



IMAGINE ROTARY

DISTRICT 6990 HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS

ROTARY YEAR 2022-2023
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 6990

OCTOBER 06, 2022

Fellow Rotarians – I am extremely pleased and proud of the overwhelming request and response to assist in Recovery Efforts for the recent hurricanes.

Please be advised that the District has been in communications since prior to landfall with the impacted areas, primarily with the Rotary District Governors and/or Rotary District Disaster Committees, and multiple times daily since to determine needs and coordinate efforts.

The best way that we can help at this stage is to provide them monetary donations to enable them to purchase exactly what they need. Visit www.Rotary6990.org to donate.

Don Horton, our District Disaster Committee Chair, and the Disaster Committee have been working diligently on these efforts.

UPDATE – OCTOBER 6, 2022

This is an update on our District's relief effort for those devastated by Hurricane Ian. We will be conducting a collection drive over the next few weeks for urgently needed supplies. We have arranged trucking to transport the supplies to the west coast, and will coordinate the distribution of the supplies with the District Governors and the local Rotarians in the impacted areas. Additionally, we are requesting donations via our District website.

*We have secured a warehouse in Fort Lauderdale which will serve as the central collection location for all goods donated through our efforts. We have scheduled two collection dates, **Sat. Oct 15th** and **Sat. Oct. 22nd**, to accept and sort the donations. Here is additional information regarding the collection facility:*

Address: 5967-5973 Northwest 31st Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

Directions: Take I-95 to Cypress Creek Road, head west 2.7 miles and turn South onto NW 31st Avenue. The complex is in the first buildings south of the FPL substation south of the corner, called Lakeview Plaza. The space is in the second building past the gas station. The sign above the space is for Expose Yourself digital printing. A map and picture of the space are shown below.

Hours: **Sat. Oct. 15th**, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and **Sat. Oct. 22nd**, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m

What we need from your club:

1. Get the word out on the collection effort to your club members and via your social media platforms.
2. Coordinate collection and transportation of donations to collection facility on designated dates
3. We need MANY volunteers to assist with processing and sorting donations as they are received. Even if you can only come for a few hours, we will need all the help we can get!

If you are interested and available to travel to the impacted areas to assist, please contact Don Horton as we have been asked to team-up and travel together to reduce the amount of cars in the area. Additionally, you may contact these Rotarians in Rotary District 6960; District Disaster Relief Committee Chair Mark Midyett: mark@suncoasthomepros.com, DGN Kelsey Mitchell: kelsey.mitchell@kw.com and Disaster Relief Volunteer Coordinator, Judy Hammond: judyhammond@ymail.com, and register online at RotaryFL.org.

Thanks in advance for your assistance. Below please also find an updated list of items which we are accepting. Please note that we will only be able to accept items on this list - please do NOT arrange for the donation of water, clothing, toys or household items at this time.

Yours in Rotary Service,

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District Governor
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Rotary District 6990 – Disaster Recovery Supply Collection Item List

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| Tarps, | Pet Food |
| Rope, | Hoses |
| Bungie cords, | Solar Chargers |
| Sunscreen, | Generators |
| Mosquito Spray | Caps/Hats |
| Gas Cans. | Towels |
| Coolers. | Air Mattresses |
| Re-usable shopping bags, | Dust Masks |
| Toilet Paper. | Soaps & Sanitizers |
| Paper plates, | Cleaning Wipes |
| Plastic Ware. | Gloves |
| Paper Towels | Clorox and Disinfectants |

We also see a need for gift cards from stores that are locally available and open, such as:
Home Depot,
CVS,
Publix,
Winn Dixie &
Walgreens,

THEY DO NOT NEED WATER, CLOTHING, AND TOYS AND WE SHOULD NOT ACCEPT SOMEONE'S LEFT OVER YARD SALE ITEMS OR THIS WILL ADD TO THEIR ISSUES... IT SOUNDS MEAN BUT IT'S THE FACT - THEY NEED TO DIG OUT AND CLEAN Up!

For questions and additional information, please visit the District website. Also, you may contact:

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Also, I am pleased to advise you that I had been developing a relationship and MOU with Global Empowerment Mission (GEM), a leading non-profit based in Miami that collects needed goods and delivers them to disaster areas all around the world. I will keep you posted as we formalize this relationship, as it will be an extremely valuable and impactful partnership.