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Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Suncoast Hurricane Relief



Rescuers help residents trapped by rising water in North Port Friday morning. (WWSB-TV)

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SARASOTA, Fla. (WWSB) - The Suncoast always comes together when we need each other. As the flood waters recede and we clean up following Hurricane Ian, we want to create a directory of those who help in times of need.

First off, our parent company Gray Media, is partnering with the Salvation Army to raise money for hurricane relief. You can learn more about that [here](#).

All Faiths Food Bank:

They have an **emergency food distribution on October 5 from 3-5 p.m at the Van Wezel.**

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Catholic Charities:





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The Charlotte County Government is setting up distribution centers with water and food.



Charlotte County Emergency Management
on Saturday

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Charlotte Sports Park
2300 El Jobean Rd., Port Charlotte
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Food & water distributed as available.

Muscle Car City
10175 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Food, water and tarps distributed as available.

Good News! We have a NEW distribution site opened in Punta Gorda that will have food, water and tarps! This site will be available from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at 10175 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda.

Remember that you can also get food and water at the Charlotte Sports Park located at 2300 El Jobean Rd., Port Charlotte from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Murdock Administration is NOT a distribution site.

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Christ Church of Longboat Key:

Food Drive to Benefit Our Daily Bread Food Bank in Bradenton

Location: Christ Church of Longboat Key, 6400 Gulf of Mexico Drive

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Wednesday, October 5th, 9-10:30 am

Contact person: Sue Wertman (941) 383-1731, quackbf@aol.com

Attached is a flyer with details concerning what is most needed.

We appreciate your assistance in publicizing this and other events in our area to help those in need.

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The Foundation is [accepting donations](#) to assist in the recovery from the devastating impacts of Hurricane Ian. The Disaster Relief Fund will focus south of Venice and east to Arcadia where we have witnessed catastrophic flooding and loss of homes. Nonprofits requesting funds to assist with their recover and relief efforts can visit [this form](#).

Manatee Community Foundation:

For residents and visitors wanting to help, the [Manatee Community Foundation](#)'s Disaster Relief Fund—which is focused on Manatee residents and relief after the Hurricane—is matching donations 1:1 with funds from the Bishop Parker Foundation. More information is available at <https://manateecf.org/donors/support-our-community-after-a-disaster/>.

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Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief:

The faith-based group is working to clean up debris and to help homeowners in SWFL.



Samaritan's Purse
on Saturday

We are responding in southwest Florida after Hurricane Ian made its way through the area leaving a trail of damage. We need volunteers to join us in serving the hardest hit communities. Learn more and sign up here: <https://sampur.se/3E4A80F>

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Suncoast Charities for Children feeding FPL workers and lineman:

If you are one of the people working to restore power, Suncoast Charities for Children is feeding lineworkers at the Sarasota County Fairgrounds daily!





Suncoast Charities for Children are feeding FPL workers (Suncoast Charities For ChildrenWWS)

[Streets of Paradise Inc.:](#)

The company will be offering free showers for those who need to feel clean and refreshed. They are also in need of donations for high operational costs.

Grateful to be in service providing showers to the evacuees now located at the Venice High School.

We will be here each day as long as needed. Donations are gratefully accepted as the need is immense.

We will be back in Sarasota for Foodshare and showers at 734 Central Ave at 11am. ... [See more](#)



\$1,515 raised for Streets of Paradise Inc.

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Sarasota County Schools:

The school district has some shelters in place.

[Post by Sarasota County Schools.](#)

The schools say if you would like to donate supplies you can drop them off in one of the following locations:

- **Riverside Church**
 - Address: 8660 Daniel’s Parkway, Ft. Myers
 - Drop-Off dates & timeframe: Monday, October 3 to Thursday, October 6 – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM each day
- **Grace Community Church**
 - Address: 8000 Bee Ridge Rd, Sarasota, FL, 34241
 - Drop-Off dates & timeframe: Monday, October 3 to Sunday, October 9 – 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM each day
- **First Sarasota – The Downtown Baptist Church**
 - Address: 1661 Main Street, Sarasota, FL 34236
 - Drop-Off dates & timeframe: Monday, October 3 to Wednesday, October 5 – 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM each day
- **South Shore Community Church**
 - Address: 1899 South Tuttle Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34239
 - Drop-Off dates & timeframe: Monday, October 3 to Saturday, October 8 – 12:00 to 7:00 PM each day
- **Coast Life Church**
 - Address: 1100 U.S. Hwy 41 Bypass, Venice
 - Drop-Off date & timeframes: Monday, October 3 – 8:00 to 10:00 AM **and** 4:00 to 7:00 PM
- **Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee**
 - Address: 580 McIntosh Rd. Sarasota. FL 34232





Coast Life Church will be hosting a BBQ dinner for those in need on Monday, October 3 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at their new campus (100 U.S. Hwy 41 Bypass, Venice, FL 34285).

What items are needed?

Everything. There are varying levels & types of need in our community right now and a wide variety of care items would be helpful:

- Basic toiletries like shampoo, toothpaste, hairbrushes and toothbrushes, body wash & soap
- Clothing items like shirts, skirts, pants, hoodies/jackets, socks, and shoes
- Blankets, sheets, sleeping bags & pillows
- Nonperishable food items such as peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned soup, & cereal
- Bottled water, juice boxes
- Comfort items like stuffed animals, books, and games

Salvation Army Feeding Services:

The Salvation Army Feeding Services Lunch will be provided around noon/1 p.m. and dinner will be provided around 4:30/5 p.m. at the following locations:

19048 Edgewater Drive, Port Charlotte

4701 Huntsville Ave., North Port

14200 Hopewell Ave., Port Charlotte

1602 Kramer Way, North Port

5001 Taylor Road, Punta Gorda

6220 Golf Course Blvd., Punta Gorda

21075 Quesda Ave., Port Charlotte

700 E. Dearborn St., Englewood

2155 Ridgewood Drive, North Port

Additional locations and services are developing for Venice and North Port areas.

Florida Disaster Fund

The state's official private relief fund was "established to assist Florida's communities as they respond to and recover during times of emergency or disaster," according to its website.

- You can [donate online](#), send a check, or text "DISASTER" to 20222 to make a \$10 donation.

The Red Cross





We will continue to update this list.

- You can [donate online](#) or text "IAN" to 90999 to make a \$10 donation. The group is also asking for blood donors.

Goodwill Manasota

Hurricane Roof Damage, Reunification, Clean-up, Roof Tarping, Fallen Trees, Mold Mitigation, Drywall/Flooring/
Appliance Removal, and more.

APPLY FOR DISASTER RELIEF RESOURCES: TEXT "RELIEF" to 941-254-5977

MISSION HURRICANE RELIEF LINE: 1-888-230-8820

If you or a loved one need information and referral resources for mental health, grief, or trauma counseling services, please contact the Goodwill Manasota's Mission Hurricane Relief Line.

HURRICANE EMERGENCY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTERS

Available: 8:00 AM-5:30 PM • 7 Days A Week

Rialto

676 S Tamiami Trail

Venice, FL 34285

1-888-230-8820

Corporate Campus

2715 51st Ave E

Bradenton, FL 34203

1-888-230-8820

Veterans Services

8490 Lockwood Ridge Rd

Sarasota, FL 34243





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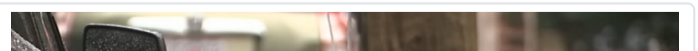
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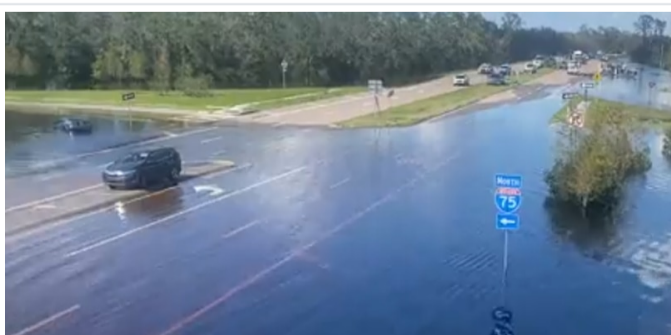


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