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Seniors First delivers power stations to seniors ahead of hurricane season

ORLANDO, Fla. (July 25, 2025) — Seniors First is distributing 160 portable power stations to support their Meals on Wheels clients throughout Orange County in the event of a disaster. Grant funding for this project was provided by Heart of Florida United Way, who, together with partner agencies like Seniors First, serve Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties. They are committed to improving the well-being of individuals and families to help communities thrive.

“It’s important to us that our senior clients are prepared.” says Seniors First President and CEO Marsha Lorenz. “These portable power stations are more than just a safety measure, they’re a lifeline. By putting critical resources directly into the hands of our seniors, we’re ensuring they can stay connected, safe, and self-reliant during a hurricane.”

Each of the Anker portable power stations offers 300 running watts. In the event of a power outage, this system will power devices, such as cell phones, tablets, radios, and portable fans.

“With nearly half of Central Florida households already struggling to make ends meet, a significant storm can put them into a financial tailspin,” said Jeff Hayward, President & CEO, Heart of Florida United Way. “We are proud to partner with Seniors First. As a community, we are supporting ALICE – or Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed – families to bring them comfort and relief.”

Seniors First volunteers are delivering the devices as quickly as possible to [Orange County](#) Seniors First clients in need. This initiative is part of a larger commitment by Seniors First to support their clients during hurricane season. The nonprofit 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, Seniors First 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, Emergency Meals on Wheels, Neighborhood Lunch with Transportation, Community Food Pantry, In-Home Care, Guardianship and Stepping Stone Medical Equipment Bank. Seniors First connects seniors across Orange, Seminole, Polk, Osceola and Brevard Counties with various programs that benefit their mental, emotional and physical wellbeing to offset social isolation and hunger. To learn which programs are available in your area, visit seniorsfirstinc.org.

About Heart of Florida United Way

Heart of Florida United Way (HFUW) stands up for the education, financial stability, health, and basic needs of every person in Central Florida. For 85 years, HFUW has delivered programs, invested dollars, and convened community members around important issues impacting Orange, Seminole, and Osceola counties. As Central Florida's most comprehensive health and human services nonprofit, HFUW created a \$50 million impact in Central Florida last year. In 2022-23, HFUW served more than 755,000 people through its direct service and funded programs — that is one in every three Central Floridians. HFUW is home to notable community resources like the 211 Information & Referral Crisis Line; 988 Suicide Prevention Lifeline; Mission United program for Veterans; TECHquity; www.HFUW.org for more information, or call (407) 835-0900. Follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn at Heart of Florida United Way and on Twitter and Instagram @hfuw.

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