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Seniors First distributes hundreds of portable power stations to seniors for hurricane season

ORLANDO, Fla. (June 18, 2024) — In preparation for Florida's busiest hurricane season, Seniors First is distributing nearly 300 personal power stations to support their senior clients throughout Central Florida in the event of a disaster. NOAA's outlook for the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season, which spans from June 1 to November 30, predicts an 85% chance of an abnormal season. In the event of a power outage, this system will power devices, such as cell phones, tablets, radios and portable fans. The devices may also be used to power medical equipment temporarily while awaiting emergency assistance.

"Portable power stations help us protect the lives of seniors in our community, who are often alone and possibly forgotten during a storm," says Seniors First, President and CEO Marsha Lorenz. "Guaranteeing senior citizens can communicate or reach out for help during a crisis is crucial. Seniors First understands it is of the utmost importance to support seniors year-round and especially during Florida's hurricane season."

Each of the Jackery and Anker portable power stations offer 1000 running watts, capable of powering up to eight devices simultaneously. These compact and portable power stations act as small-scale generators capable of powering small appliances. They are also both shock- and fire-resistant.

Seniors First volunteers are delivering the devices as quickly as possible to Orange, Polk and Seminole County senior clients in need. This initiative is part of a larger commitment by Seniors First to support seniors in preparation for hurricane season. Seniors First provides support through its nutrition programs to deliver shelf-stable food for each client that can sustain someone for three to five days without power.

Additionally, the nonprofit provides a checklist for seniors and the community at large to prepare older friends and family for a hurricane. Visit www.seniorsfirstinc.org to access information about additional services and programs that support seniors in the Central Florida area.

About Seniors First, Inc.

Driven by the mission of enhancing the quality of life of seniors, Seniors First, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is dedicated to providing services and resources for seniors that maintain their independence and dignity. Since 1966 the nonprofit has served Central Florida seniors through programs that promote nutrition, community engagement and independence. These programs include Meals on Wheels, Neighborhood Lunch with Transportation, Community Food Pantry, In-Home Care, Guardianship and Stepping Stone Medical Equipment Bank. Seniors First programs connect seniors across Orange, Seminole, Polk, Osceola and Brevard Counties that benefit their mental, emotional and physical wellbeing to offset social isolation and hunger. To learn more visit seniorsfirstinc.org.

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