

Urgent Hurricane Appeal



Dear Friend,

Hurricane Wilma hit us with quite a wallop! In fact, she almost knocked us out for the count, but we were able to shake off the blow and continue our work.

Like most, we were without power in all four of our residential shelters...but we never missed a beat! Thank God for generators! Our staff was prepared and well trained for what would become the greatest challenge of the year.

While some of the major shelters in the area were completely closed during and immediately after the storm, Miami Rescue Mission's shelters were open twenty-four, seven. In addition to our normal full bed capacity, we opened our doors to hundreds of homeless and destitute people during the storm and in the days following.

Our dedicated Food Service personnel provided nutritious meals for several hundred extra people each and every day. Finally, the power came back on in our shelters one by one. Our Hollywood Broward Outreach Center was without power for thirteen days!

We are aware that many of our friends and donors have experienced property damage and extended loss of power, and our prayers and concern have been for all those who are in that category. Many who usually give to our special Thanksgiving appeal have been unable to participate this year, and yet others have given extra because they understand our situation.

We are asking all our donors and friends to make a special emergency gift to help us make up the loss as a result of Hurricane Wilma. Please take a moment to fill out the enclosed response piece and include your special emergency gift and mail it today. Your gift will make a world of difference in the lives of hurting, homeless people.

Thank you for sharing,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank Jacobs".

Dr. Franklin M. Jacobs
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald Brummitt".

Rev. Ronald M. Brummitt, MSW
Executive Director

P.S. Under the 2005 Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act, the cap on charitable contributions made between August 28 and December 31 is suspended. Ask your tax advisor about this tax advantage--and one last chance to change lives this year. Thank you!



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Broward Outreach Centers

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Wide-spread power outages, trees toppled, roofs ripped off, traffic snarls, curfews, gasoline lines, schools closed, and massive property damage were the devastating results of Hurricane Wilma. However, you can't keep the great counties of Miami-Dade and Broward down for long. Our communities are hard at work in the restoration process. □



BUT YOUR SUPPORT HELPED HUNDREDS



Our Centers in Miami, Hollywood, and Pompano served hundreds of men, women, and children above normal capacity. Your support made possible the sheltering and feeding of Wilma's victims. Thankfully, our Centers did not experience any major damage, but they were without power for many days. Generators provided power for basic lighting and communications. We cared for as many as we could and used every square foot possible to provide a safe haven for those in need. Your support is needed now more than ever. **Please read the enclosed letter and send the best gift you can.** Our supportes are the greatest people in the world.

Emergency Relief Needed Now

Thanks and Gratitude

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Center For Women & Children

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Community Activity Center

2025 NW 1st Avenue, Miami, FL 33127

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2159 NW 1st Court, Miami, FL 33127

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Bargain Barn I & Plus

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Donation Center

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Local calls: (305) 573-6340

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Broward Outreach Center

Hollywood

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Broward Outreach Center

Pompano Beach

1700 Blount Road

Pompano Beach, FL 33069

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Auto Auction

First Saturday of every month

Gates open (8 AM)

Auction at (10AM)

2159 NW 1st Court, Miami

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Even though conditions at our Centers were crowded and often hot and muggy, those in need were thankful.

"I have two small children and our apartment wasn't safe to stay. The staff are great and I just want to say thanks. - KM

"It's been hard here because there's so many people, but I have no place to stay. I'm grateful for all the help I've received." - MS

"It's really not that bad. There's even television and movies being shown to help pass the time." - BC.

"I can't believe the staff. Some have been sleeping here for days and taking care of us." - RH.

"Man, these people really care. They even took our laundry out to get washed because they got no power." - CF

"This place has really helped me. I was homeless, but have decided to get into the program so that I can get my life back together." - KF

"My family is here and we are waiting to get some assistance from FEMA. I'm so thankful for the transportation that has been provided." - SS

We would like to thank our Elected Officials, Community Leaders, Fire Departments, Police Officers, Medical Teams, and so many others for helping those in need.



Alumni to the Rescue



Boriquen Hall (far left graduate) is presently a supervisor case manager at the Miami Beach Homeless Outreach Program. His Beach co-workers collected over \$300 to help the Centers. The Alumni presented a check for \$1345 dollars to aid in hurricane relief. Your support has changed thousands of lives.

Nearly 200 graduates attended the 2005 Alumni Reunion held shortly after Wilma.

Remember to send your gift in today.

Toy drives for the Holidays needed NOW!!

Each of our Centers distribute toys to the children that are part of our programs and for the children of the men and women we serve.

Please bring NEW, unwrapped toys for all ages.

Start a drive with friends and family or coworkers.

For more information in Miami-Dade contact Marilyn Brummitt at 305.571.2245 or email marilynb@caringplace.org.

In Broward contact Tai Vaz at 954.620.4038 or email tvaz@caringplace.org. Special events are planned for December.

Please DO NOT wrap gifts. You are welcome to donate wrapping paper and tape, and/or volunteer to help sort gifts during the Holiday Season. For information about volunteering please call Ali Rhea, 305-571-2227 or email arhea@caringplace.org.

