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AUSTIN DISASTER RELIEF NETWORK RESPONDS TO STORM SURVIVORS AS HURRICANE HARVEY MAKES IMPACT

Austin, TX – Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) is in the beginning of one of the largest responses in their history. ADRN's Call Center was activated on Friday providing information and resources to individuals and families impacted by Hurricane Harvey, along with volunteer engagement, and donor management. ADRN also activated its warehouse and Thrift Store, Hope Family Thrift Store receiving goods from local residents. ADRN is preparing to deploy emotional and spiritual care teams over the next few days. 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 is holding a Survivor Drive starting **Saturday, August 25th at 1122 E 51st Street from 10-5PM**. Texas Mutual Insurance Company, a partner of ADRN, will be on-hand at the survivor drive with a group of employees to receive donations from the community. 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
- New blankets
- Cleanup supplies
- Black trash bags
- Mops and buckets
- Utility knives
- 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 contact the 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 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**'.

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.

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