

**No Person Left Behind**



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Not Part of the problem"**

# **“NO PERSON LEFT BEHIND”**

**Southwest Florida  
Legislative Delegation  
December 15, 2009**

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**This program is dedicated to all the people with disabilities  
in the State of Florida**

**We want to thank the following agencies, departments and organizations for their assistance in the creation of this project for all the people with disabilities since 2004.**

**ADA Advisory Board of Southwest Florida  
Career and Service Center of Lee County  
Center for Independent Living – Lee County  
Deaf Service Center of Southwest Florida  
Division of Blind Services  
Families First of Southwest Florida  
Family Care Council Area 8  
FEMA Publication Supply Center  
Florida Gulf Coast University  
Fort Myers Housing Authority  
Fox TV – Ft Myers  
Gulf City Solar  
Lee County Emergency Management  
Lee County Parks and Recreation  
Lee County Schools  
Lee County Transportation (Passport)  
Mayor’s Alliance  
Ruth Cooper Center  
Visually Impaired Persons Center of Southwest Florida  
WGCU - Florida Gulf Coast University  
Wink TV – Ft Myers  
Workforce Alliance of Southwest Florida**

**Without the hard work from the individuals from the agencies, departments and organizations listed above, this project could not have been made possible.**



# **“No Person Left Behind”**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**September 1, 2009**

### **Statement of the Problem**

More than one-third of Florida's 6,341,130 households include at least one person with a disability. Over the last two years with multiple hurricane threats in various counties, it became even more evident that dedicated support for emergency preparedness for persons with special needs of all ages is critical. Those who have medically stable conditions but need a source of power, specialized personnel or equipment may not have considered all their options related to being able to shelter-in-place or needing to evacuate. There is no standardized template for pre-registration, nor an easy-to-understand state information source for who should consider going to special care units or special needs shelters. Hospitals may not have the space, personnel or supplies to care for a large number of shelter persons, and face liability issues and a lack of reimbursement for services provided.

### **Background on Program:**

“No Person Left Behind” program has been operational since Aug 2004 and could be considered as a model program for the state and is a 501 (c)(3) organization effective May 2007. The goals of this program include:

- Communication with a coalition of agencies to include all types of disabilities.
- Establishing a centralized website, [www.nopersonleftbehind.org](http://www.nopersonleftbehind.org), for information and links to other resources around the state. The website allows secure pre-registration to identify basic needs for persons with disabilities.
- 100% accountability of all pre-registered persons with disabilities during disasters.
- Education of persons with disabilities and their families on disaster preparedness and empowerment to take control of their disaster planning.

A coalition of organizations in Southwest Florida are working together (largely volunteer participation) with “No Person Left Behind” and include: the, The Career and Service Center of Lee County, Deaf Service Center of Southwest Florida, Division of Blind Services, FEMA Publication Supply Center, Florida Gulf Coast University, Lee County Emergency Management, Lee County Parks and Recreation, Lee County Transportation (Passport), Ruth Cooper Center, Visually Impaired Persons Center of Southwest Florida, WGCU - Florida Gulf Coast University, Workforce Alliance of Southwest Florida, The Mayor's Alliance, Fort Myers Housing Authority and the Fort Myers Senior Friendship Center have all helped and provided input over the past few years to make this a needed program for persons with disabilities and seniors.

Active assistance is offered in distributing multilingual FEMA Hurricane and Disaster Publications to persons with disabilities and to the Spanish communities of Southwest Florida. Information is shared including in Tape, Braille, Large Print, and electronic formats.

### **2010 Activities**

We have been requested to present to the Following:

- National Evacuation Conference in Feb, in New Orleans
- National Substitute Teachers Conference in May, in Las Vegas
- Family Café in June, in Orlando

## 2008-2009 Activities

During the past 3 years we distributed over 300,000 + publications of FEMA Disaster Education Material to Persons with Disabilities and organizations around the state. This breaks down to over 100,000 publications per year.

During this past year we presented seminars or spoke to groups and provided them with Free FEMA Information from around the nation to include:

- **National**
  - **National Substitute Teachers Conference, July 09, FGCU, Ft Myers Florida**
- **State of Florida**
  - Family Cafe Conference 2009, Orlando, Florida
- **Southwest Florida 2009**
  - The Mayor's Alliance – Ft Myers
  - Ft Myers Housing Authority 6 Complexes – Ft Myers
  - Active Day Services – Ft Myers
  - Florida MENTOR – Ft Myers
  - Royal Palm School – Lee County School District – Ft Myers
  - FGCU Adaptive Sports Expo – Ft Myers

### Proposed Statewide Solution:

“No Person Left Behind” can be expanded around Florida with the following support:

- Dedicated staff and a state office for this program.
- Designation of a dedicated public communication channel for persons with disabilities.
- Development of common template for pre-registration/identification of persons with special needs.
- Establish links from the database to the Emergency Operations Centers to use for mass care and evacuation planning, and search and rescue in the event of a disaster.
- Develop recommendations for health care facilities (acute, long-term, and disaster) to use to advance their preparedness in supporting persons with disabilities.
- Work with media to include information to support persons with special needs before, during and after disaster events.

### Budget:

To expand this program from the current program to a statewide program, it is anticipated that \$500,000 would be needed for the following basic needs:

- State Office with a toll-free phone number and dedicated full-time staff.
- Regional Office Space (perhaps based with EOC's)
- Master database, primary and backup servers, IT support to set up registration software and processing with inter-link into the phone system.

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Date: **NOV 20 2008**

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14-2001647  
DLN:  
17053179328008  
Contact Person: RICHARD COMBS ID# 31024  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Public Charity Status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990 Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
May 2, 2007  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Letter 947 (DO/CG)

NO PERSON LEFT BEHIND INC

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Choi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Robert Choi  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures: Publication 4221-PC



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Ms Linda Carter, Executive Director

# No Person Left Behind Assistance Guide

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No Person Left Behind is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that mission is to help prepare persons with disabilities and seniors for a disaster before it strikes.

We do this by providing seminars in disaster preparedness and providing FEMA Disaster Publications for preplanning.

With the way the economy is now FEMA is now requesting that all organizations request or set-up an account with them so that materials may be sent directly to the requestor.

### Procedures in requesting a FEMA Publications Account

1. Call **1 (800) 480-2520** and say you just attended a No Person Left Behind Seminar and you need to open an account so you may get publications for your group.
2. Due to current budget restraints you need to order max allowed of the following publications. (as currently, they have cut the limit down from what was able to be gotten in the past.) Currently may order once per 3 months.
3. If you are not able to get what you need ask for the FEMA Publications Supervisor – Barbara Nelson to assist you or contact and we can do a conference call to try and get you want you need for your group.

### Procedures in requesting a No Person Left Behind Seminar.

1. Go to the website – [www.NoPersonLeftBehind.org](http://www.NoPersonLeftBehind.org) and on left side click on request Disaster Seminar.
2. Fill out form with all your information. (all fields are needed to be completed)
3. Then hit Submit.
4. When your form is received it will be checked against the year schedule and confirm is the primary date is open, if not then will go to alt date to see if it is open.

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5. Send you a confirmation notice that you are set up for the Disaster Seminar.
6. Note: If both dates and times are booked you will get a call to work out a new alternate date and time.

### **Procedures in requesting a No Person Left Behind Publications or assistance.**

There is a copy of all No Person Left Behind publications on our website. Please feel free to download and print as many as you need.

There is also a copy of the Lee County Family Disaster Plan booklet on our site, in an easy to fill in the blanks PDF. Please feel free to download and print as many as you need.

You can call 239 368 6846 and leave a message and will return your call or you can email – [executivedirector@nopersonleftbehind.org](mailto:executivedirector@nopersonleftbehind.org)

**Becoming Accounted for on the No Person Left Behind Data System-** Please go to the website - [www.NoPersonLeftBehind.org](http://www.NoPersonLeftBehind.org) and click on **ADA "No Person Left Behind" Disaster Registration Form** (fill in online) on home page.

Please let us help you and your clients get ready and learn out how to be prepared through our hands on seminars. You will learn how to get ready for Free, how to recycle what you have in your home, and learn to think year round disaster preparedness.

Please Contact us.

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### FEMA Publications

IS22 – Are you Ready? \* **Limit is one (1) – may have to have each client who wants one order it .**

FEMA 545 English – Help after a Disaster  
FEMA 545 Spanish – Help after a Disaster  
FEMA 545 Large Print – Help after a Disaster  
FEMA 545 Braille – Help after a Disaster \* **as needed**

FEMA R-9 – Ready Kids Activity Book  
FEMA 522 – Ready --- Set --- Prepare – A Disaster Preparedness Activity Book - ages 4-7  
FEMA 523 – Ready --- Set --- Prepare – A Disaster Preparedness Activity Book - ages 8-11

FEMA 475 – Preparing for Disaster  
FEMA 476 – Preparing for Disaster for People with Disabilities and other Special Needs  
FEMA 477 – Food and Water in an Emergency  
FEMA 478 – Helping Children Cope with Disaster

Preparing Makes Sense. Get Ready Now. - English  
Preparing Makes Sense. Get Ready Now. - Spanish

Preparing Your Pets for Emergencies Makes Sense. Get Ready Now.  
Preparing Makes Sense for Older Americans. Get Ready Now.  
Preparing Makes Sense for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs. Get Ready Now.

FEMA 234 Repairing your Flooded Home –English  
FEMA 234 Repairing your Flooded Home - Spanish

FEMA CD's – Getting Ready for Disaster (One Family's Experience) \* **Limit is one (1) – may have to have each client who wants one order it.**

FEMA 320 - Taking Shelter from the Storm

Every Business Should have a Plan

Emergency Supply List

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Click  [FEMA Alternate Format Manual Request](#) .  
Fill out the form and your request will be sent in a timely manner.

If you have questions or comments, please contact your agency for further assistance.

### **DISABLED COMMUNITY IS LOOKING FOR CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS**

The Disabled Community is looking for civic organizations, agencies, and individuals to assist in times of hurricane or disasters or emergencies.

We need your assistance, please go to [nopersonleftbehind.org](http://nopersonleftbehind.org) and click on [Civic Organization](#) and [Individual Hurricane & Disaster Team Volunteer Form](#)  if you wish to volunteer.

Call 239-368-6846

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### **SPECIAL NOTE**

Southwest Florida

Tune to: Wink Station 96.9 FM for emergency information.

Website: [www.winkfm.com](http://www.winkfm.com)

## **HURRICANE AND DISASTER ASSISTANCE INFORMATION**

Persons with Disabilities  
helping Persons with  
Disabilities

Website is located:

[www.nopersonleftbehind.org](http://www.nopersonleftbehind.org)

**No Person Left Behind is a  
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Last Updated: Jan 2009

# HURRICANE & DISASTER Information

1. With this year's hurricane season, there are some new items of interest for the Disabled Community.

2. Goals for this year include:

- Is a 100% accountability of all disabled individuals
- Identify basic needs for these individuals
- Educate disabled individuals and families on disaster preparedness
- Empower disabled individuals to take control of their disaster planning
- 3. Hurricane and disaster seminars are being planned for the Disabled Community.

**Please check [noperpersonleftbehind.org](http://noperpersonleftbehind.org) for the current dates and locations of disaster seminars.**

## PLEASE REGISTER

This year we are asking everyone in the Disabled Community to register with NPLB. This provides several benefits for our Disabled Community.

- Your registration allows NPLB to help the County, State, and Federal Agencies; to identify all those in need of possible help; and to account for those who are not registered with any other agency.

- It allows us to let Utility Companies (water and electric) to know how many persons with disabilities are without power or water in a given area or affected area.

- It will help NPLB to assist your evacuation from your residence or contact other Agencies to help in your transportation – before or after a disaster.

## DISABLED COMMUNITY NEEDS TO BE PREPARED

The disabled community needs to be prepared for hurricanes and disasters in southwest Florida. In order to be prepared, each person should have an emergency hurricane and disaster plan.

If you do not have one and you need help in how to set up one or what needs to be done in case of a hurricane or disaster please contact your local disability support agency for assistance or visit No Person Left Behind website.

## ALTERNATE FEMA HURRICANE AND DISASTER INFORMATION

FEMA Hurricane and Disaster Information is available through [noperpersonleftbehind.org](http://noperpersonleftbehind.org).

Please support No Person Left Behind with their mission of helping persons with disabilities. Please Donate as we are a **501(c)(3) organization.**

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# Its Disaster Preparedness Time Again!

## **Welcome to the No Person Left Behind 2009 Disaster Preparedness Program**

**It is that time again to think about do your  
clients have a disaster plan?**

**Are you ready to help your clients during a  
disaster?**

**If you said yes to the above questions please  
contact us for a Disaster Preparedness  
Seminar.**

**Call 239 826 8696 to request your seminar or go  
to our website: [www.nopersonleftbehind.org](http://www.nopersonleftbehind.org)  
and click on request a seminar.**

**Remember Disaster Preparedness is a year  
round program and strike when least expected.  
Are you and your clients ready?**

**Support Disaster Preparedness for persons  
with disabilities and seniors.**

## No Person Left Behind – Advanced Disaster Planning and Safe Travel

You will learn how to plan while being provided Disaster Information so that persons with disabilities can be prepared for any type of disaster.

You will also learn how to build a Complete Disaster Evacuation Kit, what items they should consider including and alternate items that should be included in their kit.

They will also learn about what options they need to consider so that they have a disaster plan for themselves and their family.

Also we will cover safe travel planning for persons with disabilities, and what to look for and what to ask when traveling.





**FEBRUARY 3-5, 2010**  
**JW MARRIOT, NEW ORLEANS, LA**

*Uniting the fields of transportation and emergency management to further advance and improve evacuation planning to accommodate the needs of all people before, during and after a major disaster.*



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## About the Conference

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This conference will bring together the fields of transportation and emergency management to discuss evacuation planning to accommodate the needs of all people before, during and after a major disaster. The purpose of the conference is to foster an interdisciplinary exchange of ideas surrounding a broad range of evacuation issues, particularly mass evacuations prompted by disasters.

Special topics of discussion include:

- Addressing the challenges faced by special needs populations during disasters
- Improvements in evacuation planning and modeling
- National evacuation policy development

This conference will be relevant to both academics and professionals with an interest in the development and modeling of comprehensive evacuation plans. The conference will offer a venue for dialogue between the academy and practice, as well as between the private and public sector. Participants will contribute to an important step towards more efficient and effective evacuation planning.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Abstracts due September 30th
- Full Papers due December 31st
- Early bird registration ends November 30th!



Download  
 Conference flyer  
 [PDF]

Who Should Attend

The conference will assemble together professional, academics, nonprofit and for-profit organizations, consultants, emergency managers, government officials and transportation planners to discuss evacuation planning for cities and regions across the United States.

## Hosts

Conference is organized by the Stephenson Disaster Management Institute and the Gulf Coast Research Center for Evacuation and Transportation Resiliency both at Louisiana State University and the University of New Orleans.

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**From:** [Jennifer Butler](#)  
**To:** [Jennifer Butler](#)  
**Subject:** ACCEPTED: National Evacuation Conference  
**Date:** Saturday, October 24, 2009 7:59:33 PM  
**Importance:** High

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We are pleased to inform you that your abstract submission has been accepted by the National Evacuation Conference! Thank you for your interest in this important topic; we were pleased to see the quality and diversity of the topics submitted.

To confirm your panel slot, you must complete the following steps:

- 1- Reply to this email confirming your acceptance.
- 2- Register for the conference prior to November 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you do not complete the two steps above by November 30<sup>th</sup>, we will withdraw your abstract. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Again, thank you very much for your great topic and interest in this conference. We have a renowned line-up and can't wait to see you in New Orleans next year!

Best,  
Jennifer Butler

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## 2010 Annual Family Cafe Presentation Proposal Form

*All professionals will be charged a registration fee of \$100 unless they are either persons with disabilities or parents of persons with disabilities. Forms must be returned by December 18, 2010.*

### **Primary Presenter**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Voice: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Additional Presenter**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Voice: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Additional Presenter**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Voice: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Presentation Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Language of Presentation:** English  Spanish  Other:  \_\_\_\_\_

**Website:** I would like to have my presentation available on The Family Cafe website. Yes  No

**Audio/Visual Needs:**  Overhead /Screen  Flipchart/Markers/Easel

Screen Only

Lavaliere microphones will be ordered for speakers with accessibility needs only. Please advise if a lavaliere microphone will be needed by calling (888) 309-CAFE.

**Synopsis:** *Please attach a brief description of this presentation in 75-100 words as you wish it to be published in the official program. Please do not include bulleted lists, biographies or reviews as they will not be included in the program.*

***Tactile / Hands - on Disaster Preparedness Evacuation  
Planning and Kit building for Persons with disabilities, on a  
low budget, through recycling and free items***

**(request 2 sessions one in AM and one in PM)**

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**Hurricane Season 1 June - 30 Nov**  
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Your one stop shop of information for seniors and  
persons with disabilities  
for Hurricanes and Disasters  
"see Disclosures Below"



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## Seminar Schedule 2009

No Person Left Behind will be Sponsoring Hurricane - Disaster Seminars on the following dates. If you would like to have a seminar please fill out a seminar request and submit.

**Date:** March 19th  
**Time:** 130 - 230 PM  
**Location:** Deaf Service Center - Ft Myers  
**POC:** Lori Timson

**Date:** April 20  
**Time:** 6 - 730 PM  
**Location:** Greater Fort Myers Democrtaic Club - Ft Myers  
**POC:** Steve Sherman

**Date:** April 22  
**Time:** 10am - 12 PM  
**Location:** Sabal Palm Apts - Ft Myers  
**POC:** Les Moore

**Date:** May 5  
**Time:** 4 - 5 PM  
**Location:** Royal Palm Towers, Ft Myers, FL  
**POC:** Jackie O'Reilly

**Date:** May 11  
**Time:** 1230 - 230 PM  
**Location:** LARC -

## NWS Forecast (enter your ZIP)

National Threat Advisory:  
**ELEVATED**  
Significant Risk Of Terrorist Attacks



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## Preparedness Presentation?



### *Help Find Missing Children*



**Bonita Springs, FL**  
**POC: Wendy Borgma**

**Date: May 12**  
**Time: 1030 - 1130 PM**  
**Location: Sarasota VIST Support Group, Sarasota, FL**  
**POC: Jodi Teper**

**Date: May 21**  
**Time: 5 - 630 PM**  
**Location: Horizon Apartments, Ft Myers, FL**  
**POC: Lara Chrisphonte**

**Date: May 25 - Rescheduled**  
**Time: 3 - 5 PM**  
**Location: VIP Center, North Ft Myers, FL**  
**POC: Margaret Ruhé Lincoln**

**Date: May 26**  
**Time: 9:30 - 11 AM**  
**Location: Sunrise Day Care, Ft Myers, FL**  
**POC: Maryann White**

**Date: May 28**  
**Time: 12 - 1 PM**  
**Location: Hope Parkinson Program, Ft Myers, FL**  
**POC: Jeanne Csuy**

**Date: June 3**  
**Time: 730 - 9 am**  
**Location: Mayor's Alliance Breakfast, Ft Myers, FL**  
**POC: [Linda Carter](#)**

**Date: June 5-6-7**  
**Time: Sat AM**  
**Location: Family Cafe Conference,**

Thank You's

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**Please make a donation to help us to continue to provide disaster education and materials to persons with disabilities and seniors.**  
**We are a 501 (c)(3) non profit charity**

**We are a Florida not for profit organization**

**Make A Donation**

**Orlando, FI**  
POC: [Linda Carter](#)

**Date: June 15**  
**Time: 10 - 1130 AM**  
**Location: Share Club**  
**North, North Ft**  
**Myers, FL**  
POC: Paula Short

**Date: June 17**  
**Time: 1230 - 230 PM**  
**Location: LARC - Ft**  
**Myers, FI**  
POC: Pamela  
Jenkins

**Date: June 17**  
**Time: 6 - 8 PM**  
**Location: LARC - Ft**  
**Myers, FI**  
POC: Pamela  
Jenkins

**Date: July 24-26**  
**Time: 12 Noon**  
**Friday - 2 Pm Sun**  
**Location: National**  
**Substitute Teachers**  
**Conference -FGCU -**  
**Ft Myers, FI**  
**"NSTC Program"**  
POC: Marvin Goetz

**Date: Sept 20**  
**Time: Sat AM**  
**Location: SPARC**  
**2008 Conference, St**  
**Petersburg, FI**  
POC: [Linda Carter](#)

**Date: Oct 4**  
**Time: 10 - 2 PM**  
**Location: Florida**  
**Gulf Coast**  
**University -**  
**Adaptive Sports**  
**Expo**  
POC: Linda  
Carter

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### Community News

### Carter shows off 'solar powered' scooter

By MEL TOADVINE, [mtoadvine@breezenewspapers.com](mailto:mtoadvine@breezenewspapers.com)

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Solar-powered scooter: Linda Carter sits in a power scooter that has been in use for several years. But today, a solar-powered panel and new battery and new wiring has been added. Now the scooter can be used without having to stop and charge up batteries to the wall. Photo by Mel Toadvine.

It's the only thing like it in Lehigh Acres and even the state of Florida and Linda Carter, a member of LACPC, a member of the community policing committee of Weed and Seed, executive director of No Person left Behind in the county and active in other organizations, is telling everyone who'll listen about her solar-powered scooter that is used to get around Lehigh.



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Due to back injuries while serving in Vietnam and complications from a heart condition and Diabetes, Carter can only get around using a power scooter when out of the house and for several years now has been dreaming of the day

when someone could take the scooter and turn it into a solar machine so the scooter runs on power from the sun.

"That's free stuff," Carter said. "You don't have to pay for that power."

And with the new battery and canopy that takes rays from sunshine and turns them into electricity, Carter can even be self-sufficient when and if a hurricane or other disaster should strike.

"The solar batteries can also be used to provide electricity to light up lamps and to charge my cell phone, which also doubles as a GPS device so that when Carter is moving about Lehigh, there is no chance of getting lost.

The power scooter that Carter uses is around six years old. It's a Craftomatic and over the past six years, Carter said after traveling 10 miles, the battery goes dead.

Now with the solar gathering screen and new battery that sits under Carter's seat, the scooter can travel almost an unlimited amount of time and the battery has plenty of power.

The other day, Carter left the house on Homer Street near Lehigh Senior High School and drove all the way up to Lee Blvd., Homestead Rd., and places in between doing errands and testing the scooter and Carter had nothing but praise.

"I've driven this scooter 18 miles already and the power in the battery is still at 95 percent high ... and I have another five-mile trip home.

"What's great about my power scooter now is that the batter constantly is in charge mode.

I can charge it under any type of lighting inside and while it is outside, it is always charging.

You can't beat that," Carter said.

Now Carter's goal is to drive the scooter from the Bay Pines Veterans Hospital to Tallahassee "to show others who are disabled that you can be self-sufficient."

"They're my wheels," Carter said. With the new solar powered device, Carter said dependence on Mary Carter, a life partner, doesn't have to always take me to places, knowing that the old battery would not put out enough power to get back home.

Carter, who likes to be known around the community as Ms Carter, said she first heard of a man in Bonita who owns Gulf City Solar, who installed glass solar panels atop golf carts to make them run longer than old batteries would allow.

"I got in touch with William Heckenstaller and asked if he could do something for my power scooter. That was last August and he worked with me to make it happen," Carter said.

"But instead of glass, he used a plastic device as a solar panel with strips that absorb the energy from the sun," Carter said.

The whole job cost around \$2,500 to make the change," Carter said. Working together to spread the word, Carter is now trying to get the word out to others who depend on power scooters to get around.

"It took several months for him to transfer the power scooter into a solar-powered

unit. The wiring all had to be redone and the job became more than just making a few simple changes," Carter said.

The battery is about 14 by 14 inches and is located under the seat of the scooter. There is a controller box, something like a modem that Carter says is the brains that converts solar power into electricity that is stored in the battery.

Carter, who is on 50 percent military disability, also has Diabetes and some heart problems and has suffered a couple of strokes over the past few months. But she doesn't let that keep her home. As soon as the doctor says go, Carter's back on the street or sidewalks of Lehigh, attending meetings, and running errands.

The solar panel is made so it can snap off and fold up when traveling in a van.

"I like to say to people that it makes power while using power and knowing that you are not going to run out of battery power, well that gives you a whole lot of feelings of self-sufficiency, that you don't always have to depend on someone to come and get you and load up the power scooter to take home to charge it up again.

"It's like those carts in Wal-Mart ... so many times you can't get one because they are plugged into the wall getting a charge. Well if they had this type of device, they would never have to recharge them because the lights from the ceiling will provide the power to keep the battery full of electricity," Carter said.

"There's only one like this in the whole U.S.," Carter said. The gentleman who made the makeover to the scooter has four patents on the materials, Carter said. "We've found out that by using plastic instead of glass for the solar panels makes it easier to maintain. For one thing, is is much lighter than having glass over your head and it is also safer if there should be an accident," Carter said.

Ever since Carter has been forced to get around in a power chair, there is "one bothersome thing." And that's the absence of sidewalks in Lehigh.

"I travel wherever I can on sidewalks and when they disappear, I travel on the side of the roadway or street," Carter said. I travel the same way as traffic goes. You'll find sidewalk in some places and then they disappear and it's on the other side of the street in some areas.

"I don't go back and forth across the street because of the danger of someone hitting me," Carter said. The power chair travels around 5 miles per hour.

Carter can't wait for her and Mary to show their grandchildren the new power chair. They have two grown daughters. One is married and one is not, Carter said.

"The grandkids would really like this scooter," Carter laughed.



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**POC: Cynthia**  
**Rhodes**

**Date: June 10**  
**Time: 10 - 11 AM**  
**Location: Flossie Riley**  
**Apartments, Fort Myers,**  
**FL**  
**POC: Su Powers**

**Date: June 17**  
**Time: 6- 8 PM**  
**Location: Family**  
**Care Council, Ft**  
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**POC: Sharon Berry**

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