donation site to the Aiken Standard and the public.

Let's fill this trailer with the generosity of Aiken!

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