2021 ANNUAL UPDATE

Mission
Responding to Katy in times of need through planning, relief, and restoration.

2021 Key Initiatives / Accomplishments
• Winter Storm Recovery
• Hurricane Harvey Recovery
• Founding Partner of TXCDR
• Over 3000 Volunteer Hours

STORY: Strength Through Hardship
Pastor Blaise & First Lady Lizette Polk are a God-fearing couple that has experienced hardship after hardship. Hurricane Harvey robbed them of their dream home and health when it severely damaged their home, leaving them without the financial means to make the repairs. As the mold spread throughout the home, Blaise’s health progressively worsened.

When the COVID-19 pandemic came, the Polks fully engaged in doing their part to help others. They joined in Houston Responds “Masks for All” initiative and delivered safe supplies to their congregation and beyond. During this time, it was discovered that their home was impacted by Harvey and still not repaired almost three years later. Katy Responds knew God placed them in the right path for relief. The community, United Way, and various churches united to collect funds to repair their home. After over 150 volunteer hours, a celebration of love and prayer was scheduled for them to finally return to a safe, sanitary, and secure home, but then Winter Storm Uri hit.

Two days before the celebration, pipes froze and burst in their home, causing substantial damage that set the progress back to nearly the starting point. With the help of volunteers, Katy Responds was able to move quickly to repair and replace the damaged flooring and walls impacted by the water damage.

The Polk’s were finally able to return to their restored home, and Blaise’s health was better than it had been in years. After everything they had been through, they had much to be thankful for, but hardship would come again when one of their sons passed away unexpectedly not long after their home was restored. He was soon to be married and starting a new life. (continued…)

Leadership

Staff
Ron Peters | Executive Director
Chelsea Lucas | Director of Administration
John Meyers | Site Supervisor
Curtis Wilkins | Site Supervisor
Karl Wagner | Project Lead
Madison Peters | Client Coordinator
Ashlyn Duty | Volunteer Coordinator

Board Members
Rev. Fred Willis | Holy Covenant UMC
Dennis Justus | Grace Fellowship
Lyl Rymer | Charis City Church
Chris Humphreys | Grace Fellowship

2021 Highlights
Thanks to the churches and organizations who made the collective impact in our community possible.

Participating Churches 18
Volunteers 230
Volunteer Hours 3,101
Homes Restored 14
Funds Raised $920,291
Value Invested in the Community $1,040,061
Through their previous hardships, the Polk's faith and trust in God were strengthened. Fellowship helped them through the dark times as they prayed together and worshiped together with a community of believers. The Polks credit these experiences with giving them the ability to move forward after the loss of their son. God placed people like Katy Responds and countless volunteers and prayer warriors in their life at just the right time to be a source of light in their darkness.

**STORY: Finally Restored After 4 Years**

The morning Hurricane Harvey arrived, Ms. Judy, her son, and her disabled husband left their house, anticipating the rising waters. It only took fifteen minutes to rise three feet inside their home. Like many Harvey stories, the family had no flood insurance, so all was lost. Shortly after that, Ms. Judy lost her husband of 30+ years, leaving her to crawl back from the devastation of Harvey by herself. With sporadic help and limited finances, Ms. Judy received periodic support to help restore her home from members of the synagogue she worked for. She lived in a mucked-out house with no hot water, air conditioning, or heat for nearly four years.

In her research to find help to move her along in restoring her home, she found Katy Responds. Once the team assessed that the repairs would cost $60,000 to complete, they began fundraising. By God's grace, within two weeks, with the help of Samaritan's Purse and the United Way of Greater Houston, Katy Responds was able to fully fund the restoration and began work immediately. The Katy Responds team was thrilled to celebrate the completion of her rebuild earlier this year and present to Ms. Judy with a safe home to live in.

### 2022 Vision

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**Participating Churches**

- Charis City Church
- Church on the Rock
- Cinco Ranch Church of Christ
- Common Ground Church
- Current – A Christian Church
- Crosspoint Community Church
- Grace Fellowship
- Holy Covenant UMC
- Hope City
- Katy Bible Church
- Kingsland Baptist Church
- Living Stones Church
- New Hope Presbyterian Church
- Powerhouse Church
- St. Peter's UMC
- The Fellowship Church
- Waypoint Church
- Westland Baptist Church

**Participating Organizations**

- BGE, Inc.
- Cane Island Storage
- Connective
- CRC Group
- #GivingTuesdayKaty
- Hat & Glasses Media
- Houston Responds
- Houston ToolBank
- Jeffery Davidson & Associates, CPA
- Katy Christian Ministries
- Misty Newsome, CPA, LLC
- Rotary Club of Katy
- Supply Bridge Ministries
- United Way

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