



Churches of Greater Austin Bringing Hope into Crisis

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## **AUSTIN DISASTER RELIEF NETWORK CALLS FOR FINANCIAL AID, SURVIVOR DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS**

Austin, TX –The Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) is calling for financial contributions and survivor donations to help thousands of Hurricane Harvey evacuees expected in the Austin area in the coming days. In addition, ADRN is issuing a call for volunteers who will be needed to help evacuees. Visit [ADRN.org](http://ADRN.org) and click the disaster banner for opportunities and sign-ups.

“We expect thousands of people to come to the Austin area in the coming days, and we need the financial help and material donations to help our neighbors”, said Daniel Geraci, ADRN Founder and Executive Director.

Gift cards have already been distributed, but the anticipated need is enormous. Monetary donations are needed at this time to help ADRN provide support to survivors impacted by the storm. Funds will be distributed in the form of gift cards, emergency housing, emergency transportation and/or building materials to meet immediate and long-term needs. **To make a tax-deductible gift to support disaster survivors, go to <https://adrn.org/give/> and make a donation to the ‘Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund’.**

### **HOPE FAMILY THRIFT STORE SURVIVOR DRIVE**

In order to meet the needs of survivors, **ADRN’s Hope Family Thrift Store’s receiving dock is open to receive survivor donations Monday – Saturday, 10AM – 5PM at 1122 E 51st Street, Austin, 78723.** Delivery trucks have been deployed to distribute goods to local shelters in Greater Austin area and will continue, as need increases. An 18-wheeler, provided by Tito’s Handmade Vodka, is expected to depart for Houston this weekend.

### **Items needed include:**

- New undergarments (all sizes, children and adult)
- New socks (all sizes, children and adult)
- Toiletries (ie: shampoo, facewash, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.)
- New bed pillows and new blankets
- Cleanup supplies and Black trash bags
- Mops and buckets
- Utility knives and Leather work gloves
- Inflatable mattresses
- Hand sanitizer
- Box fans
- **Clothing is not needed** - ADRN will distribute the abundance of previously-donated clothing to survivors

### **SURVIVOR HOTLINE**

Families seeking support and volunteers wishing to support survivors should call **ADRN Call Center: 512-806-0800.**

ADRN is coordinating closely with Red Cross of Central Texas, providing volunteers for shelter staffing within the Greater Austin area. Local congregations from ADRN’s network of more than 175 churches are also preparing to sponsor survivor families through ADRN’s Disaster Relief Shepherd program to guide them through the recovery process.

### **ABOUT ADRN**

Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization comprised of more than 175 greater Austin churches and thousands of trained volunteers. ADRN’s network enables church members to organize, prepare and respond quickly in the event of a disaster, large or small. ADRN network churches, volunteers, business partners, local agencies and community organizations provide in-kind and monetary donations 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 19,000 individuals, sponsored more than 2,650 families and given more than \$4.4 million in disaster relief funds. Learn more at [ADRN.org](http://ADRN.org).

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