

SEU to Help Carry the Burden

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Southeastern University students called to action to help the Bahamas raise \$24,000 to help with the relief efforts. . A goal of raising \$2,500 was set during the 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. chapel services on September 9, 2019. The call to action was brought by Southeastern's Vice President, Chris Owen. The students raised more than the \$2,500 goal.

Convoy of Hope agreed to match Southeastern's \$2,500 if it was raised, bringing the total to \$5,000. Between the two chapel services, \$24,000 dollars was raised for the relief efforts. With the money raised, Southeastern was able to double the number of hygiene kits sent out to the Bahamas. One thousand kits were made during club rush on September 13. The kits were made through an assembly line where students, staff, and faculty helped put the kits together and wrote notes.

Altogether, \$10,000 was allocated to assemble hygiene kits. The next set of kits will be made in November, with plans of making 2,000 more in the spring semester.

Stephine Garrison, the executive director of student development at Southeastern, said, "we have done a global outreach, but also a personal outreach."

Currently, Southeastern has 17 students whose families and communities were impacted by Hurricane Dorian. The kits and notes will be given to these families and communities. These kits will go to the Bahamas and other locations that have been devastated by a natural disaster.

The department of spiritual formation coordinator, Azia Constance, said, “It was awesome to be apart of immediate response. I was able to help load supplies the weekend the hurricane hit.”



Image Credit: Azia Constance

Students from DSF helping to load supplies to send to the Bahamas.

Other relief efforts have come through the Southeastern athletic department where supplies, such as non-perishable food, and water were accepted. Southeastern also partnered

with Crossroads Reliance to send 75 planes with supplies the school was able to purchase through fundraising.

Southeastern was able to come alongside the Bahamas to start helping in the recovery process with the money the student's raised.