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Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay Mobilizes Relief Response Across Florida After Hurricane Debby

Donations are being accepted at RTTB's Distribution Center

Tampa, FL (August 6, 2024)—Following Hurricane Debby's landfall, which has impacted Florida's Gulf Coast and Panhandle, Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay (RTTB) has initiated its disaster response operations to assist affected communities. RTTB is preparing to deploy resources from its [Hurricane Distribution Center in Hillsborough County](#) to support recovery efforts.

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“We have team members at our distribution center actively loading and preparing our fleet of vehicles to deploy and assist those impacted by Hurricane Debby,” said Jose Garcia, RTTB's chief executive officer. “Donations are vital in supporting our immediate response to this storm and ensuring we are prepared for future emergencies. Your contributions enable us to provide essential aid and continue our mission of rebuilding and strengthening our communities.”

The Hillsborough County Hurricane Distribution Center ([5148 LeTourneau Cir. in Tampa](#)) will be accepting donations by appointment. Please call the RTTB RTTB Hotline at (863) 473-3521 with questions about donations or drop-offs.

Items needed include:

- Cleaning Supplies
- Tarps
- Flashlights
- Batteries
- Personal Hygiene Items
- Monetary donations can be made online at www.RTTB.org

The public can also call the RTTB Hotline at (863) 473-3521 with questions about donations or drop-offs.

RTTB partners with ToolBank to assist with immediate and long-term recovery efforts. ToolBank provides the tools needed to get the job done. Staff and various-size trailers will also be leaving from the Hurricane Distribution Center to respond.

“ToolBank is proud to support RTTB’s disaster response efforts by providing essential tools and equipment,” said Trey Bearden, ToolBank’s CPO. “Our collaboration ensures that volunteers have the resources to conduct effective cleanup and recovery operations. Together, we are committed to not only addressing the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Debby but also contributing to the long-term recovery and rebuilding of affected communities.”

RTTB is coordinating closely with state disaster relief operations to make all resources available as quickly as possible. RTTB's initial response includes critical activities such as tarping roofs, clearing debris, and providing essential supplies. In collaboration with the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Volunteer Florida, and local Emergency Management agencies, RTTB is ensuring a coordinated and efficient response to meet the immediate needs of affected residents.

In preparation for a sustained recovery effort, RTTB is in the process of releasing unrestricted funds, as authorized by its Board of Directors, to support long-term rebuilding initiatives. Community members and supporters are encouraged to contribute to these efforts by donating at www.RTTB.org.

"We are grateful for our community's support and resilience," added Garcia. "As we work together to overcome the challenges posed by Hurricane Debby, your contributions and partnership are vital to our mission of creating safer, healthier, and more resilient communities."

For ongoing updates and information on how to support Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay's relief efforts, visit www.RTTB.org.

About Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay

Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay (RTTB) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to repairing homes, revitalizing communities, and rebuilding lives. Since [year founded], RTTB has provided critical home repairs and modifications to low-income homeowners, ensuring they live in safe and healthy environments. Through partnerships with volunteers, donors, and local organizations, RTTB continues to make a lasting impact on the Tampa Bay community.

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