

OAK HAMMOCK'S HURRICANE CENTRAL

Kudos to all the dedicated
Oak Hammock employees and staff
Who worked selflessly through the storm
Above and beyond - on our behalf

All the essential services were
Maintained Including the fine cuisine
The Team was not Intimidated
By the threat of hurricane Helene

The entire effort was so seamless
The residents were never aware
They were minimally affected
Except for the dire hurricane scare

The team performed many tasks outside
Their usual routine without qualm
Demonstrating their resilience
And they did it gladly with aplomb

The residents understood that some
Activities had to be deferred
To enable the staff to handle
Any problems which might be incurred

There was no interruption of our
Continued pursuit of a lifetime
Thanks to the expert work of the Team
Inspiring this inadequate rhyme

We came through the storm almost unscathed
But for trees torn from their foundations
And the unsurprising extended
Loss of all COX communications

The clueless and pampered residents
Will never know the heroic deeds
Nor the Team members' deprivations
And all their many foregone needs

■ On behalf of the grateful residents

This poem is dedicated to Mary Katherine Osman for her many years of invaluable and passionate service to the Oak Hammock Community. ---- Gene Ziegler Sept 2024-