



Churches of Greater Austin *Bringing Hope into Crisis*

## Austin Disaster Relief Network Mobilizing the Greater Austin Church in Times of Disaster

Founded in 2009, Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) has grown into a network of more than 170 Greater Austin churches with over 5,000 volunteers bringing hope into crisis. ADRN seeks to meet the emotional, spiritual and physical needs of those impacted by disaster, regardless of citizenship, race, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, veteran status or political affiliation.

Every day, disaster survivors call into ADRN's Survivor Hotline number, asking for immediate help to meet their emotional, spiritual and physical needs. ADRN's trained volunteers and staff work hard to tie resources with needs, with the hope of restoring a family, helping

them get back on their feet. We believe working together as a unified network of churches enables and empowers church members to get the training they need to prepare, mobilize, and respond quickly in the event of disaster, great or small.



**Austin Disaster Relief  
Network Model**

***ADRN's primary goal is to sponsor families affected by disaster***

***through their Disaster Relief Shepherd program.***

Trained volunteers are paired with survivors to offer relief following crisis, such as immediate financial assistance, emergency housing and transportation, emotional and spiritual care, and connections with vital resources.

Additionally, ADRN organizes volunteer efforts to clean up homes, coordinates volunteer labor with partnering agencies and offers funding to complete the rebuilding/repair of homes affected through their sponsorship program.

Austin Disaster Relief Network has brought emotional, physical and spiritual relief to more than 18,000 individuals and sponsored more than 2,350 families. ADRN has given more than \$4.5 million in disaster relief funds to meet the immediate needs of survivors. Today families continue to be sponsored and lives continue to be transformed.

### 7 Years of Community Impact

- **170+** Austin area churches involved
- **18,000** survivors directly supported
- **2,350** families sponsored through ADRN's Disaster Relief Shepherd program
- **\$4.5 Million** donated to disaster relief
- (emergency housing/rent, replacement transportation, utilities, repair/rebuilding supplies, gift cards for food/necessities)
- **150,000+** volunteer hours
- **12,500** in training attendance
- **4,000+** survivors provided FREE clothing, shoes, linens, toys and more at ADRN's Hope Family Thrift Store
- Funded the repair/rebuild of **135+** homes
- **Est. 550** homes mucked-out by volunteers
- **40,000+** inbound/outbound calls experienced at ADRN Call Center, supporting survivors and relief efforts



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## Austin Disaster Relief Network

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Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) has empowered its network of more than 170 churches and 5,000+ volunteers along with local and national businesses to bring emergency support to more than 18,000 survivors since 2009.

### Churches

Each of the more than 170 churches in the Austin Disaster Relief Network agrees to set aside theological differences to support survivors in times of disaster. Pastors designate liaisons to facilitate their participation in times of immediate response. Trained church members participate in cleanup and recovery efforts, sponsor individual families, provide financial donations and, most importantly, provide the emotional, spiritual and physical support until survivors are back on their feet.

*“Individual survivors and their family are the main focal point of the Austin Disaster Relief Network, regardless of the need. We’ve been amazed at the transformative power of God in the lives of both the survivors and the volunteers when a united church responds.”*

*Daniel Geraci  
ADRN Founder and Executive Director*

Through the Disaster Relief Shepherd program, trained church members walk alongside families who have potentially lost everything. They listen, provide emotional and spiritual support, connect survivors with emergency resources and champion their cause with ministry network partners who provide volunteer labor to repair and rebuild homes impacted by disaster.

### Business Partners and Community Support

ADRN has established formal relationships with a wide range of business partners, large and small, to facilitate in-kind and monetary donations for survivors. This ranges from gift cards for food and necessities to furniture to temporary housing. ADRN also coordinates closely with community nonprofits and other organizations to coordinate the services they offer, spanning emotional, physical and spiritual support.

### Government Agencies

From the beginning of the disaster until the end of the relief efforts, ADRN works closely with local, state and federal government agencies to ensure that continuity of service, collaboration and coordination are in sync with their recovery services and that ADRN recovery efforts align with government regulations. ADRN volunteers also receive nationally recognized training, credentials and special badging that earns the trust of government officials.



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Austin Disaster Relief Network is a preparedness and training organization, equipped with more than 5,000 volunteers ready to respond quickly in the event of disaster. Through various levels of advanced, personal and spiritual training courses, volunteers customize a unique path based on individual talents and interests. These trainings and nationally recognized credentials equip volunteers with crisis response tools to help prepare in advance for disaster relief efforts. Many volunteers also participate in advanced simulations and response drills to maintain their skills and certifications.

### Partnering for Preparedness

ADRN actively collaborates with government and business leaders within the community, city, state and nation in and out of disaster. Maintaining these strong relationships ensures that partners are ready to act when disaster strikes, quickly deploying manpower, communicating closely with agencies in the field, understanding command of operations, maintaining safety, equipping teams with proper credentialed badging and providing immediate or emergency aid to survivors.

### Credentials

ADRN offers volunteers the opportunity to earn nationally recognized credentials. **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** offers a certification for this FEMA-backed, nationally recognized course, preparing volunteers to assist with medical first aid, safety and disaster operations. **Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)** empowers recipients to address the mental, spiritual and emotional issues most trauma survivors encounter. Volunteers' ADRN badges reflect these and other credentials, providing credibility in the field among government officials and local agencies.

## Trained, Credentialed Volunteers

*ADRN volunteers arrive at the scene with credentials that allow them to take immediate action with confidence of government officials.*

### Advanced Trainings

- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)
- Psychological First Aid Training
- Call Center Training
- Chaplaincy Training
- Disaster Relief Coordinator Training
- Disaster Relief Shepherd Training
- First Aid Safety Team Training
- HAM Radio Technician and General License

### Spiritual Trainings

- Biblical Readiness Training
- Conflict Resolution in Times of Disaster
- Psalm 91:1: Protection of the Lord in Times of Disaster
- Prayer, Care and Share
- Way of the Master
- Walking with God in Times of Disaster

### Personal Preparedness Trainings

- Preparedness Peace
- American Red Cross Standard First Aid with CPR/AED

*Visit [ADRN.org](http://ADRN.org) to enroll in upcoming training sessions.  
Email [Sharon@adrntx.org](mailto:Sharon@adrntx.org) for more information.*



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Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) volunteers mobilize quickly in times of disaster to meet the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of those impacted by crisis. Working closely with government agencies and cooperating organizations, ADRN's primary focus is to assist survivors, moving them out of immediate trauma into a new life following a disaster. **Since 2009, ADRN has helped more than 18,000 survivors, donated \$4.5 million in disaster support and over 150,000 volunteer hours toward disaster relief.**

ADRN's services span from the initial crisis intervention, emotional and spiritual care, emergency financial support, free vouchers to shop at ADRN's Hope Family Thrift Store, vehicle replacement, emergency housing, furniture/household goods replacement and assistance in the cleanup and rebuild/repair of their homes.

### Immediate Disaster Relief Operations

ADRN deploys trained volunteers in times of disaster in multiple areas such as: Incident Command, Logistics, Emotional and Spiritual Care, Chaplaincy, Case Management, Sponsoring Surviving Families, FAST (First Aid Response Team), HAM Radio Communications, Call Center Operations, Warehouse, Cleanup and more. ADRN has coordinated and managed thousands of volunteers in disaster response.

### Disaster Relief Shepherd Program

Since 2009, ADRN volunteers have sponsored more than 2,350 families through the Disaster Relief Shepherd Program. ADRN trains volunteer Shepherds from the more than 170 member churches to walk alongside families that have potentially lost everything, connecting them with important resources, informing them on government programs, registering them with ADRN for disaster assistance and more. Shepherds also listen, pray, and help coach families in developing a recovery plan until they are back on their feet.

### Standing With Survivors After the Storm

ADRN works closely with partner agencies, such as the Central Texas Red Cross, to provide long-term solutions while the Red Cross provides short-term solutions for immediate needs. By working together on smaller to larger cases, the collaboration enables ADRN to focus on connecting survivors with available resources toward long-term recovery to return them to living arrangements that are safe, sustainable and supportable for the affected families.

### Affected by Disaster?

**ADRN Survivor Hotline**  
**512.806.0800**

*Connecting disaster survivors with resources to meet their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.*