

# District 6940 Hurricane Michael Disaster Relief and Assistance



## OPERATION TARP THE PANHANDLE

Thank you for ALL you continue to do for our disaster recovery efforts. We have been working with several Rotarian partners from other districts to organize a project that can have a very meaningful impact on disaster survivors and the communities impacted by Hurricane Michael. While we will continue to call for volunteers and supplies, we have a few roles that will be critical to Operation Tarp the Panhandle:

- **Sign up Genius Coordinator (or similar App or system)** – We will have volunteers who will want to participate in this volunteer project. We need a coordinator who can assist me with setting-up and managing the web/app based system. Last year, District 6960 (Southwest Florida) used sign up genius as the volunteer management system, but there may be a better platform.
- **Property Inspectors (2-3 in Panama City Beach, 1-2 in Port St. Joe, 1-2 in Lynn Haven and 1-2 in Apalachicola)** – These are volunteers who would go out to the prospective home site or business, take a few pictures showing the damage, and determine if the project meets the guidelines. We will use a website ([crisiscleanup.org](http://crisiscleanup.org)) to identify and report on available projects.
- **Hospitality Coordinator(s)** – We have both host Rotarians and other arrangements for volunteers who need housing. We simply need 1-2 coordinators who can assist me with coordinating this important component.

Please let me know of “**any**” Rotarians in your Areas who may be interested in learning more about these critical roles (**note that two of these three opportunities don’t require a physical presence in the disaster area – just access via email and cell**).

Thank you for ALL you do.

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I will be posting more information and ways to access assistance both here and on our District Facebook Pages. If you need any assistance, please reach out to me, your Assistant Governors, or your Club Emergency Response Coordinator.

Florida Highway Alerts 511      <https://fl511.com/>

Florida Power Outage      <https://poweroutage.us/area/state/florida>

Watch this space for additional support links and resources.

Please continue reading for ways to support your fellow Rotarians.



As you are well-aware, District 6940 has experienced a direct hit from Hurricane Michael. While the impact of this storm will be far-reaching and will require a long-term strategy for restoration throughout D6940, we are particularly in thought and prayer for those coastal communities in the

Panhandle that are impacted the most by wind, rain, storm surge, flooding, etc.

We encourage you to access our District website <http://www.rotary6940.org/> and our District Facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryInternationalDistrict6940/> to get updated information.

District 6940 has established three ways to contribute to this disaster relief:

- Online Donations can be made via our Facebook Site <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryInternationalDistrict6940/>
- On DACdb - Hurricane Michael Relief Fund
  - **Public link:** <http://www.IsMyRotaryClub.org/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77409263&NoCaptcha> or
  - **Rotarian link:** <http://www.directory-online.com/Rotary/index.cfm?EventID=77409263>
- For Donors wishing a tax donor acknowledgement, please send your checks to
  - **“District 6940 Foundation”** and write **“Hurricane Michael Relief”** in the memoline.  
Mail checks to **Mike Tatem (District 6940 Treasurer) at  
268 NW Lake Jeffery Road, Lake City, FL 32055.**
  - All donations will be processed and deposited into the District 6940 Foundation account.

Regardless of your donation method, all donations will be appropriated towards those most impacted by Hurricane Michael.