



MAHEC Family Medicine Residents Dr. Katie Kiley & Dr. Cicely Krebill pictured in *The New York Times* supporting relief following Hurricane Helene.

Two of MAHEC's second-year Family Medicine residents Dr. Katie Kiley and Dr. Cicely Krebil were featured in a photo in *The New York Times* on October 28, 2024, as part of an article highlighting the devastation faced in Swannanoa from Hurricane Helene, and how local medical efforts have been working to support the area.

In the photo, Drs. Kiley and Krebill are shown on a home visit with one Swannanoa resident during the time MAHEC helped staff a mobile clinic in the Buncombe County town described as "Ground Zero" for the storm. Home visits were focused on triaging emergent needs and reaching out to townspeople who were limited in mobility or had other limitations in leaving their home.

MAHEC residents, faculty, pharmacists, nurses, behavioral health providers, Rural Health Initiative staff, clinicians from MAHEC's Simulation Center, and community physicians served the traumatized community of Swannanoa/Black Mountain for several weeks.

The New York Times

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/10/28/us/politics/north-carolina-helene-health-care.html>

Quote from Benjamin Gilmer, MD, MS, Medical Director of the MAHEC Rural Health Initiative and Rural Health Fellowship, upon sharing this article from The New York Times and the experience of MAHEC personnel in responding to Hurricane Helene: "It was a beautiful experience to come together as an interdisciplinary team and demonstrate the greater mission of service that MAHEC brings to our communities."