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“KEEP ON KEEPIN’ ON” DISASTER WORKSHOP TARGETS FAITH AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Free workshop prepares faith and community-based organizations to serve their clients in the aftermath of a disaster ...

NAPLES — The Collier County Bureau of Emergency Services, in partnership with the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service (Volunteer Florida), will host a workshop on disaster survival and recovery for faith and community-based organizations. Scheduled for May 5 at the Edison State College Collier Campus, the full-day workshop prepares community organizations to survive a hurricane or other disaster and to anticipate and meet the disaster-related needs of their clients and the community.

The Keep On Keepin’ On workshop is free, but organization representatives must pre-register by April 27. Seating is limited so early registration is suggested. Register online at: https://www.regonline.com/63369_700825F.

Collier County human services organizations of all kinds; representatives of faith-based, education, government, civic, fraternal, and other community organizations are all encouraged to participate.

Every disaster is local and the first help available to survivors often comes from local organizations that have received training and participated in disaster exercises. Even those organizations whose primary mission is unrelated to disaster can play important roles in community recovery.

Through discussion and exercises based on a realistic disaster scenario, the workshop will prepare organizations to survive and thrive in the post-disaster community, to anticipate and meet survivors’ critical needs, develop collaborative projects and engage volunteers in helping the community to recover.

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For additional information, please contact Judy Scribner at Collier County Bureau of Emergency Services at 239-252-8000.

The Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service was established in 1994 by the Florida Legislature to administer grants under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. The Commission grants funds to Florida AmeriCorps and National Service programs; encourages volunteerism for everyone from youths to seniors to people with disabilities; promotes volunteerism in emergency management and preparedness; supports the Governor's priority initiatives through the creation of innovative volunteer programs; and helps to strengthen and expand Volunteer Centers in Florida.

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