

As of September 30, 2023

Hurricane Ian made landfall in Florida on September 28, 2022. From the date of landfall to September 30, 2023, Through the Florida Disaster Fund, the Volunteer Florida Foundation has over \$63 million in donations for Hurricane Ian relief.

On April 12, 2023, Southeast Florida experienced a 1-in-1,000-year rain event. Dumping over 25 inches of rain in a 24-hour period sparking flash flooding and closing Ft. Lauderdale International Airport and displacing thousands of residents.

On August 26, 2023, a racially motivated shooting occurred at a Dollar General store in Jacksonville, claiming three individuals' lives. Through the Florida Disaster Fund, the Volunteer Florida Foundation awarded \$1 million to bolster campus security at Edward Waters University in addition to an award of \$100,000 to help the impacted families of this tragedy.

Hurricane Idalia made landfall in Florida on August 30, 2023. From the date of landfall to September 30, 2023, Through the Florida Disaster Fund, the Volunteer Florida Foundation has collected over \$3.9 million in donations for Hurricane Idalia relief.

FLORIDA DISASTER FUND UPDATE

As of September 30, 2023, Volunteer Florida Foundation has awarded all the \$63.2 million in committed and received funds for recovery efforts to Floridians impacted by Hurricane Ian and the Southeast Florida flooding. The \$63.2 million included expedited response grants given to nonprofits, school board foundations, first responder foundations, social service organizations, Long Term Recovery Groups, rebuilding organizations and programs to assist small businesses in their reopening. In response to the flooding event, \$1.5 million was awarded which included expedited response grants to nonprofit organizations who assisted with the immediate efforts for the flood victims.

In addition, the Volunteer Florida Foundation awarded \$1.4 million to strengthen campus security at Edward Waters University and \$100,000 to help the impacted families of this tragedy. In response to Hurricane Idalia, the Volunteer Florida Foundation has awarded \$1.6 million in funding to nonprofits working on the recovery response in Florida.

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"We are incredibly thankful to the Education Foundation for providing us with money to get our Foundation repaired. We can have peace of mind during the next heavy rain. It has since been repaired and we are working on saving to complete the rest of the repairs. THANK YOU!"

--Jennie Reisinger, Teacher, Taylor Ranch School

FLORIDA DISASTER GRANT AWARDS- HURRICANE IAN

●Save the Children ●The Salvation Army ●American Red Cross ●Adventists Community Services ●Team Rubicon ● Good360 ●Catholic Charities ●Islamic Relief ●Feeding Florida ●Midwest Food Bank ●World Renew ●ToolBank ●Operation BBQ Relief ●United Way Collier County Florida State Lodge FOP Memorial Foundation Inc Florida PBA Heart Fund Inc ●Florida Firefighters Charities Fund ●Florida Sheriffs Association ●The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools ●Education Foundation of Sarasota County ●Charlotte Local Education Foundation ●Hardee Education Foundation ●DeSoto County Education Foundation ●Education Foundation of Collier County ●Team Rubicon● Southern Baptist ●FlourishNow, Inc. ●DBA Better Together ●Samaritan's Purse ●Lee BIA Builders Care ●Area Agency on Aging ●FEPA ●National Guard ●Charlotte Community Foundation Collaboratory ●Feeding Florida ●Harry Chapin Food Bank ●Safe Children Coalition ●Senior Connection Center ●Senior Friendship Centers ●Senior Resource Alliance ●Mothers Helping Mothers ●NU-HOPE ●Elder Care Services, Inc. ●One More Child ●Osceola Council on Aging (OCA) ●All Faiths Foodbank of Sarasota ●Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida ●Bridge a Life ● Children's Network of Southwest Florida ●Community Legal Services of Mid Florida ●Northeast Florida Area Agency on Aging dba Elder Source ●The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools Education Foundation of Sarasota County ●Hardee Education Foundation ●DeSoto County Education Foundation● Education Foundation of Collier County ●Gulf Coast Partnership dba Charlotte County Long Term Recovery Task Force Communities of Everglades Recovery Group ● Our Daily Bread Food Pantry dba Greater Marco LTRG (Collier Disaster Alliance) ●Immokalee Unmet Needs Coalition (Redlands Christian Migrant Assoc) DeSoto Hope (Desoto County Chamber) ●Hardee LTRG ●United Way of Lee County Inc dba UW of Lee, Hendry & Glades Co ●LASER ●Lee County LTRG (Catholic Charities of Diocese of Venice) ●Greater Pine Island Alliance ●Monroe County Community Organizations Active in Disaster LTRG ●RISE Orlando dba Orange County Long Term Recovery Group ●Osceola REDI ●Putnam Disaster Recovery Fiscal-Heart of Putnam dba Palatka Christian Serv Ctr United Way of South Sarasota County dba Sarasota LTRG ●Seminole HEART ●VIND ●Adventists Community Services ●Small Business Rebuilding - Impact Foundation ●Restaurant and Lodging - FRLA Education Foundation

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FLORIDA DISASTER FUND GRANT AWARDS- SOUTHEAST FLORIDA FLOODING

•The Salvation Army •Feeding South Florida •Midwest Foodbank •Team Rubicon •Southern Baptists
•Global Empowerment Mission •Church World Services •Broward LTRG •211 Broward

FLORIDA DISASTER FUND GRANT AWARDS- JACKSONVILLE INCIDENT

•Edward Waters University •Northwest Behavioral Health Services, Inc.

FLORIDA DISASTER FUND GRANT AWARDS- HURRICANE IDALIA

•Cajun Navy Ground Force •Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida •Convoy of Hope •Dixie Education
Foundation •Feeding Florida •First Baptist Church of Horseshoe Beach •Florida Baptist Convention
Disaster Relief •Florida State Animal Response Coalition •Florida UMC Disaster Relief •Hamilton
County Public Schools Foundation •Lafayette Penny Foundation •Levy County Schools Foundation
•Madison County Foundation for Excellence in Education •Mercy Chefs •Operation BBQ Relief
•Salvation Army •Second Harvest of the Big Bend •Suwannee Education Foundation •Taylor County
Education Foundation •Team Rubicon •The Redemption Center Church of Crystal River •ToolBank USA

***“Thanks to the incredible assistance we received, our family has been able to
regain stability in a big way. We are now able to focus on rebuilding our
lives and moving forward with renewed hope and optimism. The impact of
Mothers Helping Mothers on our lives cannot be overstated, and we will
forever be grateful for their unwavering support during our time of need.***

--Justin Willis, When All Else Fails, Inc., Executive Director

SELECT SUCCESS STORIES

Cajun Navy- Cajun Navy provided hot meals and supplies to the residents of rural areas following Hurricane Idalia. Also, they continue to conduct chainsaw operations for access issues in and around Madison County as well as aiding the Community Caretaking programs. They are also performing a wide range of work including tree removal, debris removal, community assistance, and wellness checks.

Convoy of Hope- Convoy of Hope has provided essential supplies to 600 vehicles through a drive-thru distribution. As a result of Hurricane Idalia’s devastating effects, they were able to provide essential support and relief to children in need throughout the state. There were hundreds of families stranded without transportation, unable to obtain basic supplies to meet their needs. In addition to distributing food, water, diapers, formula, mattresses, tarps, and mosquito nets, they also provided emotional support to families. By providing volunteer manpower and supplies, they were able to help families demolish and rebuild their homes. Through their collaborative efforts, a variety of volunteers and partners were brought together, including community organizations, state governments, and religious organizations.

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Feeding Florida- The Feeding Florida network of food banks has been hard at work since before Hurricane Idalia made landfall in the Big Bend area. They set up 2 mega-distributions in the cities of Perry and Cross City where more than 2,000 households were able to obtain critical resources. Their networks of food banks have distributed 224,000 meals, over 363,000 ½ liter bottles of water, and 40,000 pounds of fresh produce. Their efforts across the state have helped individuals and families in 23 counties, deploying critical resources through 44 mass distributions, agency drops, and site visits.

Mothers Helping Mothers – Mothers Helping Mothers reported nearly 4,000 monthly transactions on their Helping Hands community group, a resource designed for sharing necessities off-site. They assisted 515 families, including supplying a mother with a bicycle so she could get to work and furniture for flood victims. They also conducted a survey of 273 homeowners to identify their unmet needs.

Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay Inc.- Rebuilding Together provides disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and long-term recovery support to help families and communities affected by natural disasters to rebuild their homes and lives. They not only respond to disasters, but build and strengthen communities in its long-term recovery activities throughout the state. Seventy-two projects have been completed, and 56 are in progress across sixteen (16) counties. As a Voluntary Organization Active in Disaster (VOAD), they strive to increase their impact in the affected communities.

Samaritan's Purse Disaster Response- Samaritan's Purse has provided assistance to 63 families in Pasco and Hernando counties with muck out, debris removal, and tarping of their homes. A total of 830 requests have been received for chainsaw/tree clearance work. They also have nine chaplains who visit residents who have suffered damage due to disasters.

ToolBankUSA- Samaritan's Purse has provided assistance to 63 families in Pasco and Hernando counties with muck out, debris removal, and tarping of their homes. A total of 830 requests have been received for chainsaw/tree clearance work. They also have nine chaplains who visit residents who have suffered damage due to disasters.

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“Thank you, Team Rubicon for coming in and saving my life after Hurricane Ian. You gave me hope when I gave up. I thought I had no emotions left in me. You all have been a blessing to Southwest Florida.”

—Scott, Resident in Florida



In summary, Florida's recovery efforts following Hurricanes Ian and Idalia have been historic. In addition to that, the State of Florida has responded statewide to the aftermath of the flooding in Southeast Florida and the Jacksonville shooting incident. As a result of this report, you will see how resources were coordinated to help the impacted areas. Our goal is to continue distributing funds until we have distributed the entire amount designated for rebuilding the affected communities.