

Safe Children Coalition receives grants in the wake of Hurricane Ian

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Funding has supported roof repairs for SCC's DeSoto County office and gift cards for children and families in need

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Safe Children Coalition staff members Isabella Batalla and Tonia Hutchinson with gift cards purchased through a grant from Gulf Coast Community Foundation (Courtesy photo/Safe



The roof of Safe Children Coalition’s DeSoto County office was damaged during Hurricane Ian and repaired thanks to a grant from the Selby Foundation (Courtesy photo/Safe Children Coalition)

In the wake of Hurricane Ian, there were numerous impacts to community members, businesses, and nonprofit organizations; few in the path of the storm emerged unscathed. However, thanks to two generous area foundations, Safe Children Coalition (SCC), children, foster families, and families participating in prevention and diversion programs received timely assistance to help them through tough times.

SCC’s DeSoto County office is a 6,513 square-foot building with a flat roof. Approximately 160 lineal feet of drip edge and membrane were damaged by the hurricane on the north side of the building, and a portion of the roof needed to be properly refastened; contractors also recommended the replacement of the entire drip edge along the roof’s bottom eave. The estimates gathered for all recommended repairs were just below SCC’s hurricane deductible, meaning the nonprofit organization would have to pay out of pocket, diverting precious funds from mission-critical programs and services.

The William G. and Marie Selby Foundation came to SCC's rescue with a grant of \$16,250, which enabled the child welfare organization to get its roof fixed up to code promptly.

Additionally, many intact, reunited, and foster families receiving services from SCC suffered home and property damage as well as the loss of perishables due to power outages. To help individuals and families in need, Gulf Coast Community Foundation awarded a grant of \$30,000 from its Hurricane Ian Recovery Initiative to purchase up to 600 Visa gift cards in the amount of \$50 each. These have been distributed to foster families and other families in need.

“While Hurricane Ian may have been some time ago, there are still too many of our families who are in various stages of recovery from the storm,” said SCC president and CEO Brena Slater. “We are so grateful to Gulf Coast Community Foundation and the Selby Foundation for their significant contributions to helping our community to rebuild and recover from this catastrophic event.”

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About Safe Children Coalition, Inc.

Safe Children Coalition, Inc. (SCC) serves as the lead agency for community-based care for Sarasota, Manatee and DeSoto counties. SCC is a collaboration between local community agencies who provide services to children and families in need. SCC is committed to protecting children, strengthening families, and building community. The core functions provided by SCC include child welfare case management, foster care, adoption, independent living, prevention, diversion, quality management, and support services. Visit sccfl.org or call 941-371-4799.

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