

# Broward Cares: What's Been Done and What's To Come



## HURRICANE IRMA RECOVERY BROWARD CARES

Broward Cares hosted a town hall meeting at the Community Foundation of Broward that brought together 50 nonprofit organizations and community and government leaders to share information and enhance collaboration.

The first week of September 2017, South Florida braced itself for what was predicted to be a direct hit from a category 5 hurricane. As it got closer, the storm weakened and our community avoided a catastrophic disaster but still sustained significant damage and loss for many local residents.

Prior to Hurricane Irma making landfall, Community Foundation of Broward, Jewish Federation of Broward County and United Way of Broward County activated the Broward Cares Task Force. Established 15 years ago, Broward Cares is a partnership between our three organizations to address relief, recovery, and rebuilding after a disaster.

Broward Cares helped people get back on their feet after Irma, and is now working to prepare Broward for the next big storm. Here are some examples of what's been done and what's to come:

### • Immediate Relief

Broward Cares supported meals for 4,000 children at eight Broward County schools, as well as meals for thousands of families at other locations. More than 2,000 homebound elderly and disabled residents received Broward Meals on Wheels Emergency 3 Meal Packs. Two hundred lunches were provided to elderly residents in an impoverished neighborhood.

### • Short-term Recovery

On October 19, 2017, Broward Cares hosted a town hall meeting that brought together 50 nonprofit organizations and community and government leaders to share information needed to help hurricane victims recover, and to find ways they could collaborate.

Broward Cares stepped in when 231 displaced families living in hotels were told that FEMA shelter extensions were denied. The families were provided financial support that enabled them to stay two additional nights in their hotels until Broward County Commissioners met to approve services for them. Broward Cares now supports case management and housing assistance for the families, with the goal of placing them in permanent housing.

### • Long-term Recovery

Broward Cares continues to work with local government and nonprofits to identify leadership for a Long-term Recovery Coalition. The coalition would manage coordination, collaboration, and communication between public, private and nonprofit organizations following a catastrophe. Broward Cares is currently a liaison between FEMA and the community to share resources that are being offered to help Broward in its recovery.

Broward Cares has accomplished a lot thanks to the generosity of companies and individuals who stepped up to donate after Irma. Broward is better prepared and more resilient because of this important work.

### BUDGET:

**\$379,150**  
**TOTAL DONATIONS**  
received by all three  
partner organizations

**\$167,223**  
**ALLOCATED**  
to support  
Hurricane Irma recovery

**\$211,927**  
**BUDGETED FOR**

- Housing restoration and stability for low-income families and seniors
- Long-term case management for hurricane victims

