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First Lady DeSantis Announces Activation of Florida Disaster Fund in Preparation for Hurricane Ian

TALLAHASSEE, **Fla.** — Today, First Lady Casey DeSantis announced the activation of the Florida Disaster Fund to support Florida's communities impacted by Hurricane Ian. The Florida Disaster Fund is the State of Florida's official private fund established to provide financial assistance to our communities as they respond to and recover from times of emergency or disaster. In partnership with public, private, and other non-governmental organizations, the Florida Disaster Fund supports response and recovery activities. **To contribute, please visit www.FloridaDisasterFund.org or text DISASTER to 20222.**

"The Governor and I are thankful for the graciousness of those looking to assist Florida's communities in their time of need," said **First Lady Casey DeSantis**. "I am pleased to announce that Volunteer Florida has activated the Florida Disaster Fund so that people can donate directly to those affected by Hurricane Ian. We greatly appreciate the kindness and generosity of organizations and individuals from across the country looking to support Floridians, thank you."

"When a disaster strikes our great state, Volunteer Florida is committed to help provide relief where it is most needed. We channel every available dollar to work towards rebuilding and recovery efforts in our affected communities," said **Volunteer Florida CEO Josie Tamayo.** "The Florida Disaster Fund is an excellent way for the private sector and individuals to financially support Floridians affected by Hurricane Ian."

Donations to the Florida Disaster Fund are made to the Volunteer Florida Foundation, 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and are tax-deductible.

Donations may be made by credit card on the secure website www.floridadisasterfund.org or by check to the below address.

Checks should be made payable to the Volunteer Florida Foundation and should include "Florida Disaster Fund" in the memo line.

Volunteer Florida Foundation Attention: Florida Disaster Fund 1545 Raymond Diehl Road Suite 250 Tallahassee, FL 32308

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