



Before and After of Mrs. Smith's home.

MULLINS RESIDENT GETS NEW HOME AFTER HURRICANE MATTHEW

Mullins, S.C., March 21, 2018 – Betty Smith, a 56-year-old military vet, received substantial damage to her home during Hurricane Matthew. “I would’ve been in my home for 28 years in a few months,” Smith said. But after major damages to her floors and roof, Smith had to look for other options.



Mrs. Betty Smith

Smith applied to the South Carolina Disaster Recovery Office (SCDRO) in August 2017. “They were very helpful,” Smith said. “I took them the paperwork, they let me know I needed a few more things, I faxed them in, and a few months later, look where I am now.”

Smith was welcomed into her new home with a basket donated by the Harvest Hope Food Bank and delivered by the Palmetto Disaster Recovery Office (PDR). “They even brought in some people to help me move out of my old place and into my new home.”

“I love it here,” Smith continued. “Mullins is my home... and I’m not going anywhere.”

The teams that contributed to Smith’s new home are:

- South Carolina Disaster Recovery Office (Construction)
- Palmetto Disaster Recovery Office (Case Management)
- Harvest Hope Food Bank (Welcome Home Food Basket)
- Care Center Volunteers, Marion County Long-Term Recovery Group, Brethren Ministries, and other local churches (Move-in and Move-out)

SCDRO oversees grant programs that focus on rebuilding or repairing homes damaged by severe weather events, such as the severe storm event in October 2015 and Hurricane Matthew in 2016. With the support and guidance of the South Carolina Department of Commerce, SCDRO manages federal funds available to assist in disaster recovery.

For more information on the program, visit <https://www.scdr.sc.gov/>