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## **AUSTIN DISASTER RELIEF NETWORK PREPARES TEAMS TO RESPOND TO TROPICAL DEPRESSION IMELDA IN SOUTHEAST TEXAS**

Austin, TX, September 19, 2019 – Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) is preparing to respond to Beaumont and surrounding cities impacted by Tropical Depression Imelda. Initial response efforts will be conducted in partnership with United Aid of Southeast Texas (UAST), a disaster relief network serving the Beaumont, TX-area.

In addition to providing financial support and disaster relief supplies, ADRN is preparing to deploy emotional and spiritual care teams to the region. ADRN is also working to mobilize churches in the region to respond to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those impacted by Imelda.

“The Austin Disaster Relief Network is prepared to support our neighbors impacted by these storms through our partnership with United Aid of Southeast Texas,” said Daniel Geraci, executive director of the Austin Disaster Relief Network. “We understand the range of physical, emotional and spiritual needs people experience after disaster, and we’re here to help survivors as they begin to rebuild their homes and their lives.”

ADRN has been working in partnership with UAST since Hurricane Harvey (Aug. 2017) to repair and rebuild over 80 homes in the Beaumont/Port Arthur-area.

### **DONATIONS NEEDED**

Monetary donations, in the form of financial funds, are needed at this time to help ADRN provide support for flood 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, go to: <http://bit.ly/ImeldaFund> or <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=austindrn&id=45>

*Note: In addition to responding to Tropical Depression Imelda, ADRN is also preparing to respond to the Oak Run Apartment Fire that destroyed apartments in South Austin, TX this morning. A separate announcement regarding ADRN’s response to the fires was made earlier this morning.*

### **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](http://ADRN.org).

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