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Care packages being assembled, sent to stricken Florida Keys



Parts of the Florida Keys were ravaged by Irma. A local group wants to help.

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Parts of the Florida Keys saw the full wrath of Hurricane Irma. Those still living there are existing on the most minimal supplies. A local faith-based group hopes to give some support to those there.

Monday morning, an organization named "Place of Hope" in Palm Beach Gardens will assemble care packages for victims of Hurricane Irma living in Key West.

They're currently accepting donations for the following items:

- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Washcloth
- Toothbrush
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Towels
- Toilet paper

The estimated cost to purchase items and drive them directly into the Florida Keys is \$10,000.

Volunteers will put them together throughout the day Monday, and then drive the care packages to Key West on Tuesday.

Place of Hope is a faith-based, state-licensed children's organization that provides family-style foster care (emergency and long-term); family outreach and intervention; maternity care; safety for domestic minor sexually trafficked victims; transitional housing and support services; adoption and foster care recruitment and support; hope and healing opportunities for children and families who have been traumatized by abuse and neglect.

If you would like to help by donating, visit the group's web site and type "Keys" in the notes section.