



Betty Boyd Home Again Spotlight

Hurricane Matthew caused an estimated \$1.5 billion in damages to North Carolina affecting more than 100,000 homes, businesses and government buildings.

“As a town commissioner, it was devastating to see as you walk up and down the street and see the people were all lined up and that we actually cared about each other for once. We um talked about our houses, talked about our property, we talked about things that had happened. And we see that every little town has been helped. We couldn’t walk a block. We had trees, we had houses that were damaged and said FEMA has a program, why not apply?”

“After so many letters of denial. Hoping, not only me, but everyone that I talked to. So we said, who can we call that’s going to help get things rolling? We heard about the program, ReBuild North Carolina, and that’s when more people here enrolled and started applying.”

“ReBuild NC has changed my perspective, outlook on it. I just saw that to be honest, I thought they were picking and choosing. They had certain people they would help, but I said it’s sad you know, that they won’t help everybody, just certain races or certain groups they’re helping. And they don’t know my situation. And then I said, this is something that’s needed. I really need this. I guess when I cried my heart out to the lady she said, “No Mam. It doesn’t work like that. We help everybody.”

“She said, “You’ve been approved.” That was it. That was the most exciting moment. She said, “They’re going to build you a new house.” I said, “what?” Everybody that asked me questioned. I said please call them. There might be something I’m going to tell you or can’t tell you because I don’t know. But if you call them, they’ll let you know.”

“I was just so grateful that I found a program where they would help me.