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STAFF REPORT

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VENICE — Gulf Coast Community Foundation has activated its Disaster Relief Fund.

You can make a credit card donation at <u>GulfCoastCF.org/disasterfund</u>.

Or, a check can be mailed to Gulf Coast Community Foundation, 601 Tamiami Trail South, Venice, FL 34285, with "Hurricane Ian" in the memo line.

People who have a donor-advised fund at GCCF can use the portal on its website to recommend a grant to the Disaster Relief Fund.

Donations, which are tax deductible, will be used to support efforts to recover and rebuild in the nonprofit community, a news release states.

Local nonprofit organizations serving Sarasota and its surrounding communities can request funds to assist with their relief efforts at <u>GulfCoastCF.org/disasterfundrequests</u>.

The Education Foundation of Sarasota County has established a Hurricane Ian Disaster Relief & Recovery Fund to accept monetary donations to support Sarasota County Schools and its 5,000-plus employees, according to a news release.

Except for two schools being used as shelters for displaced residents, all the district's schools are currently closed while they are being assessed for damage.

It announced Tuesday that schools from Taylor Ranch Elementary north are expected to reopen Oct. 10, with the rest reopening a week later.

Online donations to the fund can be made at: <u>bit.ly/3C8KOsm</u>.

Checks payable to Education Foundation of Sarasota County with "Hurricane Relief Fund" in the memo field can be mailed to or dropped off at the Education Foundation's location at 1413 Blvd. of the Arts, Sarasota, Fla., 34236, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.