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To all MSC Members:

Marco Sportfishing Club Supports Everglades City Hurricane Relief Fund

- **A heartfelt thank you to the 35 members who have already donated to the Everglades City Hurricane Relief Fund. Your kindness and generosity is providing hope and comfort to the victims of Irma.**
- **This is a humble reminder to the other 425 members of the Marco Sportfishing Club who have yet to respond, to please take a moment today to consider making a donation to our neighbors in Everglades City and Chokoloskee who are suffering. We are making a hugely positive impact in these people's lives. Thank you for your consideration and generous support.**

Many of you remember Capt. Mike Merritt of Native Guide Service who spoke at our December meeting last year. He is scheduled to do so again this December. He is a native

Floridian with a passion for the outdoors, and a love of the community in which he lives and works.

Mike's base of operations is out of the Everglades City/Chokoloskee area which as we know was devastated by Irma. The estimate is that 75-80% of the homes in this area are now considered to be uninhabitable.

The people for the most part in Everglades City and Chokoloskee are barely surviving due to the recent storm. They struggle each day to simply feed, clothe, and shelter their families.

Since Irma, Capt. Mike Merritt has been investing most of his time, as well as some of his own personal financial resources to purchase essential supplies for distribution to the hardest-hit areas, being Everglades City, and Chokoloskee.

He is purchasing items such as first aid supplies, toiletries, water, food, clothing, baby supplies, tools, sunscreen, fuel, ice, batteries, and battery operated equipment to help sustain and comfort the victims.

Capt. Mike initiated the Everglades City Hurricane Relief Fund so others citizens and organizations may donate to this effort. 100% of the proceeds will be used to purchase supplies which will be distributed to those who need it the most. It is purely non-profit, and 100% tax deductible.

We all have a connection to the Everglades City area through fishing, and it is in everyone's best interest to help the recovery effort. We have the resources to help, here is your chance to do so.

Please search your feelings, and consider donating to the people of Everglades City and Chokoloskee through the Everglades City Hurricane Relief Fund. Several of our members have already done so. To those members, thank you for your generosity and caring for the victims. For those members who will be donating, a heartfelt thank you to you as well.

NOTE!

The Marco Sportfishing Club will MATCH our members' donations up to a total of \$1,000.00, so your donation will go twice as far for our neighbors who are suffering.

- **Please make checks out to: Everglades City Hurricane Relief Fund.**
- **Mail the check to Mike Larsen, 581 Elk Circle, Marco Island, FL 34145**
- **Mike will collect the checks, document your donation, and mail the checks on your behalf.**

Although we will likely never meet the people of Everglades City and Chokoloskee who we are helping to recover, we can feel proud about doing so, both personally and as an organization.

Thank you to all our members for your consideration, kindness, and generosity.

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