



## ***Neighbors to the Rescue – Haiti Fund***

Floridians and neighbors across the country can contribute to “Neighbors to the Rescue – Haiti Fund” by going to [www.FLADisasterRecoveryFund.org](http://www.FLADisasterRecoveryFund.org) – or by calling 1-800-825-3786.

**Neighbors to the Rescue** will assist those affected by the devastating earthquake in Haiti and are relocating within the state of Florida. Additionally, Florida-based organizations providing recovery programs in Haiti may qualify for assistance from the Fund. The **Florida Disaster Recovery Fund** has managed the **Neighbors to the Rescue** program since 2005. **Neighbors to the Rescue** supports Florida nonprofit organizations assisting with long-term recovery and unmet needs for Florida’s regional neighbors affected by disaster.

As of January 27, 2010, more than 15,000 refugees/survivors have arrived in Florida and more than 6,000 of these have received direct assistance from the Florida Department of Children and Families including food and water, mental health counseling, and translation services. Citizens and those granted temporary humanitarian status may be eligible for SSI, Food Stamps, TANF and Refugee Medical Assistance. They are also allowed to apply for work authorization. While these services help, the most vulnerable still may have needs that are not met by government assistance.

Long-term recovery includes:

- relocation expenses such as rental assistance, automotive repairs, emergency gas cards;
- employment expenses such as job training and placement, child care expenses, bus passes and other transportation costs;
- tax preparation assistance; and
- assistance with low-cost prescriptions, as many face mounting physical and emotional medical needs.

The **Florida Disaster Recovery Fund** has a history of strong program oversight so you can trust that 100% of the dollars are monitored and managed appropriately. The **Disaster Fund** competitively funds programs to ensure efficiency in recovery activities. The fund has a proven record for assisting with those activities and providing resources other than cash as needed to ensure accountability and effectiveness in getting the job done.

### **About the Florida Disaster Recovery Fund**

The **Florida Disaster Recovery Fund**, formerly the Florida Hurricane Relief Fund, was initiated during the 2004 hurricane season to assist with the unmet and long-term recovery needs of survivors. The fund is managed by the nonprofit **Volunteer Florida Foundation** and fueled entirely by private sector donations. For more information about the Volunteer Florida Foundation please visit [www.volunteerfloridafoundation.org](http://www.volunteerfloridafoundation.org).

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