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Their homes and neighborhoods are damaged, but that hasn't dampened the resiliency of people impacted by the massive flooding in Colorado. One food truck chef is making a difference by providing food to flood victims.

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Victims of Colorado Flooding Lend Helping Hand

BRIAN WILLIAMS, anchor:
Tonight our Making a Difference report comes from the flood zone in Colorado. It’s about the people who have put their lives on hold to help those whose lives have been torn apart by this unstoppable water. NBC’s Joe Fryer has the story.

JOE FRYER, reporting:
The worst enemy for a restaurant on wheels just might be a flooded street.
RYAN CUNNINGHAM: I’ve lived here my whole life. I’ve never seen anything like this.
FRYER: Rollin Greens Food Truck couldn’t roll through much of Boulder last week. Rain dried up all of Chef Ryan Cunningham’s business. Yet, he hasn’t stopped rolling. He’s giving away his food for free.
CUNNINGHAM: I just decided, hey, I love cheffing. That’s what I do every day, so might as well just continue to chef, but few people who are in need this time instead of making money. We’re going the feed people. Let’s go.
FRYER: For the past few days, Cunningham and his fiancee have driven their truck wherever nature allows--
WOMAN: All right. We’ve got some beef salad.
FRYER: --delivering food to flood victims like Suzanne Duvall.
SUZANNE DUVALL: And we just love you.
FRYER: She’s already overwhelmed by support from fellow teachers and neighbors who donated their day cleaning out her flooded home. It’s the closest Suzanne has been to tears.
DUVALL: But mostly it’s the tears of, wow, I-- I can’t believe people are helping us. And they’re so gracious.
FRYER: Sherlyn Tronco has good reason to help. Hurricane Sandy hit her home in New Jersey last year.
SHERLYN TRONCO: I had a bunch of people come in and helped my flooded house. And I wasn’t able to help out. So I figured I might as well pay it forward a little bit and help out today, so.
FRYER: This is good karma in action.
CUNNINGHAM: We make food. So we’re just trying to do what we do for the people who need it right now. Hey, I’m Ryan.
FRYER: And those receiving the help won’t forget.
DUVALL: We could not do this without help.
FRYER: And that’s what it takes to keep a community rolling. Joe Fryer, NBC News, Boulder, Colorado.
WILLIAMS: And because so many of you have asked us how to help the victims and families in Colorado, we’ve put that information on our website tonight nbcnightlynews.com.