

DISASTER AID USA BAHAMAS AND OCRACOKE, NC, DISASTER RELIEF

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About three months have passed since Hurricane Dorian gave a crushing blow to the Bahamas and the Ocracoke Island of North Carolina. The media coverage has decreased; but the Bahamians still need financial and material help; and the people of Ocracoke Island, which has been closed to the tourists, need urgent rebuilding assistance. District 7620 Disaster Relief Committee in coordination with the Disaster Aid USA had two deployments simultaneously to provide urgently needed relief to the victims of Hurricane Dorian. In the Bahamas, 170 family tents have been



installed with bed rolls, and hygiene products. Each tent with these items can house 5-7 family members. We also provided 40 two-gallon gravity system sawyer filters with two-gallon bladders, multiple in-line water filters



which filter 200,000 liters per day, and 170 solar lights for the tents. You may be aware that 170,000 people have been displaced in the Bahamas, so more tents are urgently needed. We are requesting each club to adopt a family tent with \$500, so that a displaced family can live there until permanent housing could be built. At the North Carolina front, DAUSA worked closely with DG Tracey Ivey of Rotary District 7720 to provide relief to the disaster victims of Ocracoke Island in the Outer Banks. More rebuilding assistance is needed there. Here's how you can help the victims of Hurricane Dorian:

To donate online go to <https://disasteraidusa.networkforgood.com/projects/80168-hurricanedorian>

You can also mail a check to Disaster Aid USA at 9817 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham, MD 20706 earmark for "Hurricane Dorian." You can visit the website www.disasteraidUSA.com and donate through PayPal system by clicking on the "Donate" button



[Above] Members of the Ocracoke, North Carolina, Disaster Aid team.

leaving a note directing your funds to "Dorian." We thank all Rotarians and their friends and colleagues for past support of disaster relief. We are especially thankful to the district leadership team led by Governor Barton Goldenberg for creating an awareness of the needs of Hurricane Dorian victims.



[Above] The Middle River Rotary Club has established a new Interact Club at Perry Hall High School. Pictured are Bridgett Vickery and Diana Bostian, our wonderful High School advisors for the club. We have 28 members signed up and they are considering projects now. Alan Smith-Hicks, Ameer Akbar, and Mark Humphrey worked with Marilyn Cruz to get this started! We love the energy of these young people!