Hope for Remarkable Team Aubergine Fund

Here’s how your gifts are supporting Novant Health team members as they continue the fight against COVID-19  
(Data as of 10/16/20)

$10,000,000
contributed by Novant Health and community donors to support team members in crisis

$6,760,000
approved for emergency aid across all markets

9,140
team members experiencing personal hardship due to COVID-19 supported

### Areas of greatest need

- **Housing**: 33%
- **Food**: 24%
- **Utilities**: 23%
- **Transportation**: 18%
- **Other**: 2%

### Team members supported

- **48%**: Charlotte/Rowan, NC
- **37%**: Thomasville/Winston-Salem, NC
- **8%**: NHUVA/Northern VA
- **4%**: Facilities Operations
- **3%**: Coastal NC

### Top roles of recipients

- Certified Medical Assistant
- Certified Nurse Assistant
- Environmental Services Technician
- Facilities Operations
- Food Services Team
- Patient Access Specialist
- Patient Services Coordinator
- Registered Nurse
- And many more

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Having served his country for 10 years in the U.S. Coast Guard, James Blount now serves his community as a chef and cashier at Novant Health Kernersville Medical Center. He has cooked professionally for decades, but his purpose goes far beyond the food.

His mission is to nourish people, specifically the individuals who come to his cafeteria. Whether it’s through food, words of encouragement or a simple prayer, Blount considers it his job to feed the body and the soul. Every so often, he’ll even pick up the tab himself to ensure no one goes without a warm meal regardless of their ability to afford one.

When the COVID-19 pandemic began, safety protocols were implemented, including reducing the cafeteria’s access and hours. Blount didn’t know how he was going to pay rent, but he learned from a coworker about the Hope for Remarkable Team Aubergine Fund (formerly the Novant Health COVID-19 Disaster Relief Fund). He applied and was unsure if he would hear anything back. But to his surprise and joy, he received aid to cover his rent for an entire month.

Honored and grateful, he exclaimed, “One more month gives me a fighting chance.”