



## LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

**LTC No: 25-220**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission  
**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*  
**DATE:** October 29, 2025  
**SUBJECT: Hurricane Melissa Caribbean Relief Drive  
in Partnership with Food For The Poor**

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The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to provide information regarding the City of Fort Lauderdale's partnership with Food For The Poor (FFTP) to assist communities impacted by Hurricane Melissa through a citywide Caribbean Relief Drive. Hurricane Melissa first made landfall in Jamaica as a Category 5 hurricane and continued on across several Caribbean islands this week. The powerful and destructive storm left catastrophic conditions in its wake. Communities throughout the region are facing widespread flooding, infrastructure damage, long-term power outages, and devastating impacts to homes, schools, and medical facilities. Many families have been displaced, and urgent shortages of food, water, and medical supplies are creating life-threatening conditions.

In response, the City of Fort Lauderdale is partnering with FFTP, one of the nation's largest international relief organizations, to collect essential items for those affected by the storm. Effective Thursday, October 30, 2025, all Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue (FLFR) stations and the Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD) Headquarters will serve as donation drop-off sites for members of the public wishing to contribute to recovery efforts.

**Fire Station Drop-Off Locations:** All Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue station lobbies will be open for donation drop-offs between **8 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily.**

- Station 2 – 528 NW 2nd St.
- Station 3 – 2801 SW 4th Ave.
- Station 8 – 1717 SW 1st Ave.
- Station 16 – 533 NE 22nd St., Wilton Manors
- Station 29 – 2002 NE 16th St.
- Station 35 – 1969 E. Commercial Blvd.
- Station 46 – 1515 NW 19th St.
- Station 47 – 1000 SW 27th Ave.
- Station 49 – 1015 Seabreeze Blvd.
- Station 53 – 2200 Executive Airport Way
- Station 54 – 3211 NE 32nd St.

**Fort Lauderdale Police Department Drop-Off Location:** Donations may also be dropped off at the FLPD lobby at 1515 W. Cypress Creek Road **Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

Donations collected at these sites will be delivered to Food For The Poor's distribution center in Coconut Creek, where they will be sorted and shipped directly to impacted areas in coordination with local authorities and partner organizations.

**Most Needed Items**

- Nonperishable food and canned goods
- Hygiene and toiletry products (wash cloths, shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste)
- Baby supplies (diapers, wipes, formula)
- First-aid kits
- New, unused work gloves
- Heavy-duty trash bags
- Solar-powered lights
- Tarps
- Crank or battery-powered AM/FM radios
- Flashlights and batteries
- Sleeping bags
- Industrial sponges
- Military cots

Please note that clothing, linens, shoes, generators, and monetary donations will not be accepted on site. Those wishing to make a financial contribution may do so directly through Food For The Poor at [www.FoodForThePoor.org/MelissaRelief](http://www.FoodForThePoor.org/MelissaRelief).

**About Food For The Poor**

Food For The Poor is an international nonprofit organization headquartered in Broward County. Founded in 1982, the organization works to reduce poverty and provide life-saving assistance throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. Its programs focus on delivering food, clean water, housing, healthcare, education, and disaster relief to communities in need.

The City of Fort Lauderdale has a long history of responding with compassion when others are in need. This initiative provides another opportunity for our community to demonstrate generosity and solidarity with our neighbors in the Caribbean as they recover from this devastating storm. Residents can call our Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000 with any questions.

Attachment:

1. Hurricane Melissa Relief Flyer

c: D'Wayne M. Spence, Interim City Attorney  
David R. Soloman, City Clerk  
Patrick Reilly, City Auditor  
City Manager's Office  
Department Directors



CITY OF  
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# CARIBBEAN RELIEF DRIVE

## Supporting Communities Impacted by Hurricane Melissa

Hurricane Melissa caused widespread devastation across the Caribbean, leaving families displaced and communities struggling to recover. The City of Fort Lauderdale, in partnership with Food For The Poor, is collecting essential supplies to support relief and recovery efforts for those most affected.

Residents are encouraged to drop off donations at any Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue station between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily.

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\* Ensure an expiration date of at least one year.

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