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OPERATION ENDEAVOR, LIBERTY NY ROTARY CLUB, AND WINGS OF MICHAEL BEGIN JOINT HURRICANE RELIEF SUPPLY COLLECTION DRIVE

Monticello, NY - Operation Endeavor, www.oe911.org, is partnering with Liberty NY Rotary Club, Wings of Michael, SUNY Sullivan, Rotary District 7210, Rolling V Bus Corp and a number of local businesses and organizations to bring relief to parts of North Carolina devastated by flooding following Hurricane Florence, which struck the mid-Atlantic coast on September 14-17th, 2018 bringing flooding rains and storm surge. In some areas, water levels are still rising and not expected to crest for several more days as runoff from record rainfall reaches the major rivers. Hundreds have lost their homes and the rebuilding process will be slow, especially in more depressed inland areas historically free from flooding where many were not insured against such an unprecedented event.

Following the successful model deployed by the team following Hurricane Harvey in September of 2017, a Hurricane relief supply collection and donation drive has begun at sites across Sullivan and Orange counties. The collected supplies are destined for delivery to hard hit rural areas of North Carolina by a mission team administered by Operation Endeavor made up of their members and Rotarians departing New York on October 4th with delivery of the donated supplies scheduled for October 5th. "Targeting the hard-hit rural areas is aligned with our joint organizational mission to serve those most in need" says Stuart Hirsch, President of Wings of Michael and Operation Endeavor founder and board member. Over 20 area businesses and other sites are collecting donations including SUNY Sullivan, Catskill Regional Medical Center (CRMC), all Jeff Bank branches, all Wayne Bank branches, Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, Woodbury Commons Premium Outlets, and the Boys and Girls Club of Northern Orange and Sullivan, just to name a few.

Members of the OE/Rotary Mission team have been in touch with Nancy Carr, Assistant District Governor of Area 7 in Rotary District 7730 and Rotary 7730 District Governor April Clark. Nancy is also the Executive Director of the United Way of Sampson County, NC. After hearing the their assessment and recommendations, the OE/Rotary mission team will be delivering the supplies to a distribution/staging site in Clinton, NC where there is a community assistance trailer that is utilized to distribute supplies to the outlying communities. The team will participate in distribution of supplies to those outlying areas during the mission.

Donations such as cleaning supplies, infant diapers and formula, basic first aid supplies, personal hygiene items, and paper products are being accepted. "If you think of what you would need after a flood when much of what you own was washed away and you can't easily get to a store, that's the stuff that they need" says Charles (Chuck) Atwell, CEO of Operation Endeavor.

A complete list of collection sites and items being collected is available at www.libertynyrotary.org or www.oe911.org. (Please consult this list prior to donating, as the needs of the victims are constantly changing)

All donations are being collected within the following timeline:

October 2nd: Collection sites will take supply donations until the EOB (End Of Business)

October 3rd: DELIVERY DAY TO SUNY SULLIVAN: All collection sites will be delivering the supplies they collected to SUNY Sullivan from 9 AM to 3 PM. **Volunteers will be needed to sort, box and pack the supplies and then load them on Delivery Day.**

October 4th: Drivers donated by Rolling V Bus Corp will transport the donated supplies to [a staging site in Clinton, NC](#) and the OE and Rotary Mission Team will be deployed.

October 5th: OE/Rotary Mission Team will meet the trucks in Clinton NC where they will assist in unloading the supplies and help to load the community assistance trailer at the staging site.

“It is incredible how individuals, businesses and organizations step up not only locally but in all the communities involved when the call is made to help those in need” says Gary Siegel, Liberty Rotary Club Treasurer and OE Board Member. “The window is short to collect and our goal is to collect as many needed supplies and deliver them to the hurricane victims as soon as possible so that their recovery is made that much easier.”

For updated information go to www.libertynyrotary.org Or www.oe911.org

To become a collection site, volunteer on delivery day (October 3rd), or questions about the supply collection drive, contact Shannon Barry at (845) 341-3958 or email at opendev911@gmail.com, or contact Gary Siegel at (845) 798-2188 or email at gary.siegel@oe911.org.

Monetary donations can be made as follows:

[CLICK HERE To Donate to the Operation Endeavor Hurricane Relief Mission Team](#)

[CLICK HERE To Donate Toward the Hurricane Relief Supply Collection Drive](#)

Donations by Check made out to: CFOS Liberty, New York, Rotary Club Foundation Fund
30 Scotts Corners Drive, Suite 203
Montgomery, NY 12549
(Write "Florence Hurricane Relief" in Memo)

These donations will be used to pay for the cost of transportation to take the supplies to the targeted community as well as cover some of the mission team's expenses.

Related Links:

[CLICK HERE for Liberty NY Rotary Club Website](#)

[CLICK HERE for Operation Endeavor Disaster Relief Website](#)

[CLICK HERE for Rotary District 7210 Website](#)

About Operation Endeavor

Operation Endeavor is comprised of EMS, Emergency Medicine and Rescue professionals and is incorporated as an M99 501(c)(3) that operates domestically and globally to build capacity for EMS and Rescue systems in regions of disparity. The team is also active in disaster response. www.911ForTheWorld.org

About Liberty, N.Y. Rotary Club

The Liberty Rotary Club is dedicated to putting service above self locally, nationally, and internationally. Rotary members work together to identify community needs on a local, national and global level, and then leverage their resources to enable solutions. (www.libertynyrotary.org)

About Wings Of Michael S.A.R

Wings of Michael is a faith-centric religious X99 501(c)(3) non-profit (dedicated to the spiritual charism of Michael the Archangel) that provides reconnaissance and rescue services, often incorporating aviation resources, to populations that are beset by natural disaster or acts of sectarian violence and refugee displacement.

www.WingsOfMichael.org

About Rotary International

Rotary International is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad. For more than 110 years, Rotary members have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. www.rotary.org