

Churches of Greater Austin Bringing Hope into Crisis

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# AUSTIN DISASTER RELIEF NETWORK COLLECTS CLEAN UP KITS

Austin TX- Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN), in support of Mayor Steve Adler's Clean Up Kit drive, is encouraging the community to come out in large numbers starting Monday, Sept 11th through Saturday, Sept 16th, to drop off cleaning supplies or already pre-made cleaning kits. As communities throughout Southeast Texas begin mucking out their homes, these critical supplies are in high demand as families begin the long recovery from the impact of Hurricane Harvey. "We are praying for our neighbors in Florida affected by Hurricane Irma, but our focus remains on our brothers and sisters in Texas," said Daniel Geraci, ADRN Founder and Executive Director. "Among the greatest needs now, are cleaning supplies," he said. ADRN is asking the community to help us prepare Clean Up Kits for thousands of survivors impacted by the storm. Kits can be assembled by your family, group, company, church or school and brought to a drop-off location listed below. Visit this page for details: https://adrn.org/disaster-relief/survivordonationkits/

## CLEAN UP BUCKET CONTENTS (To prepare a clean up kit, place items in a white bucket with a lid)

5 Gallon Bucket with Lid

1 large spray bottle Antibacterial multi-purpose cleaner

1 package of 2 scrub brushes

2 packages of large Latex gloves (2 pairs per packets)

2 brillo sponges

1 pair of safety goggles

1 medium roll of kitchen trash bags

Hammer

Include an encouraging note to a survivor/family

3 N-95 masks

1 x 1.27liter bottle of bleach

1 can of powder cleanser

1 bar of soap

1 radial dish brush

2 regular sponges

2 cloth rags

Utility Knife

Completed clean up kits may be dropped off at the <u>Hope Family Thrift Store</u>, 1122 East 51st Street Austin, Texas 78723. Drop-off hours: Monday-Saturday, 10AM-5PM. Sunday – Closed; or at the <u>360 Warehouse</u>, 1905 South Capitol of TX Highway, Austin, TX 78746. Drop-off hours: Monday–Saturday, 9AM-5PM.

To date, Austin Disaster Relief Network and church partner, Celebration Church, has shipped over 70 semi's worth of disaster supplies and goods to Kountze, Orange, La Grange, Port Arthur, Beaumont, Houston and other smaller areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey by semi or by plane.

# **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. Go to https://adrn.org/give/ and make a tax deductible donation to the 'Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund'.

## **ABOUT ADRN**

Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax exempt charity 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 22,000 individuals, sponsored more than 2,650 families and given more than \$4.6 million in disaster relief funds. Learn more at ADRN.org.