



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL **PREPAREDNESS** MONTH



September is **National Preparedness Month** in the United States, a time dedicated to raising awareness and encouraging personal preparation for emergencies and disasters at home, in our businesses, and within our communities. This annual observance reminds us of the critical importance of being ready to face unexpected challenges and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our family, neighbors, and community.

As we approach the strength of hurricane season with above-normal activity expected and the reality of exacerbated crises, the need for preparation and comprehensive response systems has never been more urgent.

What can you do?

AM I TRULY PREPARED FOR THE UNEXPECTED?

That question weighed heavily on my mind recently.

I had just finished praying for a group of volunteers that were about to meet with families impacted by disaster. A fire in South Austin claimed two lives and left two pets displaced. Another couple, from Bastrop, lost everything after their home was reduced to ashes.

What those survivors were experiencing brought the reality of crisis starkly into focus.

HOW ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE UNEXPECTED?

Taking practical steps to ensure that you and your family are personally prepared for a crisis like a natural disaster can save lives and help you bounce back sooner.

And by partnering with ADRN, your support helps us train a Christ-centered network of volunteers, churches, and organizations to respond when disaster strikes — meeting physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Thank you for your support!



With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Dwight Bailey, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rev. Dr. Dwight Bailey, Jr.
ADRN Executive Director



NATURAL DISASTERS OFTEN STRIKE WITHOUT WARNING, LEAVING LITTLE TIME FOR LAST-MINUTE PREPARATIONS.

Planning for the unexpected includes:



PREPARING NECESSARY RESOURCES

such as food, water, blankets, and medical supplies to sustain yourself and your family during and after a crisis



ESTABLISHING EVACUATION ROUTE options

with fuel and lodging



Having a CLEAR COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

in place in order to stay connected with loved ones





Austin Disaster Relief Network's mission extends beyond immediate relief; we aim to build resilient communities that are not only prepared to face natural calamities, but also capable of recovering from them.

We are dedicated to equipping communities with the necessary tools and training to respond effectively to disasters.

PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, AND SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

Offering specialized programs to offer physical, emotional, and spiritual support to disaster survivors and people in crisis, helping them cope with trauma and loss.

COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION

Engaging volunteers for effective disaster response and leveraging shared resources through partnerships that maximize impact.

MULTILINGUAL SUPPORT

Providing training and support (survivor care) in multiple languages to serve diverse communities effectively.



To continue our vital work right here in the Austin region and expand our reach across the state of Texas, your support is crucial as we:



SUPPORT DISASTER SURVIVORS with ongoing physical, emotional, and, spiritual care.



TRAIN & PREPARE volunteers, local churches, organizations, and community groups with the knowledge and resources to act swiftly and efficiently in times of crisis.



EXPAND OUR PROGRAMS to extend training and support services to new areas.

HOW YOUR GIVING CAN HELP

Your National Preparedness Month gift of ...

\$50 provides a **CARE KIT** for a **SURVIVING FAMILY** of four.

\$100 funds a **TRAINING SESSION** for **COMMUNITY LEADERS**.

\$500 can **SPONSOR A CHURCH** to become a **DISASTER RESPONSE CENTER**.

\$1,000 can support a short-term **MISSION TRIP** to **IMPACTED COMMUNITIES** in neighboring areas.

Please return the enclosed reply card with your generous gift today.

To put your gift to work even faster, visit ADRN.org/SeptemberUpdate or scan the QR code to give securely online.



MY GIFT TO YOU

When you respond today, I want to offer you access to a **FREE DISASTER TRAINING** program to help you prepare for yourself, your family, and others.

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