



Hernando County Community Organizations Active in Disaster **COAD Meeting #98**

Monday, February 23, 2025 @ 9:30AM via Zoom

AGENDA

Mission: A strong community is vital. The Hernando COAD is committed to helping health & human services increase engagement with other community partners and foster successful outcomes and updates.

- **WELCOME & PURPOSE** – United Way of Hernando, Angie Bonfardino
 - Success Highlights & Partner Shout-Outs

- **COUNTY UPDATES**
 - **Emergency Management** Director, Erin Thomas – Warming Center impact & announcements
 - **Long-Term Recovery Group**
 - **Department of Health** – Updates & [Pre-Registration](#) for [Special Needs Sheltering](#)
 - **211 Hernando & 988** – January Call Trend Report | [Search Page](#) + [Agency Update Campaign](#)

- **RESOURCES & UPDATES**
 - **Supplies** – [Ongoing Supply Drive](#)
 - **Shelters & Housing** – Partner Updates (Warming Center Sub-Committee; Point in Time Count feedback)
 - **Mental Health & Substance Abuse** – Partner Updates (Outreach; [Dementia Care Opportunities](#))
 - **Food & Distribution** – Partner Updates & Trends
 - **Childcare & Schools** – Partner Updates
 - **Emergency Assistance** – Partner Updates & Trends
 - **Employment** – Partner Updates
 - **Volunteerism** – Partner Needs (Pre-Register as a [Disaster Relief Volunteer](#))

- **COMING UP**
 - COAD Meeting #99**: Monday, March 30, 2026 @ 9:30am via Zoom
Member Spotlight available, 10 minutes to share* Contact [Angie](#)
 - Long-Term Recovery Group Meeting #13**: Thursday, February 26, 2026 2pm @ EOC
 - 100th COAD Meeting!** SAVE THE DATE for April 27, 2026 @ EOC

- **MEMBER INPUT, UNMET NEEDS & OPPORTUNITIES**

- **ADJOURN**

MITIGATION & PREPAREDNESS – RESPONSE – RECOVERY

www.UnitedWayHernando.org/COAD - [Emergency Management](#) - [LTRG](#) - [HC Department of Health](#) - [211 Hernando](#) - [988](#)



1,662
211 Calls FYTD

- On average, 200-240 calls per month.
- 72% of callers are **Female**
 - 895 self-identified as **White**, 389 as **Black**
 - 49 **Veterans**
 - Majority of calls came from **Spring Hill**, then **Brooksville**
 - 123 had thoughts of **suicide** in the past 24 hours
 - Needed Trends: Electric Payment Assistance, Food Pantry, Rent Payment Assistance, Homeless Prevention & Shelters, Water Payment Assistance, Caregiver Support Services

827
988 Calls FYTD

- National Suicide & Crisis Prevention Hotline**
- 387 callers self-identified as **Male**
 - Higher call volume comes in from **Brooksville**, then **Spring Hill**
 - 21 callers were **17 years old or younger**
 - 330 calls were ages **65-79 yrs old**
 - 236 callers also had thoughts of **homicide**
 - Top Reasons: **Mental Health Concerns, Isolation**
 - Top Resource Referrals: **NAMI, Premier**

***LONG-TERM RECOVERY GROUP – www.UnitedWayHernando.org/LTRG**

TAKE ACTION WITH UNITED WAY

Want to Get Involved?
Join active conversations & opportunities around Disaster Preparedness, Relief, Response, & Recovery for Hernando

GIVE
Participate in the Hurricane Supply Drive
Organize a collection & donate needed items such as cleaning supplies, flash lights, batteries, gloves, bleach, etc.
Items are distributed directly to those impacted by a disaster in Hernando.

ADVOCATE
Know Someone in Need?
Connect them to Hernando's Long-Term Recovery Disaster Case Management Team. Call/Text 352-340-2571

Become a Digital Ambassador
Follow United Way MC on Instagram & Facebook, and sign-up for UNITEDnews for valuable updates
Share content & advocate for available program services, opportunities, & announcements

VOLUNTEER
Disaster Relief Volunteers Needed
Sign up in advance to become a Disaster Relief Volunteer - helping with distribution, coordination, & assistance when needed!
UnitedWayHernando.org/Volunteer

Long-Term Recovery Group
Be a part of the solution! Lend your time & talent (focused on DCM, Construction, Mental Health, Outreach & more!)
UnitedWayHernando.org/LTRG

Easily Donate to the Disaster Relief Fund
Visit UnitedWayHernando.org/GIVE

#HernandoPrepares #HernandoRecovers

HERNANDO COUNTY LONG-TERM RECOVERY GROUP

MISSION:
"To provide coordinated, comprehensive recovery services to individuals and families impacted by disasters in Hernando County, addressing unmet needs and facilitating a resilient community by leveraging public, private, and non-profit collaborative partnerships and accessible resources."

VISION:
"To create a resilient community where every individual affected by a disaster has access to comprehensive support, enabling them to rebuild their lives and thrive in a fully recovered environment, regardless of their circumstances."

GOALS:
• Bring together organizations on the ground
• Develop recovery plans for individuals and households
• Cooperate to meet unmet needs
• Leverage a comprehensive disaster case management system
• Verify & distribute resources
• Promote physical, social, economic, and emotional wellness

Want to Get Involved? Join the Conversation Today!
As our community moves into the long-term recovery phase, collaboration and strategic planning are vital to rebuilding a stronger and more resilient community. By joining the Hernando County Long-Term Recovery Group, you'll contribute to efforts that go beyond short-term relief, ensuring sustained recovery for those in need.

Need Help? Call a Disaster Case Manager Today!
Disaster Case Management is a FREE service where a skilled helper works with individuals or families affected by a disaster to create and achieve recovery goals. Let the Disaster Case Managers ease the burden of recovery by guiding you through the complex recovery process. They will simplify the journey by creating clear, realistic plans and connecting clients to the resources they need to rebuild their lives. **Email us at: LTRG@UnitedWayHernando.org**

LTRG SUB-COMMITTEES

- Case Management
- Advocacy & Outreach
- Volunteer Coordination
- Unmet Needs
- Construction
- Finance & Donations
- Emotional & Spiritual HealthCare

The Hernando County Long-Term Recovery Group is a cooperative body that is made up of representatives from faith-based, nonprofit, government, business and other organizations working within our community to assist individuals and families as they recover from disaster. Contact our Hernando team to be a part of the conversation & local solutions. #HernandoRecovers

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