



Churches of Greater Austin Bringing Hope into Crisis™

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## **AUSTIN DISASTER RELIEF NETWORK DEPLOYING TO SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FUNDS, TOILETRY AND PERSONAL ITEMS NEEDED**

Austin, TX – Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) is actively preparing to respond to historic flooding in Southeast Louisiana near Baton Rouge, which has experienced nearly 25 inches of rain over the last several days. ADRN anticipates sending a team of trained volunteers on Friday to deliver spiritual and emotional support to flood survivors over the next week.

ADRN Executive Director Daniel Geraci traveled to Denham Springs, Louisiana, on Friday to support relatives who sustained flooding to their home. “When we saw the severity of the devastation, we realized that the Austin Disaster Relief Network could help,” he said. “Our trained volunteers can provide spiritual and emotional care, and we invite the people of Austin to help these neighbors just a few hours away. ADRN is prepared to aid disaster survivors beyond Austin when the need arises, and this appears to be among the worst natural disasters in our history.”

ADRN previously responded to historic disasters outside of the five-county area surrounding the City of Austin, including the 2013 devastating tornado in Moore, Oklahoma, and the 2013 fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas.

### **SUPPLY DRIVE:**

ADRN is loading an 18-wheeler with supplies to distribute to survivors in Denham Springs and invites the community to participate:

- **DATE:** Wednesday, August 17 and Thursday, August 18
- **TIME:** 10:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.
- **LOCATION:** ADRN’s Hope Family Thrift Store 1122 E. 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Austin, Texas (*in back of building*)
- **ITEMS NEEDED:**
  - o New undergarments (all sizes, children and adult)
  - o New socks (all sizes, children and adult)
  - o Toiletries (ie: shampoo, facewash, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.)
  - o Black Trash bags
  - o Mops and Buckets
  - o Snacks
  - o Utility knives
  - o Leather work gloves
  - o Inflatable mattresses
  - o Hand sanitizer
  - o Box fans
  - o *Clothing is not needed – ADRN already has clothing sorted and packed for this deployment*

### **FINANCIAL DONATIONS:**

Financial donations will support the overall deployment for emotional and spiritual care and be distributed to survivors in the form of gift cards for necessities, temporary housing and long-term rebuilding.

- **Online:** ADRNTX.org
- **Text:** AUSTINRELIEF to 444999
- **Mail:** Post Office Box 3817, Cedar Park, Texas 78630

ADRN is also closely watching the weather conditions here in Austin and prepared to support flood survivors here at home should the need arise.

Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization comprised of 165 Greater Austin churches and 4,500 volunteers. ADRN’s network enables church members to organize, prepare, mobilize and respond quickly in the event of a disaster, large or small. ADRN’s network of churches, volunteers, business partners, local agencies and community organizations generously provide in-kind donations, monetary gifts and additional volunteer assistance that enable ADRN to fund the rebuild/repair of survivor homes and provide immediate assistance to those in crisis. Since 2009, ADRN has brought emotional, physical and spiritual relief to more than 17,000 individuals, sponsored more than 2,300 families, and given more than \$3.5 million in disaster relief funds. Learn more at ADRNTX.org.

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