

DC ROTARY'S HONDURAS HURRICANE RELIEF

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The Rotary Club of Washington, DC continues to support the world with disaster relief funds.

This year has been challenging for all of us. A pandemic has changed the world. On November 5th, Hurricane Eta slammed Central America and specifically Honduras causing landslides and flooding that affected more than 2 million people according to the International Red Cross. As if this wasn't enough on November 15th Hurricane Iota entered to devastate the country even more. At least 15 of the 18 departments (states) of Honduras present geological conditions that have caused landslides. The Sula Valley—60% of the Gross Domestic Product of the country is produced in the valley— remains under water. The statistical recount from

Hurricane IOTA keeps increasing. According to the Permanent Contingency Commission (COPECO—acronym from Spanish Comisión Permanente de Contingencia), 75,144 people are in

846 opened shelters across the most affected areas.

However, accessing basic commodities, such as food, clean drinking water, basic medicines, and masks for Covid-19, has proven difficult. As roads and even 71 highways and 7 major bridges remain flooded and/or destroyed, supply chains to shelters and isolated communities are heavily compromised. This unprecedented

double blow comes on top of the Covid-19 pandemic, which had already depleted government resources and left many people unemployed. No donation is too small and will have a tremendous impact of the lives of those hurting the most.

Because of this enormous disaster relief need, the Rotary Club of Washington, DC, awarded a grant to the Rotary Club of Merendon located in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. The grant assisted the victims of the recent hurricanes Eta and Iota, through Honduras Compassion Partners, an eligible 501(c)(3) in southern Maryland listed with a 100% score on charity navigator.

With our donation, the Rotary Club of Merendon will support families who lost their entire homes in San Pedro Sula. The Club will oversee providing all essential needs including food bags, clothes, beds, and linens. Honduras Compassion Partners is working with other local Rotary Clubs in the San Pedro Sula area such as the Rotary Club of La Paz.

BROADNECK INTERACT

By Vern Penner

As reported by Broadneck High School teacher adviser Julie Andrews and the BHS Interact Club president Rowan Pilarski, December has been a busy month for the IC with its google zoom meetings.

A major month-long project was collecting food donations for the Annapolis Light House shelter as illustrated by the poster for the "12 Days of Giving."

Broadneck IC collected enough cans, jars and packaged food to fill 10 large bags destined for the Lighthouse Shelter. They also sent 25 Santa letters for a day care center. Not a bad record for a virtual club at Christmas time!

Broadneck Interact Club's 12 Days of Giving



During the month of December, Broadneck Interact Club will be hosting a "12 Days of Giving" food drive for the Annapolis Lighthouse Shelter. On each day, pick the designated item out of your pantry or from the store. At the end, collect all of the items in a box/bag and bring them to the designated location. Happy Holidays!

- Dec. 1st: Box of Cereal
- Dec. 2nd: Jar of Peanut Butter
- Dec. 3rd: Stuffing Mix
- Dec. 4th: Boxed Potatoes
- Dec. 5th: Macaroni and Cheese
- Dec. 6th: Canned Fruit
- Dec. 7th: Canned Tomatoes
- Dec. 8th: Canned Tuna
- Dec. 9th: Dessert Mix
- Dec. 10th: Jar of Apple Sauce
- Dec. 11th: Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Dec. 12th: Canned Mixed Vegetables

