To provide immediate, efficient, and effective disaster relief via our aviation network in collaboration with partner organizations. To empower communities through education and sustainable efforts that support long-term recovery and resiliency.
Brief Year In Review

» 44 flights completed - Naples, Fort Myers, and Arcadia Florida & Abaco, Bahamas
» Responded to 3 Hurricanes in 2 foreign countries (Honduras & Dominican Republic), one US territory (Puerto Rico) and one in our home state, Florida
» Over 2,500 lbs. of supplies flown and donated
» Dozens of fire fighters flown for support in areas of disaster
» 70+ passengers flown total for response
» 1,500 solar lights delivered to rural areas without power (Puerto Rico after Fiona)
» Granted 4 partner organizations funding to continue their relief efforts
» Over 1,400 lbs. of toys flown and donated to families in Fort Myers for the holiday season
» Over $10,000 of essential aid donated to Honduras
» Provided bunk beds and appliances for an orphanage damaged by Hurricane Fiona
» Rebuilding project progress on two Bahamas Community Centers

Empowered By Our Partnerships
Hurricane Responses

Highlights of Hurricane Fiona Response

Puerto Rico

» 85 water filters delivered via partnership with Mapp International and ground partners in Puerto Rico, Tango Whisky Squadron (TWS).

» TWS has delivered water filters to the more remote regions including Utuado, Guanica, and Yauco.

» 1,500 solar lights delivered for TWS to disburse in remote areas of PR.

Dominican Republic

Sol Relief donated funds to Fundacion Faro De Luz De Jesucristo (an orphanage and a Sol Relief long-term partner.) The orphanage experienced flooding due to the hurricane. It utilized the funds to purchase new items including 6 beds, a kitchen stove and a washer.
Hurricane Responses

Highlights of Hurricane Ian Response

31 FLIGHTS
To Naples, Fort Myers & Arcadia

DOZENS OF FIREFIGHTERS
Transported To Affected Areas

800+ LBS
Of Requested Supplies Donated

70+ PASSENGERS
Transported By Sol Volunteer Pilots

» Sourced and delivered critical communication devices to a partner organization that conducted active search and rescue missions on Pine Island.

» Coordinated a flight for our partner, World Hope International, to get water kits and a water technician to the affected areas. These water kits each produce 800 gallons of drinking water per day.

» Partnered with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) to fly local firefighters into affected areas. Their mission is to support the affected local firefighters while they continue to work in the area. We provided 28 firefighters with roundtrip flights for 6 consecutive days. These firefighters spent their day on the ground cleaning out the homes of over 10 local firefighters who were all working the initial response.
Hurricane Responses

Highlights of Hurricane Ian Response

» Partnered with Lee County Parks & Rec to deliver requested supplies including over 200 pounds of baby formula and diapers to their local shelter.

» Flew the very first flight into Arcadia to bring in hurricane relief supplies. The Arcadia Airport manager connected us with the Turner Center, a shelter in Arcadia, for a needs assessment and we returned the next day with requested supplies.

» Sol Relief volunteer pilot fixed the broken fuel pump at the Arcadia Airport, getting their fuel pump working for emergency personnel using airboats for search and rescue missions.

» Partnered with a local physician and nurse to provide first responders hydration treatments in Fort Myers.

» Sourced and flew in 100 steaks for the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District. The first responders there told us that hot meals were not getting delivered to the island yet. Their teams had been working 24/7 for several days and were exhausted.
Hurricane Responses

Highlights of Hurricane Julia Response

Honduras

Ecuménicas por el Derecho a Decidir (Ecumenical Women for the Right to Decide) is an organization of women with different expressions of faith promoting the human rights of girls and young women with special emphasis on their sexual and reproductive rights. They assist these women in areas of need including safety, shelter and education. They also support disaster relief by focusing on the most vulnerable hard to reach communities.

Over the years Sol Relief has supported this organization to provide basic needs following disasters. Goods are purchased locally and distributed through local networks. 100% of the funds donated are used for the community.

Ecuménicas por el Derecho a Decidir reached out to Sol Relief for support to purchase basic need items following Hurricane Julia. Julia devastated the region with flooding. Sol donated $10,000 to the organization and the women distributed supplies and gift cards to 63 families in need.
Long-term Recovery Projects

Recovering From Hurricane Ian

Quality Life Center of Fort Myers | $10,000
- A youth organization in the Tice neighborhood; a low income area where families lost housing, household items, and some lost jobs.
- 80% covered tuition for students to attend the afterschool program and 20% covered resources for the organization’s community outreach efforts.

Jesus the Worker Church, Fort Myers | $8,000
- A church in the Tice neighborhood; mainly supporting Hispanic and Latino communities.
- Had over 3,000 people at its doors the day after Hurricane Ian hit.
- 100% to support the organization’s efforts - Gift cards, hot food, produce, response efforts
- Connected them with Babycycle.org for baby/adult diapers and wipes.

United Way of Lee, Hendry & Glades | $19,000
- Supported their Student Resource Center with a $10,000 grant. There was an immense need to get students new clothing and shoes for school. Usually this organization helps with small needs throughout the school year, but thousands of families and children needed further support to get children back to school after the storm.
- Covered their need for bedding for 700 children’s beds.
- Sol purchased $8,600 in bedding and also coordinated a $15,500 in-kind donation from Amazon for additional bedding.
### Summary Of Responses & Recovery Projects

#### Response Partners

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#### Company Donors

- 4M Aviation
- Advocate Consulting Legal Group, PLLD
- Amazon Disaster Relief
- AnswerFirst Communications
- Biltmore Construction
- Cartier CPA
- CDW
- Coco Med Spa
- Helinger Advertising
- Jesse's Steak & Seafood
- Kahwa Coffee
- Pacholec Center for Weight Loss
- Phil Mook Enterprises, Inc.
- St. Pete Air
- Stevens & Stevens
- Tampa Bay Club Sport
- Visanto U.S.
- V1 Aeronautical

#### In-Kind Flight Donations

Approximate cost savings from volunteer flights:

- $38 \times $750 = $28,500 (SW Florida flights)
- $6 \times $2,000 = $12,000 (Bahamas flights)

**Total: $40,500**

#### New Pilots Sign Ups

Approximately 20 new volunteer pilot sign-ups.
Ongoing Bahamas Projects

Friends of the Environment Educational Center

Sol Relief partnered with Friends of The Environment in Abaco, Bahamas to help rebuild their Education Center. Sol Relief offered a large grant to help support this endeavor and their rebuild is in the last stages of completion. Friends leads environmental programs for all ages, including their youth programs - field trips, afterschool programs, summer camps and pre-college environmental programs.
Ongoing Bahamas Projects

Murphy Town Community Center

Sol Relief has partnered with the Local Government to rehabilitate the Murphy Town Community Center that sheltered many in Hurricane Dorian, yet was severely damaged. The rehabilitation of this building will provide opportunities for active living and recreation in a safe, inclusive environment. Prior to the storm the center hosted community meetings, weddings, and many community programs for adults and youth, including an after school classroom, computer lab and kitchen.

Following Dorian, in 2019, there has been a major lack of safe space for community gatherings. These spaces are essential to growth and development, personal health and wellness and safety of our community in the event of an emergency. Repairing this center will be a great offering to the community and benefit all.

The center is managed by a local government board and the space is rented out for special events which allows funding to maintain the center throughout the year.

Sol Relief is thankful to collaborate with the local Government and the community to complete this center to hurricane resistant construction codes. The roof is almost complete and interior repairs will begin in February. Our completion date is May 2023.
Ongoing Bahamas Projects

Random Acts of Kindness - Abaco, Bahamas

Sol’s local Program Manager, Leticia McIntosh, hosted quarterly community offerings in the recovering Abaco area. This year, Sol volunteers and community members:

» Surprised residents with donated gas cards at the pump when gas prices spiked.
» Procured and distributed towels and linens to families in need who still struggle with housing.
» Organized and funded the youth basketball team to repair and paint the local cemetery walls, honoring those lost in Dorian.
» Donated Christmas Turkeys during a Community Empowerment Event in North Abaco and donated an additional 50 through a local church in South Abaco.
Community Empowerment

Sol Relief Education Program: Sol Rising

Sol Relief’s new educational program, Sol Rising, focuses on youth aviation, STEAM programming and community impact. Sol Rising introduces and expands aviation education to local students through field trips, hands-on learning experiences, disaster relief initiatives, and peer development.

In 2022, Sol had over 120 youth and over 40 adults take part in the program. Sol is also partnering with Pinellas County Schools and the YMCA Suncoast to expand these programs.

2023 Goals for the program include:

» Expand Youth Aviation and STEAM Education Program
» Empowerment and Community Building
» Career Development and Training
» Scholarships for obtaining a Private Pilot’s License
Events & Public Relations

5th Annual Christmas Fly Out

The Sol Relief Annual Toy Drive & Fly Out was a huge success! We collected over 1,400 lbs of toys filling 7 full planes! The toys were flown to the Fort Myers area this year to help support our Hurricane Ian recovery efforts. We partnered with the United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties to help deliver the toys to their new homes.

Locally, we partnered with Crunch fitness, Kahwa Coffee, The Rock & Gem Shop, Foxy’s Studio 57 Hair Salon, and St.Pete Air for toy drop off locations, as well as a handful of companies for private drives.
Media coverage is an essential piece of Sol Relief’s public relations efforts. It provides community awareness and builds trust while supporting and producing fundraising.

Coverage during 2022 included our first live appearance on local TV. ABC Action News contacted us about field anchoring its evening news broadcast from the airport. We were able to accommodate the request and Sol Relief was gifted a $10,000 donation from ABC Action News Gives live on air.

ABC Action News Reporter, Kylie McGivern, joined Sol Relief Executive Director, Dr. Harris Ambush, on a flight to Arcadia and put together a great package about our new partnership with International Association of Firefighters.

Long-term local news talent, Gayle Guyardo, invited us to do a 7 minute segment in-studio for broadcast on Bloom TV. Additional coverage included spots on WFLA, CW44 Tampa Bay and Bay News 9.
2022 was another productive and successful year for Sol Relief. Our disaster responses were more efficient than ever and we continue making major impacts in the areas we serve.

From our Random Acts of Kindness initiatives in the Bahamas to our partnership with United Way in Southwest Florida, our commitment to supporting the communities we touch long after our initial responses remains focused and strong.

Looking to 2023, we are excited to work on improving operational efficiency during “blue skies,” creating and implementing fundraising models, and continuing to build an educational program that makes a difference in the lives of Tampa Bay youth.

Thank you, to our donors, volunteers, and partners for another amazing year.

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