

GCP Aids Small Business Owner with Hurricane Recovery

Roofing underlayments used to rebuild island grocery store



Project	Sid's Grocery Rebuild
Location	Green Turtle Cay, The Abacos, Bahamas
GCP Solutions	Grace ICE & WATER SHIELD & HT

The Project

Sid's Grocery in the Abacos, Bahamas is the primary grocery store on Green Turtle Cay. When Hurricane Dorian hit the Abacos, the store's entire roof, including the truss system, was blown away. One of the most intense tropical cyclones in history, Hurricane Dorian ravaged the small community.

Most residents, including the owners of Sid's, lost their homes, yet they were committed to re-opening the store for the community's sake. The focus was on re-opening the store to begin restoring normal commerce on the island for food and produce, and to provide a central location for providing free relief supplies to island residents.

Although the roof was gone, the building was found to be structurally sound, so they set to work planning how to resheet the roof and new substrate. Many organizations, including the Green Cay Foundation, Key West Cares, Water Mission, as well as members of the Church of Eleven22 joined together to aid in the restoration efforts.

GCP donated 16 rolls of ICE & WATER SHIELD®HT (high temperature) roofing underlayment, which protects against wind-driven rain. Additional building supplies to frame and install the new Galvalume 5V roof were donated by individuals, building suppliers, organizations, and churches. "ICE & WATER SHIELD®proved itself in the Bahamas through Hurricane Dorian," said David Pfeffer of the Church of Eleven22, who partnered with Millennium Metals, Dixie Plywood, Coastal Oak Construction, and others to help restore the Abacos.

A team of a dozen volunteers flew to the island to provide construction assistance. "GCP's donation to re-roofing Sid's grocery provided the benefit of easy installation for the team, and the comfort for the grocery store owners in knowing it would provide years of water protection in the storms to come," Pfeffer said.

Sid's is now open for business, enabling them to get back to serving the community.

"The owners of Sid's were overwhelmed at the generosity of GCP and others that donated all the materials to completely re-roof the grocery store," Pfeffer said. "The donation has made a gigantic impact to restoring commerce on the island."

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