



Annual Report: 2022

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 8th, 2022, 11:30 AM

Address: 514 14th Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

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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 2022 Hurricane Season was mostly quiet in the Caribbean with the exception of Ian and Nicole. Ian was catastrophic, and an Eagles Wings Advance team performed an initial response into Sebring, Arcadia, and Ft. Myers on the Thursday – the day after landfall and before many of the statewide response team even deployed. Following meetings with locals including the Ft. Myers Fire Operations Section Chief, deploying volunteers and handing out donations first in Arcadia made the most effective use of the Eagles Wings resources.

Four trips occurred, with large groups of PBC volunteers and small convoys of heavy trucks as well. Because Eagles Wings had volunteered in Arcadia right after Hurricane Charlie in 2004, the quick response there was excellently received by local survivors who anxiously took up thousands of roof tarps, gas, and food supplies. Simultaneously, dozens of skilled sawyers and other Eagles Wings volunteers worked to clear homes and areas specified by local members of a Methodist church. Follow up trips occurred to another Methodist Church in Port Charlotte and Eagles Wings still remained engaged via a Palm Beach County Food Bank which now is coordinating and donating supplies through Eagles Wings. The local survivors in these various deployments were of invaluable assistance and several pastors developed long term ties with Eagles Wings over the successful missions for Ian.

Nicole, while only a Category 1, did pass directly over Eagles Wings home base after passing over Abaco and Grand Bahamas. While no significant damage occurred locally in West Palm Beach, Abaco particularly had extensive flooding due to the King tide timing with Nicole's impact. Bahamian government officials kept contact with Eagles Wings throughout the incident. Post incident, a decision to donate to repair the primary fuel dock which also was the main dock for all the local fishermen at the western tip of Abaco in Foxtown was determined to be a significant unmet need.

We continue to communicate with our hundreds of local volunteers, donors and supporters, and have maintained a positive reputation within the community. 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.

I would like to personally thank the EWF Board of Directors for your support during this year. 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

2022 Hurricane Season

The 2022 Atlantic hurricane season is an ongoing Atlantic hurricane season, which is part of the annual tropical cyclone season in the northern hemisphere. As anticipated, the season has had below-average tropical cyclone activity. Hurricane Ian caused nearly billions in damages, and over 100 lives were lost. Nicole, while a far lesser impact storm, did have unusually dangerous king tides associated with its various points of impact, especially in the Bahamas.

Ongoing Operations:

A pre-purchase of over 4,000 roof tarps stored in West Palm Beach was a significant new strategy which worked very well. Having such bulk supplies on site and likely made Eagles Wings the second largest supplier of tarps behind FEMA's Operation Blue Roof, with Eagles Wings distributing thousands of these tarps – apparently ahead of all the federal agencies and apparently most of the known local charitable groups because the supplies were handy and very close by to the landfall area. EWF continues to facilitate distribution of donations with the local food bank and still is involved with ongoing projects in the Bahamas. The donations received also have provided EWF a chance to help complete gap missions where some projects were not completed by other charities.

In the fall, our deployment teams also continued with small size, full scale exercises in coordination with the U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary in simulating communication efforts for future deployments with personnel from Savannah to Puerto Rico participating in the exercise. This exercise along with on-going efforts allows EWF to continue to work with other partners 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.

Operational Highlights

Keeping the EWF Mission Expansive

While the 2022 Hurricane Season was not 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 with a continuing focus on the Caribbean and its unique island needs during hurricanes. EWF also constantly monitors incidents abroad, recalling EWF has deployed to 1,000 year flood, multiple earthquakes, and environmental disasters. Training and continual contacts abroad open doors in the time of an emergency, and EWF continues its mission.

Financial Overview

2022 Update and Financial Documents

For the 2022 EWF Annual Report, the IRS tax return form 990 is published online as is required, and is attached and incorporated herein. These financial documents provide the most reliable basis to analyze the 2022 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

2022 Update

The Eagles' Wings Foundation remains debt-free.

EWF Board of Directors

Current EWF Board of Directors Members

Scott Lewis, President

Sohail Quraeshi, Director

Cliff Leisinger, Vice President / Treasurer

Dr. Mujahed Ahmed, Director

TBD, Director

David Gibbs, Esq., EWF Board attorney