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AUSTIN DISASTER RELIEF NETWORK DEPLOYS DISASTER RELIEF TEAMS TO BEAUMONT, TX TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS OF TROPICAL DEPRESSION IMELDA

Austin, TX, October 4, 2019 – Today, in response to the devastation caused by Tropical Depression Imelda in Beaumont, TX, where about 2,000 homes were impacted by flooding, the Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) deployed teams of ADRN-badged and trained volunteers (aka “yellow shirts”) to provide residents with emotional and spiritual support. ADRN is working with the City of Beaumont to ensure that every impacted home receives assistance throughout the course of this 14-day deployment.

ADRN Volunteers will offer emotional and spiritual care services on Saturday, Sat., Oct. 5 – Sat., Oct. 19th, by going door-to-door to impacted residences. In addition to emotional and spiritual care, volunteers will provide survivors with assistance in identifying and connecting with resources and organizations offering clean-up services along with long-term recovery assistance to eventually get them back into safe and clean homes.

“The City of Beaumont is one of the hardest-hit areas impacted by Tropical Depression Imelda. Many families feel hopeless. Our goal is to love them and restore hope to this community,” said Daniel Geraci, Executive Director for ADRN.

This marks ADRN’s second deployment in response to Imelda. Earlier this week, additional teams of trained and badged volunteers deployed to Hankamer, TX (population 3,000) where more than 80% of the homes were impacted by flooding. There, an intake center was set up for survivors who came to receive financial, physical, emotional and spiritual care.

ADRN continues its efforts to raise funds for relief efforts while collecting disaster relief supplies.

FUNDING NEEDS – Monetary donations are greatly needed at this time to help ADRN provide support short and long-term financial support to Imelda survivors. To make a tax-deductible gift to support disaster survivors, go to <https://adrn.org/give/>

DISASTER RELIEF SUPPLIES – Those interested in donating supplies are being asked to assemble and donate CARE KITS and/or CLEAN-UP BUCKETS for survivors. CARE KITS, consisting of basic hygiene and personal items, will be distributed to individuals and families displaced from their homes due to flooding. CLEAN-UP BUCKETS will be distributed to residents to help clear mud and debris from flooded homes. For more information on donating disaster relief supplies, go to <https://adrn.org/disaster-relief/tdimelda/>.

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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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