Mission
To be a coalition of churches and business partners that facilitate a coordinated response to community needs.

2021 Key Initiatives / Accomplishments
- COVID-19 Education Campaign
- COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution
- Thanksgiving Turkey Distribution
- LA Hurricane Ida Response
- Kentucky Tornado Response

STORY: The Love of God at Work

“Serving in this coalition as a source of help and hope in the community has been both an enriching and life-changing experience,” wrote Sharina Henderson, a volunteer with Beaumont Disaster Response. In the summer of 2020, Sharina embraced the opportunity to serve her community by increasing public awareness about the facts related to COVID-19 vaccines. The local community her church served had the highest rate of unvaccinated cases in the Beaumont area. For Sharina, there was a critical dual purpose for getting the facts out. The community desperately needed it, and it was also the community she and her family lived and worshipped. With positive COVID-19 cases on the rise and the proliferation of myths and misinformation about vaccines, the efforts of Beaumont Disaster Response were greatly needed.

Sharina said, “One of the things the COVID pandemic has taught us is that natural disasters are not the only disasters out there. Losing countless precious lives to a vaccine-preventable disease due to false or inaccurate information is a disaster indeed. I am grateful to God that the leaders of this coalition recognized the need and sprang into action to help meet the need.”

As a network of local churches partnered with local businesses and organizations, Beaumont Disaster Response served as the hands and feet of Christ by braving the sweltering heat and the ongoing pandemic to better educate the community. Volunteers from participating churches walked through apartment complexes, knocked on doors, visited businesses, and talked with individuals on the streets. They provided handouts with vaccine information, answered questions, prayed, and shared the love of God with their community. All this while wearing masks and gloves in the Texas summer heat.

The efforts of coalition volunteers were well-received by the community, and they felt blessed by being part of the experience. Many people gained new knowledge and answers to the questions and uncertainties that had plagued the community. Many people registered and received vaccinations along with other helpful health-related information.

Sharina shared, “To provide help and hope in a time when our neighbors, my neighbors, needed it the most was so rewarding. We saw people of various ages, ethnicities, and backgrounds come together for the benefit and interest of all. That was the result of God at work. That was the people of God at work. That was the love of God at work. That was Beaumont Disaster Response at work!”

Leadership Team

Pastor James W. Reed III
Coalition Coordinator
Rising Sun Baptist Church

Cindy Begnaud
San Jacinto Humanity Relief Fund

Silvann Broussard
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Dr. Carlton Sharp
Faith Christian Center Church

Vernon Tubbs
First Full Gospel Baptist Church

Rick White
Christian Fellowship Worship Center

2021 Highlights

Thanks to the churches and organizations who made the collective impact in our community possible.

Participating Churches 22
Volunteers Hours 382
Pounds of Food Distributed 7,000
Value Invested in The Community $93,200

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Disaster Response

While Beaumont incurred damage from the Winter Storm Uri, the area was spared from any other significant natural disasters in 2021. With a wealth of experience from previous recovery efforts in both Texas and Louisiana, Beaumont Disaster Response quickly mobilized support for neighbors affected by other natural disasters. With contributions from participating churches, the coalition sent a substantial financial donation for tornado recovery efforts in Kentucky and 700 tarps for Hurricane Ida recovery efforts in Louisiana.

Broadened Vision

As the year began with civil unrest, a crippling freeze, and the pandemic continuing its assault on our nation, Beaumont Disaster Response quickly realized that it would need to refocus its efforts as a coalition. The priority became facing the actual needs, beyond disaster response, in the community. While helping tornado and hurricane survivors in neighboring states, the primary need in Beaumont was addressing the lack of knowledge concerning the pandemic and the availability of its vaccine in underserved communities. With a broadened mission of addressing community needs, the coalition’s goal in 2022 will be to develop a new plan that matches the broadened vision.

2022 Goals

Collaborative Vision
Develop and execute a new response plan to fulfill the broadened vision of collaborating to address community needs. Engage current and new church and business partners in the broadened vision.

Church Participation
Increase church participation to over thirty congregations, including churches that best represent the diversity and geography of the Greater Beaumont area.

Regular Convening
Establish regular convening schedule for the coalition leadership team and coalition churches.

Participating Churches

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
Calvary Tabernacle
Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church
Christian Fellowship Worship Center
Church of Philadelphia Baptist Church
Empowerment Church
Faith Christian Center Church
First Baptist Church Hampshire
First Full Gospel Baptist Church
The Gospel of Jesus Christ Church
Gospel Tabernacle
Greater Love Zion COGIC
House of Prayer Baptist Church
Inner Court Outreach Ministries
Love and Compassion Ministries
Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church
Mount Zion Baptist Church
Rising Sun Baptist Church
St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church
Temple of Praise COGIC
Trinity United Methodist Church
West Tabernacle Baptist Church

Participating Organizations

KY Construction
Mayberry Movers & Storage
San Jacinto Humanity Relief Fund

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