



CHURCHES OF GREATER AUSTIN *Bringing Hope into Crisis™*

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AUSTIN DISASTER RELIEF NETWORK RESPONDS TO SPRINGS APARTMENT FLOODING SURVIVORS

Dripping Springs, TX, May 10, 2019 – The Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) will mobilize their Emotional and Spiritual Care response teams today from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to offer emotional and financial support to residents of the Springs Apartments, located at 289 Springs Lane off Highway 290.

This deployment is in response to last Friday's (May 3) rain storms that resulted in the flooding of at least 21 apartment units at the Springs Apartments. The area is expected to be hit by more heavy rains throughout the weekend.

ADRN's trained teams of volunteers and churches are also preparing to support the long-term recovery efforts of flood survivors, meeting the emotional, spiritual and physical needs of survivors. The objectives of tomorrow's deployment are as follows:

1. Provide door-to-door Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) services to residents of all units affected by the flooding
2. Assess each family/individual's need for long-term emotional, spiritual, and physical support
3. Assess each family's need for physical and financial support

"It's our understanding that many residents affected by the Springs Apartment flooding are emotionally distressed," said Daniel Geraci, ADRN's Executive Director. "We've been asked by the Hays County officials to bring our emotional and spiritual support services to those impacted. Working through our network of trained and equipped volunteers and churches, we're uniquely positioned to offer this kind of support long-term."

In addition to emotional and spiritual support, ADRN will distribute gift cards and pre-assembled clean-up kits to residents as needed. Needs for further financial support will be evaluated through our in-take process.

Services will be provided by our Incident Management Team, consisting of CISM-trained volunteers along with administrative and financial support.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Monetary donations, in the form of financial funds, are needed at this time to help ADRN provide support to flood survivors. Funds will be distributed in the form of gift cards, emergency housing, emergency transportation and/or supplies needed to meet immediate and long-term needs.

To make a tax-deductible gift to support disaster survivors, go online to adrn.org/give and donate to the General Disaster Relief Fund or call ADRN's Call Center at 512.806.0800.

SURVIVOR HOTLINE

Families seeking support and volunteers/donors wishing to support survivors should call **ADRN's Survivor Hotline at 512-806-0800**.

ABOUT ADRN

Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization comprised of more than 185 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 41,500 individuals, sponsored more than 2,915 families and given more than \$15.5 million in disaster relief funds and supplies. Learn more at **ADRN.org**.

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