



**ELBOW CAY  
RESTORATION  
ASSOCIATION**

Hope Town  
Elbow Cay  
Abaco, Bahamas

June 27, 2020

## **ELBOW CAY RESTORATION ASSOCIATION – SIX MONTH REPORT TO MEMBERS**

Dear Members of the Elbow Cay Restoration Association,

It's been six months since we agreed to create ECRA on 13<sup>th</sup> January and we've been very busy since! We wanted to let you know what we've been up to.

### **Foundations and Growing Membership**

ECRA has memorandum and articles of association (internal laws), and is in the process of being formally legally incorporated. It is also being registered as a Bahamian Non-Profit Organisation under the new legislation. We have also started our membership drive. The aim is for all members of Elbow Cay's community to be members and owners of ECRA, so that the community can oversee and determine the direction and strategy for restoration and development of our island. If we are all members, ECRA can be truly representative and we all get a say! The current membership stands at 130 and rising. Let's make sure we are all a part of this community owned initiative! Please encourage all in our community to join - <https://elbowcaycommunity.com/ecra-members>.

Until now, we have been operating with an interim start-up Steering Board, who have all generously volunteered a lot of their time and enthusiasm:

Andrew Charles	Lana Russell (Treasurer)	Kristina Malone (Secretary)
Scott Patterson	Junior Mernard	Frank Knowles
Carol Lynn Terrells	Mari Matthews	James Boyce

Reinhold Probst (Chair)

Monica Cook and Stafford Patterson have been appointed as the Executive Team to implement and coordinate the day to day work of ECRA. They work directly with Reinhold as Chair and are under the oversight of the Steering Board. We would like to acknowledge and thank all the hard work of the start-up Board and the Executive Team during our very busy first six months!

As soon as we are legally incorporated, the interim Steering Board intends to hold the first Members Meeting and to elect the first full ECRA Steering Board. Nomination forms and voting papers will be circulated well in advance. The time commitment for Steering Board Directors would be several hours a month – as we move forward, the Board will meet once a month and make decisions about projects and oversee spend. It will also regularly report to and consult with ECRA's members and the broader community if they don't all become members straight away.



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## **Community Consultation**

A critical part of ECRA's purpose is to consult with and get direction from Elbow Cay's community. So far, we have conducted a survey to gauge the community's priorities for assistance. We had well over 100 responses and the results have helped us ensure we get help to those most in need – just as the community advised us! We intend to do much more community consultation and to engage the community on their ideas for restoration and development projects going forward.

## **Co-ordination between Organisations and Donors**

One of our most important first steps has been mapping and introducing ourselves to all the existing fund-raising organisations and local actors, and to try to offer a central point for coordination on projects and initiatives – encouraging pooling of resources and efforts! We believe this is very important to avoid duplication and to ensure everyone is working shoulder-to-shoulder for the same goal. So far, this approach has been very successful, and we've seen real progress on many community projects. We would like to thank all the other organisations and actors who have collaborated with us since January.

## **Home Repairs Assistance Program**

When ECRA started, we were very aware that very little had been done to help locals repair their homes and get ready for the coming hurricane seasons. Tarps were flapping, and buckets were trying to catch all the leaks! Everyone had difficulty securing materials. Frustrations were high at the lack of progress. Many were worried sick about what might happen next. We meet with many community members to conduct needs assessments, helped them create material lists and then supplied them with the materials and labour to get dried in and safe.

ECRA is most proud of the direct assistance it has provided to 98 local community members, amounting to \$ 250,000.00 in materials and \$ 250,000.00 in refunds for expenses and approx. \$ 140,000.00 still to be disbursed, to allow people to dry in homes ahead of the 2020 hurricane season.

## **Hope 4 Hope Town - Dorian Assistance Roofing Project**

H4HT is helping to fund new roofs for homes that are left with tarps still on from hurricane Dorian. H4HT teamed up with Bahamas Strong, Advanced Roofing and other roofing companies and roofing manufacturing companies to identify 75 roofs in the Abacos. H4HT will fund Hope Town roofs labour cost and work with ECRA with the material program. We have successfully helped in the community and will continue to move forward with H4HT's funding.

ECRA has also been very proud to partner with [Marina Cash](#) in her incredible work to help those most in need repair their homes. She is an example to us all – how one individual can achieve so much by simply getting up and getting on with it! Thank you, Marina, for all that you have done for our community! Through the ECRA Home Repairs Assistance Programme we have been able to provide building materials, cash for labour and passthrough donations.



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### **Hope Town Clinic**

Working with Nurse Glori, Thomson Group and Restore Hope Foundation, ECRA assisted with a needs assessment and plan to restore the old clinic. Restoration work is almost complete. The old clinic is looking fantastic and we are looking forward to getting it fitted out and open for practice again!

ECRA is also working with Flagler Medical Group, Hope Town Rising, Hope Town United and local doctors to develop a private clinic to provide broader services to our community and to better meet its medical needs right here. A Steering Committee is being formed and needs assessments, design and equipment lists are all being worked on. Flagler held an initial community consultation in January on this project. More news to follow on this exciting initiative.

### **Hope Town Library and Jarratt's Park**

The restoration of the library and the children's playground at Jarratt's Park has truly been a community effort: with Abaco Construction Ltd (Todd Cash) fixing the roof, Samaritan's Purse gutting the interior, Restore Hope Foundation and the Thomson Group (Chris and Holly Thomson) leading on the rebuild. The community also worked together to paint the mural on the outside wall. Once finished, which should be soon, it will temporarily be used for the post office and police officer, as well as being a community meeting space.

### **Future Projects**

ECRA is working with HTVFR and donors of heavy equipment to formulate a long-term plan for the future. The idea is to keep the donated heavy equipment in use by renting or leasing it to qualified operators during the non-hurricane season, but have it ready, serviced and in storage during the hurricane season.

To that end ECRA is also planning for a heavy equipment storage and maintenance facility.

ECRA will continue to try to be the voice of the community and communicate and interact with other organizations on its behalf.

Once we can assess our budget as the ECRA Home Repair Assistance Program comes to an end, we will try to implement other programs to directly help our members recover from Hurricane Dorian and its aftermath.

### **Financial Reports**

attached

## Elbow Cay Restoration Association

## Balance Sheet

As of July 6, 2020

	<u>Jul 6, 20</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
Cash	854.05
Lana Rusell Bahamas Account	31,502.42
PERC	382,499.87
Restore Hope Foundation	5,000.00
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>419,856.34</u>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Accounts Receivable	29,197.40
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>29,197.40</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
Inventory Asset	30,271.89
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>30,271.89</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>479,325.63</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>479,325.63</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	6,498.80
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<u>6,498.80</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>6,498.80</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	6,498.80
<b>Equity</b>	
Net Income	472,826.83
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>472,826.83</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>479,325.63</u></b>

## Elbow Cay Restoration Association

## Profit &amp; Loss

January 1 through July 6, 2020

	Jan 1 - Jul 6, 20
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Direct Public Support	
Individ, Business Contributions	943,366.00
Direct Public Support - Other	5,000.00
Total Direct Public Support	948,366.00
Home Repair Assistance Program	8,899.50
Material to be Donated	228,501.22
Total Income	1,185,766.72
Cost of Goods Sold	
Cost of Goods Sold	112,506.56
Total COGS	112,506.56
Gross Profit	1,073,260.16
Expense	
Bank fee	1,932.50
Building Material	15,560.93
Contract Services	
Outside Contract Services	7,800.13
Total Contract Services	7,800.13
Facilities and Equipment	
Equip Rental and Maintenance	115.00
Rent, Parking, Utilities	4,000.00
Total Facilities and Equipment	4,115.00
Freight, Shipping Expense	23,514.50
Fuel	352.00
Home Repair Assistance Costs	536,350.92
Operations	
Supplies	155.00
Total Operations	155.00
Other Types of Expenses	
Insurance - Liability, D and O	152.35
Total Other Types of Expenses	152.35
pass through donations	7,500.00
Payroll Expenses	3,000.00
Total Expense	600,433.33
Net Ordinary Income	472,826.83
Net Income	<u>472,826.83</u>