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Tampa Bay Watch Partners with Everyday Hero Project and Operation Float for Hurricane Irma relief efforts

Tierra Verde, FL – As our Tampa Bay community recovers from Hurricane Irma, we all share a sense of gratitude that our community was spared from what could have been much worse. Because we were so fortunate, Tampa Bay Watch has committed to helping our fellow Floridians who were affected by Hurricane Irma and are still struggling to recover. We are partnering with Everyday Hero Project and Operation Float, who are coordinating relief efforts in Naples and the Everglades, and will continue providing relief where there is a need.

With our partners, Tampa Bay Watch will be running a donation drive this week and are asking for cleaning supplies, personal hygiene supplies, baby supplies, medical supplies, mold removal agents, gas cans, new socks & underwear, rebuilding supplies, and temporary family housing tents etc. Supplies can be dropped off Monday - Thursday from 8:30-5 and Friday 8:30-6:30 at Tampa Bay Watch, 3000 Pinellas Bayway S, Tierra Verde, FL 33715. Other drop off locations include Awakening Wellness, 6161 9th St N, St. Petersburg, FL 33703 and Kriseman Headquarters, 1638 Dr M.L.K. Jr St N St Petersburg, FL 33704.

This upcoming weekend, we are teaming up for the **Activate Tour** - where we will be departing from St. Pete with over 50 volunteers. Volunteers will start the day assisting in East Naples with distribution, cleanup, good samaritan medical aid, and emergency application assistance. There is an opportunity to stay overnight in donated accommodations thanks to [Walk for Mother Earth](#) at the Miccosukee Resort and Gaming in Miami! On Sunday, Operation Float will head to a location TBD in coming days based on the need of our sister cities to continue volunteer efforts before heading back to St. Pete Sunday evening.

For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, please contact:
Catalina Farrington 808.389.1518 (Activate Tour) Operation Float coalition email:
OperationFloatFL@gmail.com

Monetary donation may be made to <http://www.gofundme.com/OperationFloat-Florida>
Contributors can receive 501(c)(3) tax donation receipts from Everyday Hero Project 501(c)(3). Please email receipt requests to www.EverydayHeroSquad@gmail.com and include your name, address, photos (of receipts, goods, or cash/check), and total cash value. Operation Float's project budget will be given upon request as they are operating with total transparency.

***Tampa Bay Watch** is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) stewardship program dedicated exclusively to the charitable and scientific purpose of protecting and restoring the marine and wetland environments of the Tampa Bay estuary encompassing over 400 square miles of open water and 2,300 square miles of highly- developed watershed. Tampa Bay Watch involves more than 10,000 youth and adult volunteers each year in hands on habitat restoration projects. For more information, visit www.tampabaywatch.org, or call 727-867-8166.*

***Operation Float's** mission is to mobilize and organize global communities in order to provide relief for disaster victims. They do this by setting up infrastructure with local trusted sources and resident volunteer bases unique to every area based on need and available resources.*