



# *Prepared Pearls*

Community Service Project



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Tau Chi Omega Chapter Candidates  
Spring 2022

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# Prepared Pearls

The project focused on a population often underserved by larger organizations. We committed to and successfully provided 100 storm kits to The Neighborhood Center of West Volusia whose mission is to provide food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless and prevent homelessness. This community service project was organized and executed in just six days.



# Background on Hurricanes and Tropical Storms



The National Hurricane Center categorizes Atlantic hurricanes based on wind speed. A storm with winds exceeding 74 mph is a Category 1 hurricane. Storms with winds stronger than 111 mph are considered “major hurricanes” (Category 3 or higher).

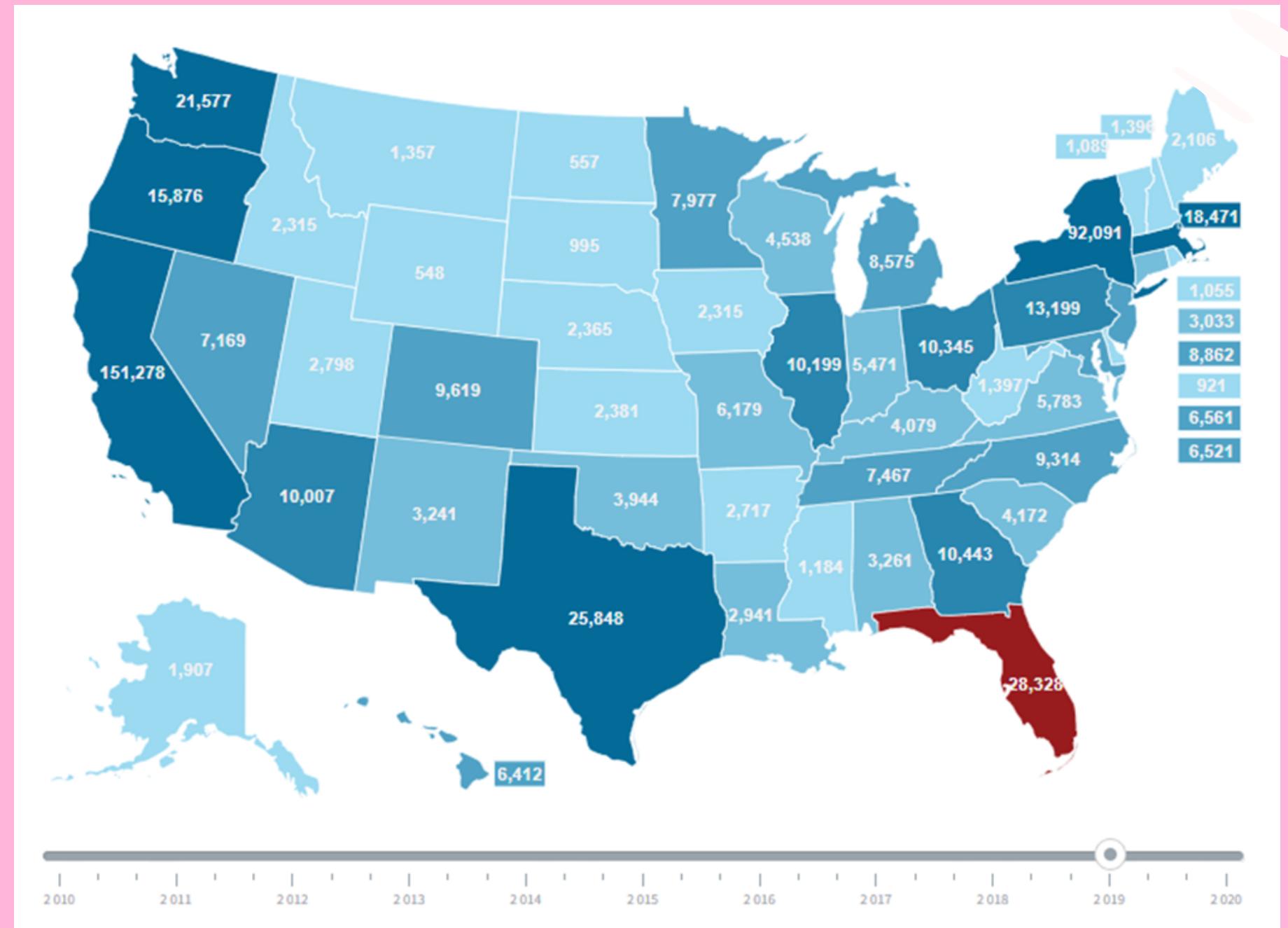
Wind speed is just one of many factors that contribute to a hurricane’s impact. Others include its track (the site where the storm makes landfall), size, storm structure, rainfall amount, duration, and the vulnerability of the area it affects.

More recently (2000-2014), the average is over 15 tropical storms per year, including about seven hurricanes.

# Florida Homelessness Statistics

As of January 2020, Florida had an estimated 27,487 experiencing homelessness on any given day, as reported by Continuums of Care to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

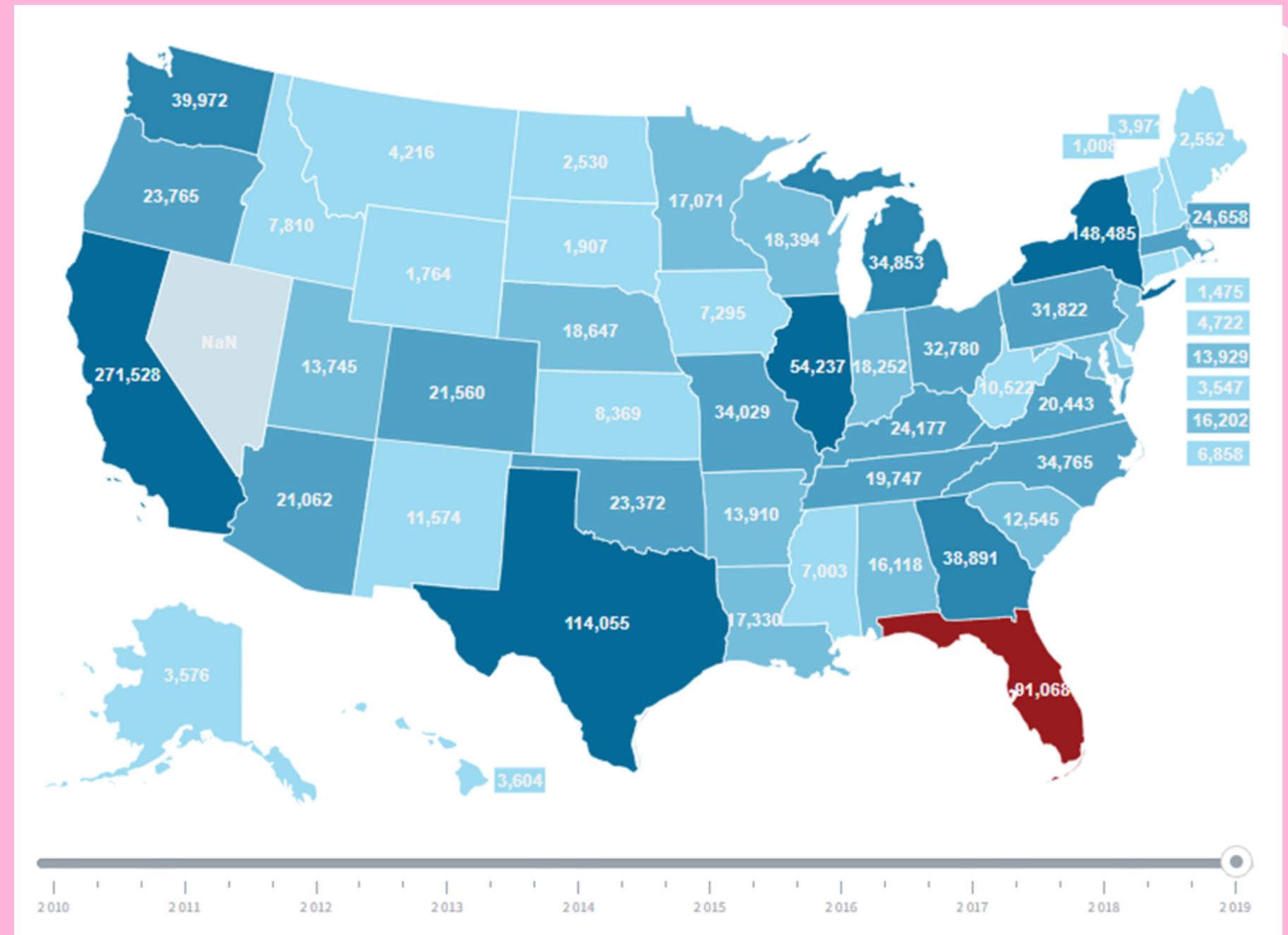
Of that total, 2,294 were family households, 2,436 were Veterans, 1,331 were unaccompanied young adults (aged 18-24), and 5,182 were individuals experiencing chronic homelessness.



# Florida Homelessness Statistics

Public school data reported to the U.S. Department of Education during the 2018-2019 school year shows that an estimated 91,068 public school students experienced homelessness over the course of the year.

Of that total, 6,717 students were unsheltered, 7,606 were in shelters, 11,004 were in hotels/motels, and 65,741 were doubled up.



# *The Neighborhood Center*

*The Neighborhood Center in DeLand has an emergency shelter with 40 beds. Clients are able to stay in a time frame of 30-90 days, with room and board supplied. The Neighborhood Center (NHCWV) also offers transitional housing for families with children.*

*Donations are packaged into bags for the hungry in our community—DeLand and its neighboring cities. Bags consist of meals for a week, including fruits, vegetables, meats, rice, and pasta.*

*They also distribute for those in need by request hygiene products, including shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants, and lotions. Additionally, they provide items for children such as diapers, formula, and baby food; NHCWV also provides food for hungry pets.*

<https://neighborhoodcenterwv.org/>  
info@nhcwv.org



## JUNE 4TH

Community service project introduction. Project Leaders assigned. Project focus confirmed.

## JUNE 5TH

Team meeting and information sharing of approach. Committee assignments. Game plan and finalize details.

## JUNE 6TH

Committees work on assignments. Team huddle led by Project Leaders to get status on each committees assignments. Confirm materials in hand and assembly location.

## JUNE 7TH

Morning touchpoint in group chat. Team huddle led by Project Leaders for overall status. Confirm materials collected.

## JUNE 8TH

Hurricane kit assembly. Confirm 100 kits assembled. Team huddle led by Project Leaders to address any outstanding items before execution/delivery.

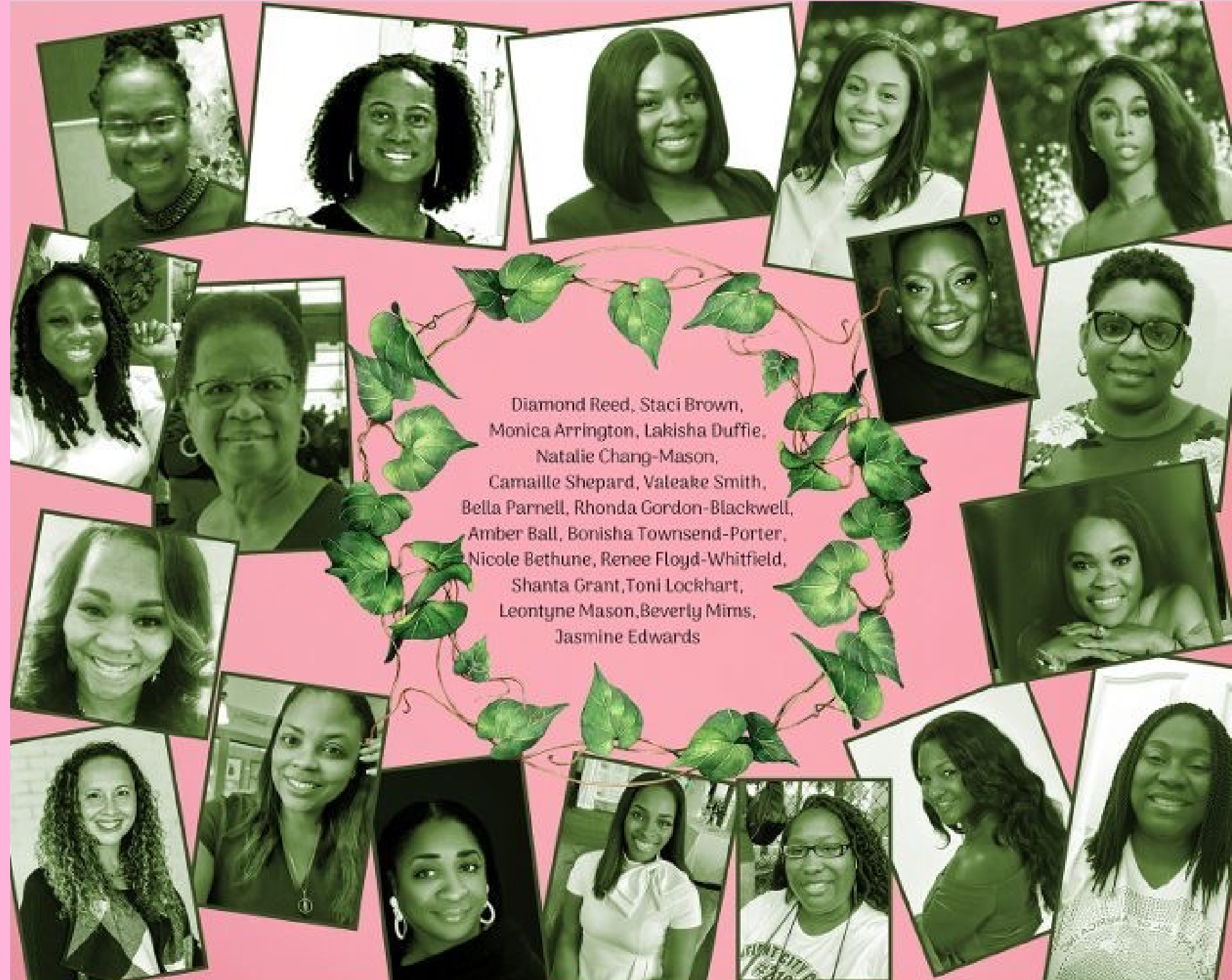
## JUNE 9TH

Delivery day.

*The  
Strategy*



# The Team



Diamond Reed, Staci Brown,  
Monica Arrington, Lakisha Duffie,  
Natalie Chang-Mason,  
Camaille Shepard, Valeake Smith,  
Bella Parnell, Rhonda Gordon-Blackwell,  
Amber Ball, Bonisha Townsend-Porter,  
Nicole Bethune, Renee Floyd-Whitfield,  
Shanta Grant, Toni Lockhart,  
Leontyne Mason, Beverly Mims,  
Jasmine Edwards

# Project Leaders



Bonisha Townsend Porter



Nicole Bethune

Create framework for the project and assist in the assignment of committee members. Create and communicate a clear list of expectations and goals for committee members to follow. Offer support and strategy to ensure successful project execution.

# Documentation Sub-Committee



## Committee Members

Diamond Reed  
Monica Arrington

Research, contact, and create an informational sheet that covers shelter and emergency information and protocols for homeless individuals.

# Procurement Sub-Committee

	Quantity needed	Quantity have	Quantity remaining	Cost each	Total Cost	Date Ordered	Date Received	Collection Date Due
<b>Ponchos (bright yellow)</b>	100		0				6-Jun	9-Jun
Staci-Emergency Disposable Raincoat 50 count		100		\$33.99	\$72.40			
Toni-Harbor Freight Contact								
Toni- her contact will donate								
<b>Collapsible Water Bottle</b>	100		0		\$170.30			9-Jun
Natalie- donated Amazon 100 @\$170.30		100						
<b>Batteries (if needed)</b>	0							9-Jun
Toni- her contact will donate		64						
Nicole said batteries are included in the ones she purchased								
<b>Shelter Information Sheet</b>	100							9-Jun
Monica								
<b>Ziplock Bags</b>	100		0	\$0.00	\$0.00			9-Jun
Rhonda large bags		100						
Toni- her contact will donate		160						
<b>Band-aids</b>	500		0		\$34.85			9-Jun
Lakisha - get her company to donate		500						
Toni- her contact will donate		540						
amazon 100 band-aids				\$6.97				
<b>Whistle</b>	100		0		\$36.99			9-Jun
Do we really need?								
Bella purchased		100						
amazon pack of 100				\$36.99				
<b>flashlights</b>	100		0		\$50.00			9-Jun
Nicole- donated \$50 and she put in the rest		100						
					\$364.54			

## Committee Members



Procure materials, request donations, determine budget and communicate to ensure timely shipping and receiving of all items.

# Procurement Sub-Committee



Committee Members



Valeake Smith



Rhonda Gordon-Blackwell

Procure materials, request donations, determine budget and communicate to ensure timely shipping and receiving of all items.

# Assembly Sub-Committee

Committee Members  
Amber Veta-Ball  
LaKisha Duffie  
Jasmine Edwards  
Beverly Mims  
Toni Lockhart  
Shanta Grant



Select the location, gather items, assemble storm kits, and ensure timely drop off to the Delivery Committee.

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# Delivery Sub-Committee

Committee Member

Natalie Chang-Mason  
Renee Floyd-Whitfield

Arrange delivery with the donation location and ensure that the bags are handed off as appropriate within the agreed upon timeline.



# Photos/Video Sub-Committee

Take photos of each stage of the project. Communicate with the presentation leaders

## Committee Members

Leontyne Mason  
Bella Parnell



# Presentation Sub-Committee



Camaille Shepard



Staci Brown

Document this amazing experience from start to finish!  
Collaborate with all other committee members for input to the presentation development.

=100

Ponchos

Collapsible Water

Bottles

Batteries

Shelter Information

Sheet

Zip Lock Bags

Band-clips

Whistles

DONATIONS GOAL

=100+

Ponchos

Collapsible Water

Bottles

Batteries (64)

Shelter Information

Sheet

Zip Lock Bags

Band-clips (940)

Whistles

DONATIONS DELIVERED

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# *The Future 2023 Community Project!*

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