



United Way of the Florida Keys



UWFK staff joined the family on a tour of their home.

## United Way of the Florida Keys is committed to helping Monroe County recover from Hurricane Irma.

This family of 3 has lived in the Keys for years and owns their home. The ground-level house sustained extensive damage from wind and a 5' plus storm surge. The father stayed in the home during Hurricane Irma, and remembers feeling he would likely die in the house in the midst of the storm.

The house is gutted down to the studs; there are no interior walls, floors, or ceilings. The home's exterior and the seawall were damaged as well. Furniture, fixtures, cabinets, lighting, electrical, plumbing, and personal belongings were all lost. They are living in the home in this condition, sleeping on air mattresses laid on bare concrete floors. A temporary sink in the kitchen is propped up on 2' x 4' s and they have repaired one bathroom for use. It will be many months before the house is completely restored. Even so, the family is upbeat and determined to make the best of a horrible situation. The husband was grateful simply to be alive and is determined to evacuate to safety next time. Losing their home has been awful, but losing his life would have been much worse.

UWKF was glad to assist this family and we are dedicated to helping everyone in the Keys **#LiveUnited**.



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