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Volunteers Needed to Help Repair Belle Glade Home Damaged by Hurricane Irma

BELLE GLADE - Hurricane Irma roared through Florida with a vengeance leaving a trail of wreckage in a number of cities in its path.

Many residents in the Belle Glade community had to endure the grueling heat and inconvenience resulting from the loss of power. However, some were spared and escaped with minimal or no property damage.

Ms. Vernita Hale was not as fortunate as the storm caused significant damage to her home. Her home was flooded and will have to be gutted.

Delray Beach-based KOP Mentoring Network and the West County Senior Center have teamed up to help Hale with the necessary repairs.

An army of volunteers is expected to descend on the home at 1241 SW Avenue C on Saturday, Oct. 28, to restore her home. The project, dubbed Project Harmony – Making a Difference, will begin at 7 a.m. and end at 4 p.m.

"We have decided to make this a community project to help Ms. Hale with the necessary repairs," said Willie A. Miller, Jr., Manager of the West County Senior Center. "If you would like to join us in this project to repair and restore Ms. Hale's home, your help is needed."

There is a need for construction professionals as well as the non-skilled workers who would just like to help out, organizers said.

"If you can repair a roof, remove a tree, patch and replace dry wall, do plumbing and electrical work, we need you," Allen said. "This lady's home is devastated and there are a lot of kind-hearted people in our community. We need you to pitch in to help one of our own human beings now."

To help or for more information, call Miller at 561/386.9897, Allen at 561/665.0151 or Sharon Singleton at 561/914.0592.