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CHRIS DUDLEY FOUNDATION MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

Insulin For Life USA Helps Hurricane T1Ds

The past couple of months have been fraught with natural disaster as Hurricane's Harvey, Maria, and Irma touched down in Texas, Puerto Rico, and Florida, as well as the surrounding areas and islands. The results were devastating for many families and homes. Every day, the question arises: "How can we help?". The Chris Dudley Foundation touched base with non-profit organization Insulin For Life to hear about their efforts to support people with diabetes who have been affected by these tragic events.



"Insulin for Life USA is honored to be working in a coalition which includes: Insulin for Life USA, ADA, JDRF, AADE, ACE, Endocrine Society.", stated IFL executive director, Carol Atkinson. IFL is working with the coalition to respond to the increased need for insulin, blood glucose meter, and test strips, as well as other pertinent diabetes management supplies. Thankfully, IFL's office in Gainesville, FL was spared by Hurricane Irma and the organization is dedicated to providing the necessary supplies.

As of September 2, IFL had shipped 78 boxes to various sites around Texas, including

446,090 syringes, 213,600 pen needles, 84,100 lancets, 52,229 alcohol pads, 13,100 test strips, 6,695 milliliters of insulin, 135 lancing devices, 122 meters, and 8 glucagon kits. This incredible amount of support will aid those living with diabetes who have been displaced or separated from access to supplies. The hard work continues as IFL and the coalition continues to provide support to those struggling.

IFL is asking for [diabetes supply donations](#) on their website, as well as [financial donations](#) to support ongoing efforts. (Be sure to reference the [list of accepted supplies](#), as IFL is not able to take all supplies). Atkinson lists insulin, blood glucose meters, and test strips as the most desired donations at this time, though any support is greatly appreciated.



As you keep those who are suffering losses caused by the hurricanes in your thoughts, check out the [Insulin for Life website](#) to see if there are any diabetes supplies that you can provide during these tough times. Additionally, Atkinson would like Playing Thru readers to know that, "if ever you are faced with the need to evacuate in the midst of a disaster please be sure to visit [mydiabetesemergencyplan.com](#) to build your personal supplies to maintain your diabetes during the time away from your residence." Being prepared is key. On behalf of the diabetes community, we would like to thank Insulin For Life and the coalition for their commendable efforts to support those in need. Learn more at [www.ifl-usa.org](#)

Thank you to IFL Executive Director, Carol Atkinson for taking the time to provide Playing Thru with information about IFL efforts. Supporting information provided by the Insulin for Life website and Facebook page