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Hurricane Ian - RSW Relief Supplies Mission

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Brothers and Sisters,

On Monday, October 3, 2022, TWU Local 555 District 2 Representative Karl Mager with assistance from Safety and Health Committee Co-Chair Steve Riley delivered relief supplies to our brothers and sisters affected by the disastrous effects of Hurricane Ian at Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW.)

Helping with the orchestration and execution of the efforts were RSW Rep Thomas King and RSW Alternate Rep Brad Whitlock. Together, they were able to assist Representative Mager in procuring a rented truck filled with items that our members at RSW are so desperately in need of while they deal with the aftermath of Hurricane Ian.

Among the items included in the relief are:

Bottled water, toilet paper, and paper towels
Bananas
Granola bars, peanut butter, crackers, and chips
Sandwich bread
Diapers, pull-ups, and anti-bacterial wipes

As limited flight operations are set to resume, Reps King and Whitlock will be assessing the needs of our RSW members and delivering the supplies accordingly.

“As someone whose parents and wife lived through the tumultuous aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, knowing that there was something that this Local could do to assist our members reeling in the effects of this natural disaster was of the utmost importance and backed by our core mission. We exist to ensure the safest working conditions possible for every TWU Local 555 member which includes their physical and mental health during unforeseen circumstances such as the events of the last week.” - District 2 Representative Karl Mager

The Local would also like to pass along information on Operation Blue Roof. Operation Blue Roof is a priority mission managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The purpose of Operation Blue Roof is to provide homeowners and permanently occupied rental properties in disaster areas with fiber-reinforced sheeting to cover their damaged roofs until arrangements can be made for permanent repairs. For more information on the program click this link:

<https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Emergency-Operations/Blue-Roof-Information/>

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