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Nursing Students Help Evacuate Patients

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When FEMA/CEMA called a mandatory evacuation from the Savannah area due to the potential impact of Hurricane Matthew, Peggy Mossholder, MSN, CHPN, assistant professor with Georgia Southern's School of Nursing, was asked to coordinate the care of 12 patients from Hospice Savannah who urgently needed to be evacuated to Candler Hospital in Metter, Georgia.

With only three nurses to manage the hospice home care patient triage and care for 12 evacuated patients, Mossholder made the call for volunteer nurses. Seven Junior II and three Senior II nursing students from the School of Nursing responded to the call and assisted the hospice patients and staff of Hospice Savannah.

"Without the help of the nursing students, we would not have managed as well as we did during the emergency evacuation period," said Mossholder. "As a member of the nursing faculty, I was pleased to have 10 students come to our aid and I have never been as proud of our students as I was during this adventure."

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