



Annual Report: 2018

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 13th, 2018

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Attendance: All EWF Board Members Invited

To the EWF Board of Directors

Message from the Chairman of the Board of Directors

The 2018 Hurricane Season was one of the most active in recent history and the Eagles' Wings Foundation (EWF) stepped up to provide assistance to those in need. The mission of EWF is to provide emergency assistance to people that have been impacted by disaster, and this season once again put our mission to the test. Our team was deployed and supported the response to two disasters: Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

Prior to Hurricane Florence hitting North Carolina, local churches reached out to EWF for support from the Charleston area. EWF deployed first responders to support these groups during the initial response phase, and supported volunteer coordination, donations management, and rapid damage assessment operations in South Carolina.

When Hurricane Michael hit the Florida Panhandle as a Category 4 storm, EWF sent personnel into several of the needier counties off of the coast where media attention overlooked much of the serious need to support their recovery. Additionally, EWF worked with the American Aid Logistics Network (ALAN) to deliver three trucks and lifts to support emergency response operations in Jackson County. Home Depot and Estes Trucking provided personnel and equipment to aid in this portion of the relief mission. EWF also worked directly with Chipola Family Ministries, which tied into the Southern Baptist feeding operation. At the response's earliest stage, EWF coordinated 20% of the entire amount of Points of Distribution for the State. On its first day of operations, over 14,000 local survivors were served with emergency food and water supplies.

Since this initial response, EWF has applied for a matching grant from Volunteer Florida for \$25,000 worth of services to residents in Jackson County. An MoU with Chipola Family Ministries as a joint effort already has secured pledges of a matching \$25,000 from one national insurance company and a private donor.

All of these missions were made possible due to the generous donations received by EWF and the strong leadership provided by the Board of Directors. A generous donation of two very large generators from the Breakers, combined with a Palm Beach County Cares donation, continued support for Puerto Rico for Hurricane Maria in 2017. I would like to personally thank the EWF Board of Directors for all your assistance during this hurricane season. It is an honor to serve alongside you all in providing emergency assistance to communities that have been impacted by catastrophic disasters.

Scott Lewis, Chairman of the Board of Directors
The Eagles' Wings Foundation

Strategic Highlights

2018 Hurricane Season

Hurricane Florence: Charleston, South Carolina

Prior to Hurricane Florence hitting North Carolina, local churches reached out to EWF for support from the Charleston area. EWF deployed first responders to support these groups during the initial response phase, and supported volunteer coordination, donations management, and rapid damage assessment operations in South Carolina. EWF also was able to work to coordinate with local fire departments as well on barrier islands along the coast of South Carolina.

Hurricane Michael: Jackson & Leon County, Florida

EWF sent personnel into several of the needier counties off of the coast where media attention overlooked much of the serious need to support their recovery. Local volunteers helped immensely and provided sites and volunteers to rapidly set up distribution points. Additionally, EWF worked with the American Aid Logistics Network (ALAN) to deliver three trucks and lifts to support emergency response operations in Jackson County. Home Depot and Estes Trucking provided personnel and equipment to aid in this portion of the relief mission. EWF also worked directly with Chipola Family Ministries, which tied into the Southern Baptist feeding operation. At the response's earliest stage, EWF coordinated 20% of the entire amount of Points of Distribution for the State. On its first day of operations, over 14,000 local survivors were served with emergency food and water supplies.

Ongoing Operations:

The pending grant opportunity from Volunteer Florida with EWF as a partner with the Florida Voluntary Organizations After Disasters (VOAD) has offered EWF a chance to help with longer term recovery up in Jackson County. That county has been mostly neglected from support as it is a fairly poor county and did not garner much national attention though the destruction was catastrophic. EWF continues to work with other partners, including the United States Air Force Academy, to develop solutions that provide a force-multiplying effect for disaster response operations for local government agencies in developing nations as well as the United States. A Nigeria project still is on hold awaiting its local government's endorsement, as another step towards assisting locals in the face of a catastrophic environmental situation has unfolded over the last decade.

Operational Highlights

Keeping the EWF Mission Expansive

While the 2018 Hurricane Season was extremely active with EWF disaster response deployments, the Board of Directors is committed to support non-disaster response operations that support the improvement of disaster preparedness and general living standards for developing nations. EWF continues to work with partners in this regard to support initiatives in the United States and abroad, with the special note as to the possible work in Nigeria.

Financial Overview

2018 Update and Financial Documents

For the 2018 EWF Annual Report, the IRS tax return form 990 is published on line as is required, and is attached and incorporated herein. These financial documents provide the most reliable basis to analyze the 2018 financial status of the foundation. The Internal Revenue Service continued to recognize the fact that the Eagles' Wings Foundation has maintained its status as a public foundation given the fact that the majority of donations continue to be received from outside donors.

Debt Overview

2018 Update

The Eagles' Wings Foundation remains debt-free.

Deliberation for Part-Time Employee

Hiring a part-time employee to support ongoing operations

The EWF Board of Directors is considering hiring a part-time employee to focus on increasing revenues, but this option has been deferred in recent years due to the Foundation’s long-time commitment to rely on volunteer hours to ensure that 100% of donations went to directly support survivors. Due to the scale and complexity of recent operations, the EWF Board of Directors is reevaluating this decision for 2019.

Voting for New Board Members

Filling a vacancy on the EWF Board of Directors

The EWF Board of Directors is considering adding a new member to fill a vacancy left by Murray Rothstein.

EWF Board of Directors

Current EWF Board of Directors Members

Scott Lewis, President

Cliff Leisinger, Vice President / Treasurer

Dr. William Stepp, Board Secretary

TBD, Director

William Perry, Director

Sohail Quraeshi, Director

Dr. Mujahed Ahmed, Director

David Gibbs, Esq., EWF Board attorney