

FHA Establishes Hurricane Charley Relief Fund

August 17, 2004 in response to numerous offers of assistance from across the country, the Florida Hospital Association (FHA) has established the Hurricane Charley Disaster Relief Fund. The funds collected will be forwarded to the hospitals most affected by the storm and others who provide services to the hospital community. Contributions will be managed by the Florida Hospital Research and Education Foundation, Inc. (FHREF), an IRS 501c (3) charitable corporation. FHREF is registered with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and complies with the registration requirements of Chapter 496, Florida Statutes, and the Solicitation of Contributions Act. Hospitals, corporations and foundations may contribute to the fund. Hospital foundations may accept designated funds from their employees and forward contributions the Hurricane Charley Disaster Relief Fund. They may then donate in the name of the hospital employees. All contributions to the fund shall be made out and mailed to the following location: **FHREF-Hurricane Charley Relief Fund**
306 East College Avenue

Tallahassee, FL 32301-1522 In addition to accepting contributions for hospital employees, FHA has also developed a database of hospitals offering nursing assistance to the hospitals. In order to facilitate this process, the FHA is asking hospitals to identify a team of nurses, the nursing skill mix (ER, ICU, OB and etc.), and a contact for the team. This information will then be forwarded to the Emergency Operations Center. By using this process, many of the expenses can be covered by the disaster declaration. If you would like to offer a nursing team, please contact Katie Woodward (katie@fha.org) at 850-222-9800. If you need additional assistance, you may contact Rich Rasmussen, FHA VP for Strategic Communications (rich@fha.org), who has been managing the event for the FHA after hours at: 850-212-7487. "A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE (800-435-7352) WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE."