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## Hearts With Hands Disaster Relief, Hurricane Ian update.

**Swannanoa, NC, October 31, 2022: 9:00AM EST.** || For 25 days in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, Hearts with Hands staff and volunteers served residents of Naples, Port Charlotte, Cape Coral, Fort Myers, and surrounding areas. 10,000 meals were served from the Hearts with Hands Mobile Kitchen Trailer, 5,000 Box of Hope non-perishable food boxes were distributed, along with hygiene kits, cleaning supplies, baby diapers and pet food. We are grateful for the partnership of First Baptist Church in Naples, Florida allowing Hearts with Hands to setup distribution sites and the kitchen trailer, and packing 1200 Box of Hope food boxes. The Collier County Sheriffs department assisted with the distributions. A total of 93,215 lbs of supplies were shipped from the warehouse in Swannanoa, North Carolina. We appreciate the donations received, the volunteers who served, several local businesses who have supported us as collection sites, and we continue to pray for those affected by Hurricane Ian, and the communities that face a long road to rebuild and recover after the devastating storm.

**Swannanoa, NC, October 10, 2022: 11:00AM EST.** || Hearts with Hands sent a third trailer load of relief supplies to Naples, Florida, on Friday, October 9. This shipment included 24,974 lbs of Box of Hope non-perishable, baby diapers and wipes, mold killer, cleaning supplies. Distribution of those supplies continued Saturday and Sunday. The Hearts with Hands kitchen trailer continues to serve meals from the First Baptist Church, Naples.

**Swannanoa, NC, October 5, 2022: 9:00AM EST.** || Hearts with Hands has assisted over 6,900 residents of Naples, Florida and surrounding areas, in the wake of Hurricane Ian. Monday October 3, the Hearts with Hands Kitchen trailer arrived in Naples, Florida and began serving meals to residents of Naples, the Collier County Sheriff Department and Marco Police Department. The second trailer load of supplies arrived in Naples, including the Box of Hope food boxes, hygiene kits and paper kits. Distribution of those supplies began Tuesday October 4. We are grateful for the partnership of Collier County Sheriff Department and volunteers of First Baptist Church of Naples who continue to assist with distributions and serving meals from the kitchen trailer.

**Swannanoa, NC, October 2, 2022: 7:00PM EST.** || Saturday October 1 and Sunday October 2, at the Hearts with Hands warehouse, 58 volunteers packed 27,000lbs of relief supplies to include 1800 Box of Hope food boxes, hygiene kits and paper kits. These supplies were loaded onto a trailer, to be shipped on Monday October 3.

In Naples Florida, on Saturday October 1 and Sunday October 2, Greg Lentz, Hearts with Hands Director, and Kevin Taylor, Missions Pastor of First Baptist Church of Naples coordinated the relief efforts with over 300 volunteers, distributing Box of Hope food boxes in

surrounding neighborhoods where homes and businesses were severely damaged in the storm, and provided meals to the Collier county Sheriffs Department,

**Swannanoa, NC, October 1, 2022: 6:00PM EST.** || Hearts with Hands is actively assisting residents of Naples, Florida in the wake of Hurricane Ian. Saturday morning, October 1, 2022, Hearts with Hands staff and volunteers, in partnership with First Baptist Church Naples, unloaded and distributed 35,000lbs of relief supplies to 1,319 people. Supplies included water, Box of Hope non-perishable food boxes, cleaning supplies, hygiene kits, baby diapers and pet food. Hearts with Hands kitchen trailer is en route to the church in Naples and will be setup to serve at the same location on Sunday afternoon/evening. Additionally, a trailer of ice, and generators left the warehouse en route to Naples, Florida.

**Swannanoa, NC, September 28, 2022: 4:00PM EST.** || Hearts with Hands is preparing for disaster relief in areas of Florida, most affected by Hurricane Ian. Today at the warehouse, one trailer departed, loaded with heavy equipment. A second trailer is loaded and ready to ship, which includes Box of Hope non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, hygiene kits, water, pet supplies, baby diapers, and paper products. Once the storm has passed, these items will head to a partner church in Florida.

*Hearts With Hands was founded following Hurricane Andrew in 1992 by Dr. Ralph Sexton, Jr. in Asheville, North Carolina. Hearts With Hands is currently directed by Evangelist Greg Lentz (Greg Lentz Ministries) and is a Christian, nondenominational, humanitarian, non-profit 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. Hearts With Hands provides physical, spiritual, medical, economic and other necessary aid to victims of poverty, natural disaster, or famine. "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" I John 3:17*