



The last 48 hours have tested us full force. We are facing historic flooding across our service area of Orange, Washington and Lamoille Counties. We've seen the devastation up close with cars floating down Main Street in Barre and residents trapped in their homes or evacuating to the safety of higher ground. For those of us who experienced Tropical Storm Irene, this storm is a fierce memory and appears to be just as destructive and dangerous .

Currently, Capstone's office and Head Start in Barre are closed due to flooding; however, our staff are still hard at work and our offices in Morrisville, Randolph and Bradford will be staffed and open on Wednesday. We are working hard to re-open in Barre and are incredibly grateful to our road, police, EMS and fire departments who are already heroes in this emergency.

Capstone is in action, helping to provide the most vulnerable with safe shelter, essentials, services and nutritious food. We are working with our partners to ensure unhoused Vermonters are not left behind, and are connecting with community, city, town, and state partners to ensure we are moving quickly to

alleviate the immediate impacts of this disaster. We have staff on site at emergency shelters in Lamoille and Barre, and are checking on emergency apartments, connecting with clients to ensure they are safe. We are also coordinating direct food security support in the neighborhoods that need it most and are working to establish an emergency fund for small businesses in our community.

Looking ahead, we already know this will be a long recovery effort. We see with heavy hearts the destruction of housing and businesses that are desperately needed to keep our communities strong. We have done this before and we can do it again because we are #VtStrong! Vermonters will need many warm meals, rides to work, a safe place to live, and early education for their children. Capstone will be there: steady, strong, and serving.

If you would like to help with relief efforts, please donate [HERE](#) to Capstone's Emergency Response Fund. Below is a link to our Community Resource page, featuring immediate help for: shelter information, statewide support contacts, food access details, translated video links for multiple languages, community support funds, and more.

From all of us at Capstone, please stay safe, strong, and working together as proud Vermonters.

With gratitude,
Sue Minter



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