

DISASTER AID REACHES OUT TO THE BAHAMAS AND NORTH CAROLINA

By Bob Grill, President of DAUSA; and Paul Mahata, Chair of District Disaster Relief Committee

District Disaster Relief Committee in coordination with the Disaster Aid USA has opened two deployments simultaneously to provide urgently needed relief to the victims of Hurricane Dorian: a) One deployment is for the Bahamas, and b) another deployment is for the Outer Banks of North Carolina. In the Bahamas, 150 family tents will be installed with bed rolls, solar lighting, water filters, and hygiene products. Each tent with these items can house 5-7 family members. About 170,000 people have been displaced. We are requesting each club to adopt a family tent with \$500, so that a displaced family can live there until permanent housing could be built. UPS has offered free shipping of tents to the Bahamas. The DAUSA team is working under the direction of past RI President Barry Rassin (a Nassau resident) and collaborating with international partners from Canada, UK and Ireland. At the North Carolina front, DAUSA is working closely with DG Tracey Ivey of Rotary district 7720 to provide relief to the disaster victims of Ocracoke and Hatteras Islands in the Outer Banks. Here's how you can help the victims of Hurricane Dorian:

To donate online go to <https://disasteraidusa.networkforgood.com/projects/80168-hurricanedorian>

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You can also mail a check to Disaster Aid USA at 9817 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham, MD 20706 earmark for "Hurricane Dorian".

You can visit the website www.disasteraidUSA.com and donate through PayPal system by clicking on the "Donate" button leaving a note directing your funds to "Dorian".

If you would like to volunteer at North Carolina, contact Paul Mahata at Pmahata@verizon.net

We thank all Rotarians and their friends and colleagues for past support of disaster relief. We are especially thankful to the district leadership team led by DG Barton Goldenberg for creating an awareness of the needs of Hurricane Dorian victims.

