



Mission: Mobilizing the power of our community to break the cycle of poverty

Vision: A community where all citizens achieve their potential through education, financial stability, and healthy lives

Values: Integrity, Accountability, Partnership, Compassion, Excellence

Help US to help YOU by providing assistance to your employees in response to Hurricane Ian!

Sustaining and growing a healthy business requires a stable and productive workforce, which is incredibly difficult after a disaster like Hurricane Ian. Recent conversations I have had with employers like you have centered on concern for employees and the needs they have now and will have in the days to come. United Way of Charlotte County (UWCC) is a partner with you in helping your employees who were impacted by the destruction of Hurricane Ian.

We are pleased to announce that United Way of Charlotte County has established the ***United at Work Hurricane Ian Response Fund***. This fund will provide relief to Charlotte County employers and their affected employees. The fund has been seeded by a generous dollar for dollar \$500,000 match from the Elsa and Peter Soderberg Charitable Foundation, Inc. of Boca Grande. This fund will allow UWCC to strategically provide short-term assistance and case management services, providing HOPE and HELP for your team.

The Soderberg Foundation chose UWCC as their implementation partner due to our extensive experience working county-wide with employers and as the fiscal agent managing the Season of Sharing financial assistance program. We have in place the proven network of case managers, health and human service agencies, the online application platform, and the triaging capabilities to link these together.

Here are our next steps:

- UWCC will garner and process **your** donations to this restricted United at Work Fund, which will be matched dollar-for-dollar.
- 100% of donated funds will be used to support people who work in Charlotte County.
- UWCC will provide a flyer that directs employees to a simple application on the UWCC website.
- Based on UWCC's decades of work in this arena, we will guide employees to the resources they need.
- UWCC will review applications, request necessary documentation, make referrals, and disburse funds.

Your employees will receive professional referral and case management services to get them quickly to the right place. When your employees know their home and family situations are cared for, they can better focus on their work lives and your business' needs. Collaborating together builds confidence and provides a sense of security for employers and their employees.

Our development team and I are eager to reach out to you in the next few days to discuss more details and answer any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me in the meantime.

In service,

Angie Matthiessen

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