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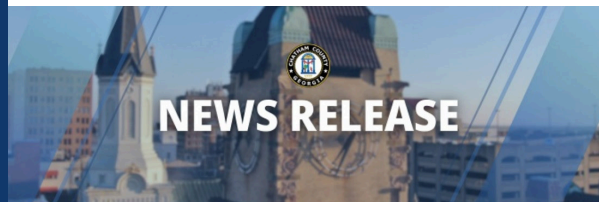
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Chatham County, GA (December 20, 2024) - Chatham County is among the 61 Georgia counties set to benefit from the newly launched Georgia program Housing Emergency Assistance and Recovery Through Sheltering (HEARTS), a state-run initiative by the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) to assist survivors of Hurricane Helene. This program provides temporary non-congregate sheltering in hotels or motels for those whose primary residences were severely damaged, destroyed, or deemed uninhabitable. Designed to bridge the gap between immediate relief and long-term housing solutions, HEARTS Georgia offers up to six months of assistance to eligible residents, helping them rebuild their homes and lives.

"The HEARTS Georgia program represents a lifeline for Chatham County residents affected by Hurricane Helene, who are facing unimaginable challenges. By providing safe, temporary shelter, this initiative ensures that our residents have the stability they need to focus on rebuilding their homes and their lives. This is a critical step in our recovery process, and we're grateful for GEMA/HS's leadership in supporting Chatham County and other impacted communities during this time of need." said CEMA Director Dennis Jones

To qualify for the program, survivors must:

- Be registered with FEMA for disaster assistance.
- Reside in one of the 61 federally declared counties.
- Have a primary residence that was deemed having major damage, destroyed, or not habitable.
- Agree to comply with program rules and requirements.

Survivors can apply online at: <https://gema.georgia.gov/assistance/hearts-georgia>

or contact the HEARTS Georgia Program Contact Center at 833-575-4411 or email GEMA/HS's Community Recovery Department at community.recovery@gema.ga.gov.

To read the full press release from GEMA/HS, [click here](#).

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