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POSTS LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT NEED DONATIONS

Relief Organizations Need Donations to Sustain Relief and Recovery Operations

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, TALLAHASSEE – The most effective way to help Hurricane Dennis disaster victims is to make a financial contribution to the charity of your choice. Volunteer Florida has posted a list of organizations assisting the disaster relief efforts on their Website, www.volunteerflorida.org. Individuals may also contact the Florida Volunteer and Donations hotline at 1-800-FL-HELP-1(1-800-354-3571) between the hours of 8 a.m. EST through 8 p.m. EST.

Cash donations help organizations avoid the labor and expense of sorting, packing, transporting and distributing donated goods, and voluntary relief agencies can use cash to meet hurricane victims’ specific needs more quickly.

As response and recovery efforts begin, Volunteer Florida, the Governor’s Commission on Volunteerism & Community Service, is working closely with relief organizations to coordinate the activities of response agencies.

The Governor’s Commission on Volunteerism & Community Service was established in 1994 by the Florida Legislature to administer grants under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. The Commission grants funds to Florida AmeriCorps and National Service programs; encourages volunteerism for everyone from youths to seniors to people with disabilities; promotes volunteerism in emergency management and preparedness; and helps to strengthen and expand Volunteer Centers in Florida.
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Following is a list of several relief organizations currently serving the victims of Hurricane Dennis and accepting donations:

The Florida Hurricane Relief Fund
www.flahurricanefund.org

American Red Cross (ARC)
www.redcross.org

Christian Contractors Association, Inc. (CCA)
www.christiancontractorsassociation.org

Christian Disaster Response (CDR)
www.cdresponse.org

Church World Service (CWS)
Community Crisis Support Team
www.churchworldservice.org

Compassion Alliance
www.compassionalliance.org

Corporation for National & Community Service (CNS)
www.nationalservice.org

Florida Association of Food Banks (FAFB)
www.fafb.org

Florida Association of Volunteer Centers (FAVC)
http://www.floridavolunteercenters.org/

Florida Baptist Disaster Relief
www.floridabaptistwitness.com

Florida Catholic Conference
www.flacathconf.org/donations.htm

Florida Conference of Seven Day Adventist
www.floridaconference.com

Florida Department of Elder Affairs (FDEA)
http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/

Florida Immediate Response Stress Team (FIRST)

Florida Interfaith Networking in Disaster (FIND)
www.findflorida.org

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Florida Jaycees (FJ)
www.fljaycees.org

Florida United Methodist Conference
www.flumc.org

Florida Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (FVOAD)
www.flvoad.org

Lions of Florida
www.lionsofflorida.org

The Salvation Army (TSA)
www.salvationarmyusa.org

The United Way (UW)
http://www.uwof.org/

For more information, visit www.volunteerflorida.org.

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