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## **AUSTIN DISASTER RELIEF NETWORK CONTINUES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF SURVIVORS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HARVEY**

Austin, TX –The Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) has deployed Emotional and Spiritual care teams to help more than 100 families from Rockport, Texas directly impacted by flooding. Volunteer social ambassadors will be on hand to walk with the elderly and special needs families by helping them shop for clothing, personal items and emergency necessities. Gift cards have been distributed to these families along with toys, coloring books, hygiene kits and collected items. ADRN is gearing up to deploy additional teams in the days to come to assist survivors.

Working through the weekend, ADRN's Call Center has experienced more than 450 in-bound and out-bound calls from survivors as well as people who would like to volunteer their time. ADRN is continuing to receive monetary donations to provide physical support for the survivors. These 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.

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.

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

In order to meet the needs of survivors, ADRN's Hope Family Thrift Store's receiving dock will be open to receive **survivor donations Monday – Saturday, 10AM – 5PM at 1122 E 51st Street from 10-5PM**. Delivery trucks have been deployed to distribute goods to local shelters in Greater Austin area and will continue as need increases.

### **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**.

### **DONATIONS NEEDED**

Monetary donations, in the form of financial funds, are needed at this time to help ADRN provide support to survivors impacted by Hurricane Harvey. 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'**.

### **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).