

OAKHURST UMC, SEMINOLE - RELIEF HOST PROGRAM INFORMATION

As you may be aware, Oakhurst UMC, Seminole has joined with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and The Presbytery of Tampa Bay in an ecumenical mission to assist Pinellas County with long-term recovery from Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

Many of you may have been affected by these major hurricanes along with a large number of people in Pinellas County. Eight months after the storms, the community is still in dire need of assistance to rebuild and do finishing work.

We are currently in the process of transforming three of our upstairs Foundry rooms into dormitory rooms. We will be able to accommodate up to 47 people per night. Relief teams will be sent to us from several different non-profit connections.

This mission is a blessing in many ways.

- bringing unity between denominations through encouraging co-operation and collaboration. (Living like Jesus!)
- restoring our community both physically and emotionally

We want to do well, and to accomplish that we need to be united in this great cause. There are many ways that you can support and be part of this mission.

- Prayer - Let's ask for God's favor and presence in all we are doing, for focus and energy for the teams, for God's love to unite everyone involved
- Volunteer - Host

We will have teams of 3-4 that will be on duty for one week every two months, approximately. It is very easy; you do not have to be physically present every day on the campus.

The main responsibilities are.

1. meet and greet any Team arriving during your week and giving them a tour of the facility (we provide notes for you to follow). You will work directly with the Team leader and our Oakhurst Site Coordinator.
 2. farewell any team departing (not a must) and to check the bunks to ensure they are set up correctly and tidy for the next teams coming in
- Volunteer - Cooking
Our hope is folks from surrounding churches join us in preparing a delicious meal for the Teams possibly once a month.
 - Donations - There will be an ongoing need for packaged snacks/breakfast items, water and coffee. Your donation will be a great help to us, so we are kindly requesting your assistance with this, as and how you feel led.

Right now, there is an immediate need to collect shelf stable food items and other things for the hospitality pantry at the volunteer host site.

- Cereal breakfast bars
- Energy bars
- Boxes of breakfast cereal
- Microwavable oatmeal/single serves
- Microwaveable cup a soups
- Microwaveable noodles
- Pretzels/potato chips snack size
- Coffee ground
- Coffee K cups
- Water Bottles Cases

This is truly a community mission and will touch lives on many levels. Let's live like Jesus and show our love and support to these Teams as we work together to make this a great experience for everyone involved.

For more information on how you can volunteer or contribute please contact us using the email addresses below.

May all the glory go to Jesus!

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