

## HURRICANE LAURA – OUR NEXT FOCUS AT DISASTER AID USA

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As Disaster Aid USA and Rotary continue to fight COVID-19, natural disasters like Hurricane Laura also need our focus and attention. Loss of life, extreme flooding and wind damage require a methodical approach to disaster relief in the gulf areas of Louisiana and Texas. DAUSA volunteers have the trailers equipped with emergency equipment. DAUSA also continues its ongoing relief in the Bahamas devastated last year's Category Five hurricane Dorian. We are working with the Grand Bahama Rotary District relief and the Rotary Club of Lucaya. Through the coordinated efforts of Disaster Aid USA, Disaster Aid UK, and Disaster Aid Canada we have provided funding in the amount of \$70 K to accommodate families displaced by the hurricane. The donated funds from DAUSA/DAUK and DAC will provide two mobile laundry trailers that will serve the Bahamian settlements of McLean Town, Rocky Creek, Pelican Point, High Rock, Bevans Town, Gambier Point, Turtle Reef and Freetown.



[Above] Photo in front of a DAUSA trailer.

The interior of the two 8.5x20 tandem axle trailers will be fitted with four GE Space Saver washer/dryer combinations, powered by a 15,000-watt generator. Each trailer will have a 75-gallon water tank.

In order to expand our capability to provide disaster relief, we have taken steps to raise funds. At this time funds are urgently needed for fighting COVID-19 and for providing disaster assistance of hurricanes. For this reason, Disaster Aid USA is seeking donations now. Disaster Aid USA is a Rotary Club project providing aid and assistance when disaster strikes within and outside the United States. We appreciate the support from Rotary clubs

and individual Rotarians. Please earmark your donation "COVID-19" or "Hurricane Laura" or "Hurricane Dorian" and mail to: Disaster Aid USA, 9817 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham, MD 20706, or donate online using the website [www.disasteraidusa.org](http://www.disasteraidusa.org) via PayPal or going to link [disasteraidusa.networkforgood.com/](http://disasteraidusa.networkforgood.com/)

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***- E. Leslie Pidgeon, 1918 Rotary Convention***

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