



Churches of Greater Austin
Bringing Hope into Crisis™

IMPACT REPORT

SPRING 2024

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.

For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

- Luke 6:38 NIV

BLESSING SURVIVORS WITH FURNITURE!

When God provides super abundantly...

There are times when Jesus' promise in Luke 6:38 truly takes you by surprise and the blessings require an all-out effort to manage.

Earlier this year, Austin Disaster Relief Network experienced just such an event. Owners of The Radisson Hotel donated over **300 units of furniture** — beds, mattresses, tables, chairs and other furniture items — as they prepare to renovate one of their local hotels.

Believing this incredible provision had the potential to impact hundreds of lives in our region, our team promptly accepted, and acted quickly to organize the removal and distribution of the furniture. People who had recently survived a disaster and were in urgent need could directly collect essential items from the location.

We then reached out to many ministries and non-profit organizations within our community who could use some of the units of furniture for people they are serving in Greater Austin. Several organizations responded and were able to pick up a substantial amount of the furniture.

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TEXAS PANHANDLE RESPONSE

Your compassion in action for neighbors in need...

The wildfires that swept the Texas Panhandle earlier this year spread over 1,300 square miles, destroying over 500 homes, farms and businesses. ADRN's Coordinated Disaster Response efforts involved engaging with churches on the ground, mobilizing prayer teams, connecting with partners in real-time, and assessing short- and long-term needs of survivors.

The generous response to our messaging through social media and email for this disaster was amazing. Many gave through our Amazon Wish List to provide urgently needed items specifically for survivors and first responders who were managing the Panhandle blaze. Others helped provide agricultural supplies like hay and animal feed for displaced farm animals.

Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a meaningful impact during times of crisis.

Thank you for standing with us during this coordinated disaster response as we worked to bring hope and healing to these communities!

BUDA SCHOOL BUS CRASH

How your support equips volunteers for rapid response...

Everyone at ADRN was deeply saddened by the tragic bus accident that took place in Buda in late March, claiming the life of a 5-year-old boy and the driver of another vehicle. Several of the pre-kindergarten-aged children on the bus were also injured.

Our network and community partners were invited to help. ADRN responded with Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) trained volunteers. Over the course of ten days, our people met with administrators, transportation staff, as well as the impacted families and children. We listened as family members poured out their feelings about the experience and prayerfully helped them deal with the emotional fallout. Many experienced fear, trauma, even guilt over having allowed their child to go on the field trip to the zoo that morning.

We deeply appreciate the support of caring friends like you who make it possible for ADRN to stay prepared, and continue training volunteers to walk with people in crisis. Our teams become a beacon of hope and support for neighbors experiencing unimaginable hardship or loss.



BLESSING SURVIVORS WITH FURNITURE, continued

Several churches within our network mobilized volunteers and a local kingdom-minded moving company sent staff and trucks to help move furniture into storage.

Two locations were generously made available to us for the next several months to store all that we were able to move for future survivors.

Our hope and prayer is that those who receive from this tremendous blessing will also look to the Lord as their source and place their trust in Him.



SURVIVOR CARE KITS

Through the Amplify Austin event in March, friends like you helped raise just over \$6,700 for Survivor Care Kits. These kits are a constant need at ADRN and are included in our first response efforts during any disaster outreach. The kits include a blanket, pillow, towel, soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, feminine care, razor, shaving cream, and more. This special day of giving provided personal care items for more than 120 survivors! We always need more, so please check our website for additional ways you can get one of these kits into the hands of those who need them most.

UPDATE: MATAMOROS

Networking with church leaders in Mexico...

Late last year, ADRN was invited to Matamoros, Mexico to evaluate ways we could network with a group of local churches, nonprofits, CEO's, and Mexico's Federal Commissioner of Foreign Affairs as they minister to the needs of people living in crisis on their doorstep.

The churches in Matamoros have been overwhelmed as men, women, and children — who have escaped atrocities in Venezuela, Honduras, Colombia, Ecuador, Cuba, and beyond — now exist in limbo between the impossibilities of the past and a shred of hope for the future.

ADRN agreed to assist the churches in Matamoros as they navigate this human crisis. Our team is providing their churches and volunteers with emotional and spiritual care training to minister to adults and children, church network development consultation to help them organize their efforts, as well as prayer ministry and mobilization training. ADRN does not support illegal immigration.

While responding to the request to help with this crisis, ADRN remains resolute in what God has called us to do here in Greater Austin and Central Texas. We truly believe the greatest sustainable impact happens through the local Church. That is why we are currently only working through the local church there, to provide training for its members who are helping families in Mexico with basic needs, emotional and spiritual care.

We believe that our prayers for the leaders, as well as for the men, women, and children who are in desperate need, will bring about the transforming hope of Jesus Christ!

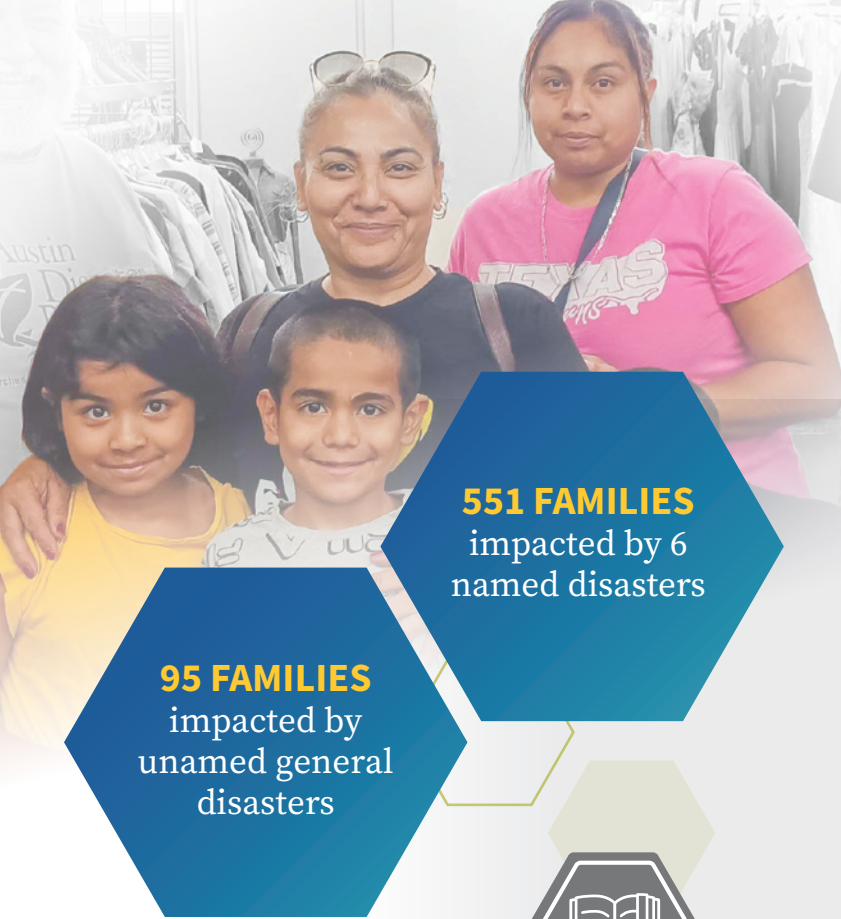


ARE YOU PREPARED?

Download free resources to help you and your family confidently prepare for disasters at: adrn.org/are-you-ready-for-a-disaster or **SCAN CODE.**



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2023 TOTAL IMPACT

646 FAMILIES SERVED

551 FAMILIES
impacted by 6
named disasters

95 FAMILIES
impacted by
unamed general
disasters



A Spanish-speaking man received the **first Bible he has ever owned**, and he and his family were shepherded by and connected to a church on the network!

- 1 Orange County Tornadoes**
January 24
19 families
- 2 Winter Storm Mara**
February 1
392 requests claimed
by 33 churches/organizations
for debris removal
- 3 Little Walnut Creek Flood**
April 30
13 families
- 4 Parmer Lane Fire**
August 8
20 families
- 5 Sonora Apartment Fire**
August 24
15 families
- 6 SW Louisiana Hurricanes**
September
94 families
from hurricanes Laura and
Delta received Call Center
support*

* Hurricane Laura (Aug. 27, 2020), Hurricane Delta (Oct. 9, 2020)

SURVIVOR IMPACT

162
FAMILIES
RECEIVED
**EMOTIONAL &
SPIRITUAL CARE**

89
FAMILIES
RECEIVED
**SHEPHERD
SUPPORT**

\$4,588 IN
**SURVIVOR
CARE KITS**
GIVEN
(AVERAGE \$74)

\$21,131+ IN
**HOPE FAMILY THRIFT
STORE VOUCHERS**
GIVEN (AVERAGE \$200
PER FAMILY)

94
**CALL CENTER
SUPPORT CALLS**

\$8,000+ IN
HYGIENE KITS
GIVEN

129
BIBLES
GIVEN

11
CLEANUP BUCKETS
DISTRIBUTED

VOLUNTEER IMPACT

**10,442 VOLUNTEER
HOURS SERVED**
(\$31.80 PER HOUR)

Independent Sector

**446 IN TRAINING
ATTENDANCE**