

## Royal Poinciana Plaza plans concert to benefit Bahamian victims of Hurricane Dorian



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This photo of the destruction on Green Turtle Cay left behind by Hurricane Dorian was shot Wednesday during a Green Turtle Cay Foundation relief flight to the Bahamas. (Photo by Sarah Ann Showell) - None



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The Royal Poinciana Plaza in Palm Beach will host a concert Friday benefiting Bahamian victims of Hurricane Dorian.

The Royal Poinciana Plaza will host a concert 4 to 6 p.m. Friday benefiting Bahamian victims of Hurricane Dorian. A 12-piece Caribbean salsa band from New World Music School of Orlando will perform.

Cash donations will benefit the Green Turtle Cay Foundation and the Bahamas Red Cross.

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The concert was scheduled for last Friday as part of the plaza's ongoing summer series. But it was canceled when it seemed as though Dorian might strike Palm Beach.

"As soon as we got back in the office on Wednesday we decided to turn it into a hurricane relief concert," said Lilly Ferreira, the plaza's general manager.

The plaza is collecting money instead of supplies because "we want to let those who lead the organizations make the decisions about the best use of the money," she said.

In addition to collecting donations during the event, the plaza will contribute to both organizations. Several plaza businesses will donate a portion of proceeds from the night and some are making additional gifts, she said.

Ferreira, who grew up in Palm Beach, and her family have spent vacations on their boat in the Bahamas for years, most recently at hard-hit Grand Cay. "My love of the Bahamas has been passed down through my family for generations," she said.

The Green Turtle Cay Foundation's mission is to support and improve the educational, medical, scientific, and literary needs of the people of Green Turtle Cay, which was pummeled by Dorian.

The foundation has made four flights filled with supplies from the Lantana airport to Green Turtle Cay since Wednesday, said Sarah Koenig, a Realtor with Brown Harris Stevens in Palm Beach, whose father serves on the foundation's board.

Donations also can be made through the Green Turtle Cay Foundation's gofundme page and the Bahamas Red Cross website.

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