

Churches of Greater Austin Bringing Hope into Crisis

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AUSTIN DISASTER RELIEF NETWORK CALLS FOR COMMUNITY TO DONATE SUPPLIES FOR SURVIVORS WEDNESDAY AUG 30 FROM 6AM-7PM

Austin, TX – A major boost to the Austin Disaster Relief Network's Survivor Supply Drive will be held tomorrow, August 30, 2017, when the seven stations that make up Emmis Austin Radio, will broadcast for 13 hours, encouraging Central Texans to bring their donations to ADRN's Hope Family Thrift Store receiving dock, 1122 E. 51st Street, Austin, Texas 78723. Donations in the form of monetary or in-kind are welcomed and are greatly needed at this time. Supplies will be delivered at the end of this week to Houston in partnership with Tito's Handmade Vodka providing an 18-Wheeler and transport. The Survivor Supply Drive will continue in the following days with normal drop-off times Monday–Saturday, 10AM-5PM.

"The Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) is doing such a tremendous job collecting and organizing supplies to take to the survivors in Southeast Texas, The Emmis Austin Radio stations are proud to help the effort and fill those 18-wheelers with the supplies so desperately needed," said Scott Gillmore, V.P. and Market Manager at Emmis Austin Radio.

The seven radio stations will rotate their broadcasts from 6:00 am through 7:00 pm. Well-known Emmis Austin Radio Personalities including Dudley and Bob (KLBJ-FM) Jason and Deb (101-X) and Todd and Don (KLBJ-AM) will be asking people all across Central Texas to donate badly-needed supplies.

"The ADRN applauds Emmis Austin Radio and all of our partners for their hard work in this Survivor Drive, said Daniel Geraci, Founder and Executive Director of ADRN. "We expect thousands of people to come to the Austin area in the coming days, and we need the financial help and donations to help our neighbors," he said.

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
- Baby bottles, formula, diapers

For more info, visit our #HurricaneHarvey Response page at https://adrn.org/disaster-

relief/hurricaneharvey/. To give online visit <u>adrn.org/give</u> and give to 'Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund' or help by starting a fundraiser by visiting https://donate.adrn.org/campaign/hurricane-harvey-relief-fund-p2p/c142860.

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 and emotional support for survivors within the shelters in Greater Austin. 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**.