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DISASTER RESPONDERS REQUEST DONATIONS

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, TALLAHASSEE - Even before Hurricane Charley pounded southwest Florida, community and faith organizations were already mobilized and ready to respond. Now as they provide vital services to hurricane victims, donations are needed to sustain relief operations.

As response and recovery efforts begin, Volunteer Florida, the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism & Community Service, is working closely with the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD), the Florida Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (FLVOAD), and Florida Interfaith Networking in Disaster (FIND) to coordinate the activities of response agencies.

The following is a list of several FLVOAD agencies currently serving the victims of Hurricane Charley and accepting donations:

Adventist Community Services
1-800-381-7171

American Red Cross
1-800-HELP-NOW

Christian Contractors Association
1-800-278-7703

Church World Service
1-800-297-1516
www.churchworldservice.org

Convoy of Hope
330 S. Patterson Ave.
Springfield, MO 65802
www.convoyofhope.org

Florida Conference United Church of Christ
420 N. Magnolia Ave., Suite 250
Orlando, FL 32803

Florida Interfaith Networking in Disaster
Donations may be made through: www.floridadisasters.org

The Humane Society of the United States - Disaster Services
Donations Line: (888)-259-5431
Donations Website: https://secure.hsus.org/01/disaster_relief_fund

Lutheran Disaster Response
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
ELCA DOMESTIC Disaster Response
Credit card gift line: 1-800-638-3573
Via the Web: www.elca.org/disaster
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod World Relief
Credit Card gift line: 1-888-930-4478

The Salvation Army
1-800-995-ARMY

Southern Baptist Convention
Donations may be made through: www.namb.net

All donations given to the State of Florida are accepted by the Volunteer Florida Foundation. Funds are placed in an interest bearing account and all proceeds are granted to disaster relief organizations serving Hurricane Charley victims. To donate to the Volunteer Florida Foundation, call (850) 921-0457.

In times of disaster, Volunteers & Donations are coordinated by Volunteer Florida, the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism & Community Service. Volunteer Florida encourages all citizens to get involved in their communities through volunteerism and service. For more information visit www.volunteerflorida.org.

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