

Guiding Disaster Recovery: The Compassionate Work of Disaster Services Corporation

TAMPA, FL, UNITED STATES, September 25, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Ian's immense impact on Florida, the Disaster Services Corporation, an integral part of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, stands resolute in its mission to help survivors rebuild their lives. Under the experienced leadership of Shanon Granado, the Program Manager Lead for the Disaster Recovery team, the organization is actively engaged in providing support, assistance, and hope to disaster survivors. Let us explore the profound impact of Hurricane Ian in Florida and the indispensable role of [Disaster Case Management](#) in helping survivors navigate their path to recovery.

The Unprecedented Impact of Hurricane Ian
Hurricane Ian, a catastrophic Category 4 Atlantic hurricane, made landfall in Florida, leaving a trail of devastation in its wake. In September 2022, this formidable storm caused a staggering \$109.5 billion in damage, making it the costliest hurricane in the state's history. The hurricane's impacts were vast and included the collapse of parts of the Sanibel Causeway, the partial washing out of the Pine Island bridge, catastrophic damage to Florida's power grid, and the tragic loss of 66 lives. Hurricane Ian's fury serves as a stark reminder of the critical need for disaster recovery support.

Disaster Case Managers: The Heart of Recovery

In the face of such immense destruction, the Disaster Services Corporation's Disaster Case Management programs have emerged as a lifeline for survivors. These programs play a pivotal role in guiding families through the complexities of federal and state recovery programs,



Bridging Pasco Community Health & Resource Fair located in Wesley Chapel, FL at Pasco Hernando State College. DCM's Kristen King, Letoury Pryor, Fernando Serrano, along with DCM Supervisor Tori Walker and Program Manager Shanon Granado had the opportunity

ensuring access to vital funds and resources. Leading this charge are dedicated Disaster Case Managers, including Kristen King, Letoury Pryor, Fernando Serrano, and DCM Supervisor Tori Walker. Their unwavering commitment and advocacy are instrumental in helping survivors rebuild their lives.

Shanon Granado: Guiding the Way

At the helm of the Disaster Recovery team for the counties of Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk stands Shanon Granado, the Program Manager Lead. With her impressive experience and leadership, Shanon guides the team in their mission to provide essential support to the community. Her expertise and dedication are a driving force behind the organization's efforts to assist disaster survivors on their journey to recovery. The DSC SVDP also covers counties in the south of Florida managed by Joanna Pohopin.

A Comprehensive Approach to Disaster Management

Disaster management is a multifaceted process that encompasses not only responding to disasters but also helping survivors through their recovery process.

The Disaster Services Corporation's approach is rooted in Disaster Case Management, a FEMA funded program through a Volunteer FL initiative executed through state Emergency Management offices. This program fosters a collaborative partnership between dedicated case managers and disaster survivors. Together, they craft and execute personalized, comprehensive

long-term recovery plans. DSC's Florida Disaster Case Management Program for Hurricane Ian is in the following counties: Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Monroe, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, Sarasota, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, and Polk.

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Shanon Granado, an experienced Case Manager, fosters hope, resilience, and recovery for disaster survivors with compassionate leadership, guiding families to brighter tomorrows.”

Anthony Pluchino, Chief Programs Officer DSC

Learn More About Our Programs

For those interested in gaining a deeper understanding of the impact and workings of Disaster Case Management Programs, we invite you to connect with our Chief Program Officer, Anthony Pluchino, at Apluchino@svdpdisaster.org. Your curiosity fuels our mission to assist disaster survivors



DSC's Disaster Case Management leadership had the opportunity to network with a wide range of health services and resources available within Pasco County.

on their journey to recovery.

To learn more about our Florida Disaster Case Management Program, and to fill out a Disaster Case Management Interest form visit: <https://www.svdpcdisaster.org/florida-hurricane-ian-disaster-case-management-program> or call us at (941) 799-6779.

In the wake of Hurricane Ian's unprecedented impact in Florida, the Disaster Services Corporation, under the experienced leadership of Shanon Granado, remains unwavering in its commitment to guiding disaster recovery. Through the dedicated efforts of Disaster Case Managers and a comprehensive approach to disaster management, the organization plays a vital role in helping disaster survivors rebuild their lives and communities. The enduring impact of Hurricane Ian serves as a testament to the vital importance of Disaster Case Management in times of crisis.

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