



Hurricane Relief Fund Distribution Report

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On September 10, 2017 Hurricane Irma made landfall in Southwest Florida, and left behind significant damage in Immokalee, Florida, a community with a large number of mobile homes and substandard housing.

In the aftermath, the Guadalupe Center felt a responsibility to the community we have served for more than 35 years. To that end, we established the Hurricane Irma Relief Fund – a fund to be used to help mitigate the losses left in the wake of the hurricane.

Our Board of Trustees established a Hurricane Relief Committee. The committee was tasked with consulting with a variety of local businesses and non-profit partners to determine needs and use of funds.

The Hurricane Relief Committee recommended and the Board of Trustees approved the following distribution of funds:

- \$50,000 to support the establishment of the Bennison Distribution Center with resources to support the community – box trucks, supplies, etc.
- \$240,000 to provide new homes for 4 families. Three mobile homes and one down payment on a new home.
- \$65,000 to assist 15 families with materials, fees and labor for home repairs.
- \$20,000 to assist six families with insurance deductible expenses.
- \$12,000 – Guadalupe Center hurricane repairs – tree removal, building repairs, playground repairs.

In addition, funds were utilized to subsidize Guadalupe Center payroll for two weeks post-Irma, as well as to waive parent fees.

The remaining funds will be distributed in coming months.

