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AUSTIN DISASTER RELIEF NETWORK RESPONDS TO SURVIVORS OF HURRICANE DORIAN IN THE BAHAMAS AND ON THE EASTERN SEABOARD

Austin, TX, September 6, 2019 – In response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas and on the Eastern Seaboard, the Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) is mobilizing the Greater Austin community and its network of churches to collect and donate disaster relief supplies for survivors. The items will either be shipped by semi-truck, boat or plane to impacted areas. ADRN is also launching a campaign to raise funds for the immediate and long-term needs of survivors. (See adrn.org/disaster-relief/hurricanedorian/)

DISASTER RELIEF SUPPLIES – Those interested in donating supplies are being asked to assemble CARE KITS for survivors. Following is a list of items needed for CARE KITS:

- Towel (if family kit, purchase 4)
- Washcloth (if family kit, purchase 4)
- Soap
- Tissue
- Toothbrush (If family kit, purchase 4)
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant (If family kit, purchase 4)
- Feminine Products (family or female version only)
- Shampoo
- Comb (if family kit, purchase 4)
- Blanket (if family kit, purchase 4)
- Pillow (as many as you can fit in if it is a family kit)
- Wipes
- Baby Bottles/Formula (with baby version only)
- Diapers (with baby version only)
- Baby Food (with baby version only)
- *A note of encouragement for the family or individual*

Care Kit Assembly Instructions:

1. Determine if you want to build a Family Care Kit, Family Care Kit with Baby, Individual Male Care Kit and/or Individual Female Care Kit. Go shopping!
2. Purchase a sturdy plastic container with a lid so we can easily stack them for shipping.
3. Fill the container with listed items above.
4. Place a 12" strip of grey duct-tape on the top of your container to label (duct-tape is preferred). Using a permanent marker, indicate if the kit is a Family Care Kit, a Family with Baby Care Kit, an Individual Male Care Kit, or an Individual Female Care Kit.
5. Drop your Care Kit(s) off at Hope Family Thrift Store, 1122 East 51st Street, Austin, 78723 (Monday-Saturday, 10AM-5PM, Closed on Sunday)

Additionally, ADRN is accepting donations of buckets, mops, inflatable mattresses and box fans. **Clothing is not needed.** ADRN will donate clothing from the Hope Family Thrift Store to survivors.

DONATIONS NEEDED – Monetary donations, in the form of financial funds, are needed at this time to help ADRN provide support to survivors. 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 in the Bahamas, go to <https://adrn.org/give/> and make a donation to the '**Hurricane Dorian Relief Fund**'.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

ADRN leaders are currently supporting leaders of five newly-formed disaster relief networks – including an international network deploying to the Bahamas this week– by training them on how to build church networks, equip volunteers for disaster response and mobilize volunteers. The training, which began Fri., August 30th and will run through Sat., Sept. 7th, is the soft-launch of ADRN’s *National Training Academy*, a program designed to train cities throughout the country to start and run disaster relief networks based on our replicable model.

ABOUT ADRN

Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization comprised of more than 190 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 42,000 individuals, sponsored more than 2,950 families and given more than \$15.5 million in disaster relief funds. Learn more at ADRN.org.

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