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HR: Fort Bend
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Mission
To unite and empower churches to love and restore families before, during, and after a crisis.

2020 Key Projects / Accomplishments
- Hurricane Harvey Rebuild
- Tropical Storm Imelda Rebuild
- Hurricane Laura Supply Drive
- Homeless Outreach
- Mask & Food Distribution
- COVID-19 Response

STORY: The Milligan Family

The Milligans were a young married couple with a brand-new baby when Hurricane Harvey struck. Rain filled creeks and bayous throughout Greater Houston resulting in water being released from the Addicks and Barker Reservoirs flooding almost every home in their Devinwood neighborhood.

Many times, underserved communities are highlighted when affected by a disaster, but a segment of the population is often overlooked. Daniel and Tasha Milligan are a working middle-class family. Daniel is a firefighter and paramedic instructor while in school for his master's degree, and Tasha teaches sign language. They did not have flood insurance since they were not in a flood zone and have been fighting for more than three years to regain some sort of normalcy after their home flooded.

The Milligans initially received a $25,000 SBA loan and decided to restore their home on their own with family and friends' help to get the most out of the loan. This decision did not work out as planned. Much of the work had to be redone once they connected with Houston Responds Baytown coalition for help.

Over the past year, the coalition has walked alongside the Milligans to help meet their physical and spiritual needs. Thanks to the hard work of volunteers and partnerships with organizations like Baytown Junior Forum and Mosaic in Action, their home received a new roof, a restored master bathroom and kitchen, and a new fence so their son can safely run around outside. After years of exhausting their time, money, and energy, they felt alone in their struggle, but God made a way to bring restoration to the Milligans. (continued…)

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2020 | Highlights
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2021 | Vision

| New Participating Churches | 12 |
| Disaster Response Coordinators | 16 |
| Homes Restored             | 7 |
| Families Served            | 236,585 |
| New Funds Raised           | $237,000 |
| Value Invested in the Community | $17,900,000 |
The coalition's commitment to assist the Milligans went beyond physical rebuild. It involved giving spiritual support when life got harder than one can imagine. This journey has been particularly emotional for Tasha, who, as a child, experienced seasons of homelessness. Tasha and her sister lived in cars, shelters, and on others' sofas. These experiences have driven her and Daniel to work hard to break the cycle of poverty. It can feel unbearable to lose almost everything in a disaster. With the memories of a traumatic childhood, the feeling of hopelessness can become overwhelming.

God is in the restoration business. The Milligan's home has been restored, and Tasha recently gave birth to a beautiful, healthy baby boy.

Leadership

Tammi Scott
Coalition & Volunteer Coordinator

Advisory Team

Thomasina Burns
Houston Responds
Jeans & Jewels Institute

Shonell Griffith
Spirit of Life Ministries

Participating Organizations

Baytown Police Department
Be a Champion
Harris County Commissioner Precinct 3
Harris County Constable Precinct 3
Harris County Sheriff's Department
HCSO Homeless Outreach Team
Hearts & Hands of Baytown
JP Cares
Local Initiatives Support Corp.
Love Network
Marcellous-Williams Resource Center
Pathfinder Mission
Somebody Cares
St. Paul's Lutheran Food Pantry
United Way Baytown/Chambers
Youth-Reach Houston

Participating Churches

Abiding Faith Church
Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
Baker Road Baptist Church
Baytown Community Church
Berea Church of God in Christ
By Faith Ministries International
Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
Cedar Bayou Baptist Church
Cedar Bayou Grace UMC
Central Baptist Church
Central Church of Christ
Christian Life Church
Coady Baptist Church
Emanuel Church - Iglesia Emanuel
Eternal Word of Life Ministries
Faith Family Church
Faith Presbyterian Church of Baytown
Fellowship Community Baptist Church
First Christian Church of Baytown
Fountain of Faith Fellowship Church
Garth Road Baptist Church
God Order My Steps Ministries
Greater St. John Baptist Church
Hillside Church
Holy Family Catholic Church
Iglesia Cristo Viene
Kisses for the King Ministries, Inc
Lakewood Church of Christ
Memorial Baptist Church
Missouri Street Church of Christ
MercyGate Church
Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
Northside Baptist Church
Old River Assembly of God Church
Olive Press Ministries
Peace Tabernacle UPC
Pentecostals of Baytown
Rollingbrook Fellowship
San Jacinto Church
Second Baptist Baytown
St. John's UMC
St. Mark's UMC
St. Paul's Lutheran
Sweet Home Baptist Church
The Sanctuary
Trinity Tabernacle Assembly of God Church
Victory Baptist Church
Victory Temple Church
Wooster Baptist Church
Word Alive Ministries
Word of Life Ministries

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Mission
Mobilize churches to be a source of help and hope in the midst of disaster and its recovery.

2020 Key Projects / Accomplishments
- Coalition Founded January 2020
- Hurricane Harvey Rebuild
- Tropical Storm Imelda Rebuild
- Hurricane Laura Supply Drive
- Mask & Food Distribution
- COVID-19 Response

STORY: Pastors Respond to Launch Coalition

After suffering significant damage from Hurricane Harvey in 2017 and then Imelda in 2019, pastors around the Beaumont area realized that something needed to be done to assist local families and to help better prepare the community for the future. Pastors from Rising Sun Baptist Church, Church of Philadelphia Baptist Church, and First Full Gospel Baptist Church began conversations about what could be done. Through Austin Disaster Relief Network, the churches connected with Houston Responds and started making steps toward establishing a coalition.

In December of 2019, pastors from three core churches introduced the concept of a new coalition to other local pastors who received the idea with enthusiasm. In January of 2020, Beaumont Disaster Response was launched. Morale had been low in the community due to the destruction of the recent disasters, but the launching of the coalition began to renew the communities hope that recovery was possible.

The first project was helping Ms. Daisy, an elderly widow whose home was damaged in Hurricane Harvey. Previously, she hired a contractor to repair her home and fell victim to contractor fraud. The contractor put up two sheets of drywall before taking all her doors and all of her money, never to return. On the project's first day, 18 volunteers showed up at Ms. Daisy’s home to help.

Shortly after beginning work on Ms. Daisy’s house, the COVID-19 pandemic struck and brought work to a halt. With construction at a standstill, the coalition seized the opportunities to serve the elderly in the community. Coalition partner, Inner Court Outreach Ministries and Pastor Jerry Haynes, supported by World Vision, did weekly food distribution. Pastors throughout the city began to engage with the coalition’s COVID-19 response efforts, and the coalition grew. Pastor James Reed said, “It was amazing to see congregations coming together during this time of crisis. So many volunteers served with joy to help our neighbors in need”. (continued…)

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In September, Beaumont evacuated as Hurricane Laura approached the coast, and the coalition prepared for the worst. Beaumont was spared, but neighbors in Louisiana were hit hard. Beaumont Disaster Response was able to send the supplies it had gathered to parts of Louisiana. They served several small cities that had not yet received assistance, Vinton, Sulphur, and Hackberry. For two weekends, neighborhood clean-up events were hosted by the coalition in Vinton, where volunteers tarped roofs, cut trees, and cleared debris. The coalition also helped distribute over 6,000 meals in Lake Charles with other Texas churches.

After being heavily involved in southwest Louisiana, a local pastor began conversations about starting a disaster response coalition. Beaumont Disaster Response Coalition Coordinator, James Reed, along with several leaders from other Houston Responds coalitions, traveled to Lake Charles to speak to local pastors about starting their own coalition. Beaumont Disaster Response has not only helped its own community but has invested in the future of other communities by offering guidance and to Louisiana pastors starting SWLA Responds.

Leadership

Pastor James W. Reed III
Coalition Coordinator

Advisory Team

Cindy Begnaud
San Jacinto Humanity Relief Fund

Silvann Broussard
Church of Philadelphia Baptist Church

Harmon Dent
Temple of Praise COGIC

Dr. Carlton Sharp
Faith Christian Center Church

Vernon Tubbs
First Full Gospel Baptist Church

Rick White
Christian Fellowship Worship Center

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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Mission
Unite, empower, and mobilize churches and organizations across Brazoria County to serve the needs of the community in disaster response and long-term recovery.

2020 Key Projects / Accomplishments
- Coalition Founded April 2020
- Hurricane Harvey Rebuild
- Hurricane Laura Supply Drive
- Storm Readiness Training
- Mask & Food Distribution
- COVID-19 Response

STORY: Volunteers Sewing to Serve

When the pandemic hit in early March of 2020, the Agape sewing group from St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Pearland found themselves stuck at home unable to fellowship together. At the time, the group numbered seven women. One member, Judy Heald, saw a news report about the personal protective equipment (PPE) shortage for hospitals and thought their group may be able to help. She found a pattern online and shared it with the group, and they took it upon themselves to start sewing. Donations of mask making materials came in from all over. Members of the congregation raided their craft closets and storage units, looking for extra fabric and elastic.

At first, they made masks for local hospitals where members of St. Andrew’s had connections. Thousands of masks went to support these front-line workers when it was difficult to find adequate PPE to keep themselves and their patients safe. As the Agape group made more masks, they started looking for others in need.

As news of what the Agape group was doing got out, others wanted to pitch in. Members of the congregation joined in sewing or cutting fabric. 12-year-old Sophie heard about the group and reached out to ask if she could send them some of the masks she was making to help the cause. (continued…)

Brazoria Responds is a partnership between Houston Responds and Mosaic In Action.
At the same time, St. Andrew’s began working with Crosspoint Church to start Brazoria Responds, a coalition affiliate of Houston Responds. The coalition began food and mask distribution throughout the county. They worked with Houston Responds “Mask For All” project to get masks to as many people as possible. By offering masks at massive food distribution events, they were able to help provide over 2,000 masks to many people in need.

In the end, the Agape group was able to provide over 4,300 masks to people throughout the region, and by doing so, they were able to provide assistance to people during a time when many of the group could not leave their own homes. They made a huge impact in the “Mask For All” project, and the original group of seven women continues to work together today, making fidget blankets for elderly dementia patients as their new project.

Leadership

Debbie Allensworth
Coalition Coordinator

Participating Organizations

Community Health Network
Office of Rep. Ed Thompson, 29th District
Gulf Coast Center
NAMI Gulf Coast
Angleton Police Department
American Red Cross
Salvation Army
SEWA International
United Way of Brazoria County
Manvel Community Outreach
Mosaic in Action

Participating Churches

Antioch Community Church
Pearland
Bethel Community Baptist Church
Fresno
Crosspoint Church
Pearland
First Baptist Church
Pearland
First Methodist Church
Pearland
Greater Mount Zion Church
Brazoria
Harvest Point Fellowship
Pearland
HOPE Church
Pearland
Mosaic Church
Pearland
Peace Presbyterian Church
Pearland
Redeemer Church
Marvel
Redemption Church
Pearland
St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church
Pearland
St. Mary’s Episcopal Church
West Columbia
The Vineyard Church
Pearland
Victory Community Church
Angleton

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Mission
To unite, empower and mobilize churches in Central Houston to respond to community crises.

2020 Key Projects / Accomplishments
- Coalition Founded April 2020
- Hurricane Laura Supply Drive
- Laura/Delta Volunteer Work
- Mask & Food Distribution
- COVID-19 Testing Sites

STORY: COVID Unites Churches to Respond

When COVID-19 hit, churches in Central Houston recognized the need for collaboration in response to the pandemic. In April of 2020, leaders from South Main Baptist Church, City Church, First Presbyterian Church, Houston’s First Baptist Church Downtown, Riverside United Methodist Church, and St. John’s United Methodist Church began championing the formation of the Houston Responds Central Coalition. Central Houston is ethnically and socio-economically diverse, and these church leaders envisioned a coalition that reflects and serves the fulness of that diversity. Today, around a dozen churches make up the coalition with the leadership of an advisory team.

The coalition’s primary focus in 2020 was mask and food distribution in response to COVID-19 and responding to the needs of our Louisiana neighbors affected by Hurricanes Laura and Delta.

Central Coalition churches played a significant role in coordinating with the City of Houston to help launch the “Masks For All” project. These churches produced and distributed thousands of masks to ensure that the under-resourced had adequate protection including 10,000 disposable masks for Bread of Life, Inc. More recently, Houston Responds Central churches have been participating in blood drives and hosting COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites. (continued…)

2020 | Highlights

Participating Churches | 11
Disaster Response Coordinators | 11
Volunteer Hours | 1,175
Families Served | 5,300
Pounds of Food Distributed | 500,000
Masks Distributed | 25,000
Funds Raised | $35,000
Value Invested in the Community | $904,000

2021 | Vision

New Participating Churches | 20
Disaster Response Coordinators | 31
Homes Restored | 12
Volunteer Hours | 2,500
New Funds Raised | $75,000
Value Invested in the Community | $250,000

Leahjean Denley of Wheeler Baptist Church helped Houston Responds partner with Grab Bag Masks during the “Masks For All” project.

Volunteers from Good Hope MBC collected and transported supplies for LA families affected by Hurricanes Laura & Delta.

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A member of the advisory team, Mary-Floye Federer of First Presbyterian Church, shared, “One of the blessings that emerged during the difficult times of the pandemic was working together with churches that would become Houston Responds Central Coalition. The weekly calls with churches in our area led to deepening connections and opportunities to discuss and respond to other issues facing our communities like the racial injustices and Hurricanes Laura & Delta. Collaborating together as churches allows so much more to be done for God’s glory in times of crisis.”

When Hurricanes Laura and Delta hit Southwest Louisiana, the Central Coalition was active in collecting and distributing essential supplies to the disaster-affected communities. Supplies and volunteer teams were sent to Louisiana to help the community begin the recovery and rebuild process.

Over the last year, Houston Responds Central has been purposeful not only in its formation but also in its work in the community and beyond. Rather than duplicating work already being done by local organizations, the coalition seeks to mobilize local churches to promote and support that work. By creating a platform for local churches to more effectively communicate, coordinate, and collaborate, the Houston Responds Central Coalition aims to help those churches more effectively respond to ongoing community crises and prepare for future disasters.

Leadership

J Hill
Coalition Co-Coordinator

Jessica Somerville
Coalition Co-Coordinator

Advisory Team

Leahjean Denley
Wheeler Baptist Church

Mary-Floye Federer
First Presbyterian Church Houston

Aaron Pyle
City Church

Irvin Clark
Houston Responds

Jeff Schulz
Houston Responds

Participating Churches

Annunciation Catholic Church
City Church
Christ Church Cathedral
First Presbyterian Church Houston
Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church
Houston’s First Baptist Church Downtown
Houston Praise and Worship Center
Riverside United Methodist Church
South Main Baptist Church
St. John’s United Methodist Church Downtown
Wheeler Baptist Church

Participating Organizations

Bread of Life, Inc.
Catholic Charities
Houston Food Bank
Houston ToolBank

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Mission
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2020 Key Projects / Accomplishments
• Hurricane Harvey Rebuild
• Tropical Storm Imelda Rebuild
• Hurricane Laura Supply Drive
• Homeless Outreach
• Mask & Food Distribution
• COVID-19 Response

STORY: Restoring Barrett Station

Historical Barrett's Settlement, located south of Crosby, was founded by a former slave, known as Harrison Barrett. Born into slavery, Harrison was the son of Simon and Lisa Barrett, who came to Texas from Louisiana. He had three brothers and two sisters.

Following the emancipation of Texas slaves in 1865, Barrett spent several years gathering his family together and eventually found all of them except one sister. They all settled on the land he purchased for fifty cents an acre in 1889. It became one of the most extensive landholdings in Harris County to be acquired by a former slave. Barrett named the property Barrett's Settlement and is now known as Barrett Station.

Beginning with just seven houses, the community has grown to over 3,000 families. Barrett is primarily an African American community with a rich heritage and is known for its dedicated civic participation. Many homes are generational homes dating back to the community’s founders. Like so many underserved communities, Hurricane Harvey swept through Barrett Station, leaving devastation in its wake. Very little assistance was available to residents.

The Shotlow Family

Houston Responds Crosby-Huffman coalition has been working with Barrett Station Civic League and Barrett Station Ministerial Alliance to identify families in need of restoration. The Shotlow family was referred to us by the Ministerial Alliance. Upon meeting Mrs. Shotlow and evaluating her needs, it was clear that God was at work and that He would provide the necessary means to restore this family.

Mrs. Shotlow has seen more than her fair share of health problems, including end stage renal failure, a compromised immune system, and a failing respiratory system. In December of 2018, she received a kidney transplant and has been hospitalized many times since. (continued…)

2020 Highlights
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- Participating Churches: 7
- Volunteers: 2,201
- Homes Restored: 1
- Families Served: 19,854
- Pounds of Food Distributed: 1,800,000
- Masks Distributed: 10,100
- Funds Raised: $49,615
- Value Invested in the Community: $3,406,000

2021 Vision

- New Participating Churches: 4
- Disaster Response Coordinators: 7
- Homes Restored: 4
- Families Served: 30,000
- New Funds Raised: $100,000
- Value Invested in the Community: $5,900,000
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On the day of the home’s initial site evaluation, it was raining outside. The damage was apparent as rain fell through the roof and ceiling, soaking the Shotlow’s bed and floor. The home had roof damage from high wind and structural damage due to floodwaters that took several weeks to recede. The living room ceiling was hanging down, kitchen cabinets barely hung onto the wall, and doors were difficult to open and close.

Thanks to the hard work of many volunteers and the financial support of the Crosby-Huffman coalition’s partner churches and organizations, the Shotlow’s home has been restored. The foundation was leveled, the roof was replaced, and major work was done to repair the kitchen, bathroom, floors, and ceilings. An ADA ramp was also added to accommodate Mrs. Shotlow’s future needs.

Leadership

Tammi Scott
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Advisory Team

Thomasina Burns
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Jeans & Jewels Institute

Shonell Griffith
Spirit of Life Ministries

Participating Churches

Crosby Church
Ember Church
Mt. Rose COGIC, City of Refuge
Rock of Ages Church
Second Baptist Church of Highlands
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church

Participating Organizations

Barrett Station Civic League
Barrett Station Ministerial Association
Be a Champion
Crosby Huffman Chamber of Commerce
East Harris County Empowerment Council
Harris County Commissioner Precinct 3
Harris County Constable Precinct 3
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Harris County Pct. 3 Constable, Sherman Eagleton, teamed up with Houston Responds Crosby-Huffman coalition to host drive-thru mask distribution. They were able to donate 8,000 masks and serve the Highlands, Barrett Station, and Crosby areas.
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2020 Key Projects / Accomplishments
• Hurricane Harvey Rebuild
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STORY: Restoring Pleasantville
Tucked inside the northeast corner of Houston's 610 Loop, Pleasantville is easy for the thousands of daily commuters navigating the Houston Ship Channel bridge to overlook. The neighborhood is one of Houston's first planned, deed-restricted developments for African Americans. Pleasantville rarely makes the news, except if a fire breaks out among one of the dozens of chemical facilities that surround the area. This historic community was devastated during Hurricane Harvey and seemed to be one of the last neighborhoods to receive assistance. Thanks to God's provision, Houston Responds East Harris coalition restored five homes in this community in 2020. Eight more are currently pending funding. Here are a few of the families the coalition was able to serve.

The Carroll Family
The Carroll family has seen much hardship. Ms. Carroll lost her daughter, her mother, and her father all within a few years. Amid that grief, Hurricane Harvey's floodwaters swept through the family's home from every direction. The chimney toppled onto the roof and hung through part of the ceiling. The wood floors were rotting in almost every room. God provided, and the coalition was able to restore the home. The chimney was removed, the roof was replaced, and new flooring was installed, including new joists and subflooring.

Mr. Pearson
Mr. Pearson spent the last three years slowly but surely repairing his Harvey-damaged home. When called upon to become the sole caregiver to his two young grandchildren, he would no longer have the time needed to continue repairs on his own. His home was about to be inspected by child services and the restoration was now critical to the health and safety of his grandchildren. When he contacted the coalition for help, he still needed to replace joists, subflooring, flooring, and complete minor plumbing. Once again, Jesus showed up, and funds became available to restore the home and complete the work Mr. Pearson worked so long to finish.

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2021 | Vision

| New Participating Churches | 7 |
| Disaster Response Coordinators | 7 |
| Homes Restored             | 18 |
| Families Served            | 180,000 |
| New Funds Raised           | $452,000 |
| Value Invested in the Community | $14,244,000 |

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The Roberts Family

The City of Houston had condemned the Roberts family home. They had nowhere to go and no funds for the work the city was demanding. The city required they replace the roof and repair the bricks falling off the house. The fact that Mr. Roberts’ daughter is disabled made it critical to help this family quickly. In addition to the repairs required by the city, Houston Responds East Harris was able to replace, repair, and restore most of the home’s interior. Coalition partner organization, Somebody Cares, purchased new kitchen appliances for the family to complete the restoration. The first time it rained after the repairs, Mr. Roberts stood in the middle of his living room, looking up with joy because the rain was no longer leaking into his home. It was the first time in two and a half years he could rest when it rained.

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Leadership

Tammi Scott
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Advisory Team

Thomasina Burns
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Spirit of Life Ministries

Participating Churches

East Houston Revival Center
Family Church
Fellowship of the Nations
Fellowship on Purpose
Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church
Grace Worship Center
Iglesia Christiana Vision Divina
Northshore Community Fellowship of Faith
Old River Terrace United Methodist Church
Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church
Pleasantville United Methodist Church
River Pointe Church
South Drive Baptist Church
Spirit of Life Ministries
St. Andrews Catholic Church
Sweet Home Baptist Church

Participating Organizations

Be a Champion
Channelview Fire Department
Channelview Health & Improvement Coalition
Channelview Ministry Team
East Harris County Empowerment Council
Galena Park ISD
Harris County Commissioner Precinct 2
Harris County Commissioner Precinct 3
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Ana Karen from Iglesia Christiana Vision Divina, a Houston Responds East Harris coalition church, delivered supplies they collected for Hurricane Laura survivors.
**Mission**

To rebuild homes and restore hope after a disaster.

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**2020 Key Projects / Accomplishments**

- Hurricane Harvey Rebuild
- Mask Collection & Distribution
- Hurricane Laura Supply Drive
- COVID-19 Food Drive for Locals
- Provided God-centered Wrap Around Services
- Launched Disaster Readiness Program

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**STORY: The Iverson Family**

When Katy Responds first met Amanda Iverson and her three autistic children, no one could have imagined what God would accomplish through Katy Responds and its volunteers.

[Image of the Iverson family]

The Iverson's home flooded in Hurricane Harvey. After sitting for three years, mold grew and spread throughout the entire house. When workers entered the house for the first time, they became physically ill after just five minutes due to the mold exposure. The conditions were unbearable, yet the Iverson's had been living there for three years. Something needed to be done quickly, but it would take eight weeks to secure the funding to do the work necessary to restore the home.

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With funding secured, Katy Responds went to work, and the family temporarily moved out while the restoration was underway. For some time, Ms. Iverson had been experiencing lingering illness, which turned out to be mold poisoning. It was vital that the home be cleared of all the mold to ensure the family's safety. Katy Responds was able to clear the home of mold on the first try, which can often be a difficult task.

The family leased a place to live during construction, but their lease was coming to an end. Katy Responds was able to complete the home the same week the lease ran out. Of all the successes accomplished during the project, God had even bigger plans. (continued…)

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Of all the successes accomplished during the project, God had even bigger plans.

When Katy Responds first met Amanda Iverson, she and her husband, Troy, were estranged. While work was being done to restore the family’s home, God was also working to restore their relationship. By the time the house was ready to be delivered to the family, not only was their relationship reconciled, but Mr. Iverson was back with the wonderful desire to know more about God.

During the rebuild, he witnessed the hands and feet of Jesus working to restore his home. Troy saw volunteers write scripture on every wall and every 2 x 4 as they sacrificed hours of their time working to repair his family’s home. He experienced God’s love in action. On the day the house was delivered to the family, Troy’s mother turned with tears in her eyes and said, "Troy is back with the Lord, and he wants to learn more about Him!"

At that moment, it was clear why God connected the Iverson’s with Katy Responds and its volunteers. It was not just for physical healing but healing that would be eternal.

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Project Lead

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Family Life Assembly of God
Grace Fellowship
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Katy Bible Church
Kingsland Baptist Church
New Hope Presbyterian Church
Powerhouse Church
Redeemer Community Church
St. Peter’s UMC
Common Ground Church
The Church on the Rock
The Fellowship Church
Hope City
Waypoint Church

Participating Organizations

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Mission
To unite, empower, and mobilize churches in the Lake Houston area to expedite long-term recovery, respond to community crises, and prepare for future disasters.

2020 Key Projects / Accomplishments
- Hurricane Laura Supply Drive & Delivery
- Hurricane Laura Clean-Up in LA
- Tropical Storm Imelda Response
- COVID-19 Response
- Mask & Food Distribution
- DRC Readiness Training

STORY: Serving Hackberry
Early on August 27, as Hurricane Laura pummeled Louisiana, Randy was concerned about the people in the path of destruction. During Hurricane Harvey, the Cajun Navy had come to assist the Kingwood community, and Randy wanted to return the favor. Even before his wife woke, he had already decided to enlist.

As a member of Kingwood United Methodist Church and part of the Lake Houston Responds coalition, Randy was not alone. He joined a crew and headed to Louisiana with road clearing gear. It took hours to remove the mounds of debris. Randy found his way to the small community of Hackberry and spent days chainsawing and nights at the Hackberry Community Center, where he was embraced as family by the residents.

As additional needs of Louisiana communities emerged, Kingwood UMC and other Lake Houston Responds churches partnered with Praying Pelican Missions to provide supplies. This time Randy took a load of storage totes, water, and more supplies, which were donated by many individuals and churches through a supply drive. Moved by this generous outpouring and Randy’s encouragement, additional responders went to work in the Hackberry area and delivered more supplies. (continued…)

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2020 | Highlights
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| Participating Churches | 19 |
| Disaster Response Coordinators | 12 |
| Volunteer Hours | 3,011 |
| Homes Restored | 17 |
| Families Served | 491 |
| Masks Distributed | 2,000 |
| Funds Raised | $184,700 |
| Value Invested in the Community | $309,975 |

2021 | Vision

| New Participating Churches | 30 |
| Disaster Response Coordinators | 25 |
| Homes Restored | 10 |
| Families Served | 600 |
| New Funds Raised | $250,000 |
| Value Invested in the Community | $400,000 |
2020 ANNUAL UPDATE

Randy’s tools were a chainsaw and a supply truck, and his ministry was relational as he cared for those in crisis. Being part of a local church connected to a Houston Responds coalition and having the mission of loving his neighbors in need helped make Randy’s ministry to the Hackberry community possible.

Leadership

Jeff Schulz
Interim Coalition Coordinator

Advisory Team

Patrick DeFoe
Kingwood First Baptist Church

Chris Harrison
Kingwood United Methodist Church

Madison Wentworth
Lakeside United Methodist Church

Kim Worsham
Insperity, Inc.

Roland Zavala
First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood

Participating Churches

Atascocita Presbyterian Church
Christ Church Kingwood
Dayspring Church
First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood
Grace Church
Journey of Faith United Methodist Church
Kingwood Bible Church
Kingwood Church of Christ
Kingwood First Baptist Church
Kingwood United Methodist Church
Lakeside United Methodist Church
Lake Houston Church of Nazarene
New Life Church
The Pentecostal Church of Atascocita
Providence Community Church
Strawbridge United Methodist Church
Summer Creek Baptist Church
United City Church
Woodridge Baptist Church of Kingwood

Participating Organizations

Humble Area Assistance Ministries
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Society of St. Stephen
Bounce / Baptist General Convention of Texas

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Volunteers sort supplies donated by Lake Houston area churches in preparation for delivery to Hurricane Laura affected neighbors in Louisiana.
Mission
Mobilize churches to be a source of help and hope in the midst of disaster and its recovery.

2020 Key Projects / Accomplishments
- Hurricane Harvey Rebuild
- Tropical Storm Imelda Rebuild
- Tech Donations for At-Home Learning
- Homeless Outreach
- Mask & Food Distribution
- COVID-19 Response

STORY: Hallelujah! Thank You, Jesus!
If you follow Houston Responds on social media, you may have heard the story of Ms. Leola Davis. Her home flooded in Hurricane Harvey, and she continued to live there despite the damage. Eventually, the mold began to make her ill, and she was forced to leave her home and live with her daughter. It was 18 months after Harvey before she received assistance.

After being displaced for so long, Leola's hope of returning home wavered, but hope was restored when help finally arrived. It came by way of local churches connected with the Houston Responds North Central coalition. Her optimism began to grow, stating, "When they finish this house, I'm going to lift up the window in every bedroom and just run through the house hollering Hallelujah! Thank you, Jesus!"

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Volunteers from several churches helped with the repairs, but one church’s investment has resulted in relationships that will last a lifetime. Ms. Davis said, "When I first met Bill, Hannah, and the crew, I just felt like I've known them for years. They were so friendly and hugging and helping me out. And I never had that done for me before. I said, 'these people must really love God. God is answering my prayers.'"

Pastors Bill & Hannah White from Village Heights Church, along with volunteers from the congregation, helped repair Ms. Davis' house and invited her to visit their church, where she was welcomed like family.

In September of 2019, Leola finally returned to her fully rebuilt and furnished home. A homecoming celebration marked the occasion and Ms. Davis stayed true to her word when she ran throughout the house hollering, "Hallelujah! Thank you, Jesus!" (continued…)

2020 | Highlights
Thanks to the churches and organizations who made the collective impact in our community possible.

Participating Churches 20
Disaster Response Coordinators 20
Volunteer Hours 3,029
Homes Restored 47
Families Served 2,000
Masks Distributed 5,000
Funds Raised $10,000
Value Invested in the Community $217,200

2021 | Vision
New Participating Churches 15
Volunteer Hours 5,000
Homes Restored 78
Families Served 3,000
New Funds Raised $100,000
Value Invested in the Community $1,000,000

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Houston Responds visited Ms. Davis last August, nearly three years after Hurricane Harvey, to check in on her and get updated on how she was doing. She expressed her sincere gratitude for her beautiful home. She jokingly said her only complaint was that she was in the house way too much after being confined to her home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Before COVID, she was attending Village Heights Church regularly.

Throughout the pandemic, Hannah White and others from the church have been a blessing to Ms. Davis by bringing her food and checking in on her often. Leola is looking forward to the end of the pandemic so she can go back to see the faces of her church family every Sunday.

Disaster response is not just about rebuild. It’s about relationships. Volunteers invested in Leola's life as well as her home. Life-long relationships have been built. Leola and Village Heights Church have continually been a blessing to each other. Ms. Davis looks for opportunities to serve others the way she has been served, and the work of Christ continues to be evident in the midst of what began as a disaster.

Ms. Davis said, "I prayed this prayer for God to put people in my life that love him more than they love themselves. And that's what he has done. And I'm so grateful for Village Heights Church and all the people who have helped me."

**Leadership**

**Tanya Debose**  
Coalition Coordinator

In response to COVID-19, volunteers from Christ Missionary Baptist Church provided lunches for over 200 families throughout the summer.

North Central coalition churches came together during the pandemic to distribute food and masks to help meet the needs of the community.

**Participating Churches**

- Bella Vista Missionary Baptist Church
- Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
- Christ Missionary Baptist Church
- Green Chapel AME
- Ebenezer United Methodist Church
- Greater First Missionary Baptist Church
- Greater Galilee Baptist Church
- Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
- Hunter Memorial COGIC
- Mt. Ararat Missionary Baptist Church
- New Beginnings Church
- North Main COGIC
- Providence Missionary Baptist Church
- Sheeler Memorial CME
- St. Mary’s Missionary Baptist Church
- St. Matthews United Methodist Church
- True Light MBC
- Village Heights Church
- Vineyard Church
- Yale Street Missionary Baptist Church

**Participating Organizations**

- Hope Disaster Recovery
- Independence Heights Ministerial Alliance
- Mennonite Restoration Team
- Mission Continues
- Rebuilding Together Houston
- Team Rubicon
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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Mission
Mobilize Northeast Houston churches to empower the community and respond to disaster.

2020 Key Projects / Accomplishments
• Hurricane Harvey Rebuild
• Mask & Food Distribution
• Socially Distanced After-School Program
• COVID-19 Testing Sites

STORY: Northeast Coalition Attracts HBCU

COVID-19 converged on college campuses around the nation, sending students home early with much uncertainty. Some students returned home to under-resourced, hard-hit communities already in COVID despair. That didn’t stop Houston area college students from uniting to help the Northeast community in a time of crisis.

Over 100 volunteers from historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) showed up at the height of the pandemic to help distribute over 55,000 meals, more than 12,000 masks, and tons of “socially-distanced” love to families in need.

In partnership with Northeast Houston Responds coalition churches and community partners, these students, fraternities, and sororities got the word out on social media and showed up to serve in a great way. Jonathan Green, a senior at Prairie View A&M said, “Some of us grew up here on Homestead Road, and some have family still living here. Getting meals & masks to people who need it the most, walking them to their car, and talking with them is my way of doing my part to help.”

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2021 | Vision

| New Participating Churches | 12 |
| Disaster Response Coordinators | 30 |
| Volunteers                 | 500|
| Homes Restored             | 20 |
| New Funds Raised           | $250,000|
| Value Invested in the Community | $625,000 |

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Lauren Petry, a junior at Dillard University in New Orleans, is not from Northeast Houston, but her college roommate, Jerra Gentry, grew up in the community. That was enough to inspire Lauren. “I’m a person who loves to help those in need, especially in under-served communities. I was invited to come out, and I feel it’s my duty.”

HBCU volunteers continued to come out each week, and many expressed a desire to serve in the future. Thanks to the collaboration of Northeast Houston Responds churches, volunteers, community partners, and everyone praying, many families have been served in the Northeast Houston community during this time of crisis.

Leadership

Pastor Johnny D. Gentry
Coalition Coordinator

Advisory Team

Pastor Charles Turner
New Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist

Pastor Lawrence Woods
The Fellowship of Enlightenment

Pastor Steve Hall
Bethany Baptist Church

Participating Churches

Bethany Baptist Church
Canaan MBC
Christian Life Community Church
Community Works CDC
East Park MBC
Fellowship of Enlightenment
Forest Lawn MBC
Free Indeed Church
Good Shepherd MBC
Grace Cathedral Church of Houston
Grace Church International
Greater New Grove Christian Worship Center
Greater Oak Grove Church
Greater Pure Light Church
Greater True Light Church
Household of Faith
Mt. Zion MBC
New Beginning Church Supernatural
New Faith Baptist Church Northeast
New Pleasant Grove MBC
Summer Creek Baptist Church
Sweet Home MBC
Tabernacle of Praise

Participating Organizations

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Greater Houston Community Foundation
Harris County Sheriff, Ed Gonzalez
Horizon Development Group
Houston Food Bank
Kouzan’s Creole Kitchen
United Way of Greater Houston

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Northeast Houston Responds churches, businesses, and community partners join together at the Freedom on the Block event to bring prayer, God’s presence, financial assistance, and impactful programs to the community.
**Mission**

Working with Congregations of all faiths and organizations to help Southwest Houston communities (and beyond) recover from disasters.

**2020 Key Projects / Accomplishments**

- Harvey Home Repair Program
- Disaster Readiness Training
- Hurricane Laura Supply Drive
- Mask Production & Distribution

**STORIES: Making a Difference**

SHUR is passionate about seizing every opportunity to serve individuals and families in need. There are many stories to be told of the work done, families served, and volunteers impacted in 2020. Here are just a few examples.

“Most important to us is the difference we are making in our clients’ lives.”

Mrs. B takes care of her elderly mother and was able to have the interior of her home repaired to ensure it was a safe and healthy environment. After the interior work was complete, she was unable to afford the remaining repairs needed on the exterior of the home. SHUR helped by resodding the lawn and painting the outside of her house.

Mrs. L is a senior and lives alone. She was unable to repair her home with the funds she had available. SHUR challenged the city's determination of substantial damage and fixed her home’s plumbing, electrical, and HVAC systems before repairing her walls, floors, and bathroom. Waterproof floors, a wall system designed to minimize repair costs, and a stainless-steel kitchen were all installed since her home is located in the 100-year floodplain.

The P family initially had the resources to hire a contractor after their home flooded. They became victims of contractor fraud and were left not knowing what to do. SHUR helped by completing the repairs and correcting the contractor’s mistakes to get the family back in their home in time for Christmas.

**2020 | Highlights**

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

- Participating Congregations: 13
- Disaster Response Coordinators: 12
- Volunteer Hours: 6,149
- Homes Restored: 17
- Masks Distributed: 2,900
- Funds Raised: $293,876
- Value Invested in the Community: $411,475

**2021 | Vision**

- New Participating Congregations: 35
- Disaster Response Coordinators: 48
- Volunteer Hours: 5,000
- New Funds Raised: $175,000
- Value Invested in the Community: $300,000
Accomplishing the Mission

The five key elements to accomplishing SHUR’s mission are Response, Recovery, Resilience, Readiness, and Relationships.

Response to disaster is critical when living on the Gulf Coast. Even if the local area is safe and sound, there are often neighbors in need of help. SHUR works with Congregations and partners to mobilize and coordinate a collective disaster response. SHUR is focused on short-term recovery, offering compassionate care, sheltering, clean-up, and collection and distribution of supplies. Families receive help restoring their homes to a safe, sanitary, and secure condition.

Recovery is the return to a normal state of health, mind, and strength after a disaster. SHUR participates in medium and long-term recovery through the Harvey Home Repair Program. Homeowners unable to afford repairs after a disaster can receive help. Contributions from foundations and Congregations are used for materials and professional services along with volunteer labor to repair homes. Recovery focuses on fixing homes, however, SHUR recognizes its role in helping families find their way back to a normal state of health and mind.

Resilience is a community or a family’s capacity to recover quickly from a disaster. Many homeowners, particularly in the most vulnerable neighborhoods, live with the certainty that there will be another flood and cannot afford to rebuild or raise their homes. SHUR encourages resilient repairs so that the next storm is not a catastrophe. SHUR’s Resilient Home Repair Program helps homeowners repair their roofs and complete other preventive maintenance to limit future storm damage.

Readiness is the state of being willing and fully prepared to respond to a disaster. SHUR works in partnership with other disaster response organizations to help Congregations improve their readiness. Together, the foundation is laid for collaboration when disaster strikes. Communication, setting standards, and training congregation leaders leads to collaboration for efficient and effective execution when disaster strikes. Well trained and equipped Congregations are more willing to step up when disaster strikes to share the love of God through their service.

Relationships with other nonprofits and agencies help increase effectiveness in responding to disasters. Many have allowed SHUR to walk alongside them, openly sharing their insights and supporting SHUR’s growth.

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Bellaire United Methodist

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Rick Rodekhor, Board Member
Crosspoint Church

Kathleen Yarborough, Advisory Board
West University Baptist Church

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Boynton Chapel UMC
Brentwood Chapel Church
Congregation Beth Yeshurun
Congregation Brith Shalom
Corpus Christi Catholic Church
Crosspoint Church
Riverside UMC
St. James Episcopal
West University Baptist
West University UMC
Westbury UMC
Willow Meadow Baptist

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**Mission**
To unify churches breaking the language barrier, by providing training and creating disaster response teams aware and ready to respond to our neighbors affected by natural disasters, and to reinforce communication to better help one another.

**2020 Key Projects / Accompilishments**
- Hurricane Harvey Rebuild
- Tropical Storm Imelda Rebuild
- Hurricane Laura Supply Drive
- DRC Readiness Training
- Mask & Food Distribution
- COVID-19 Response

**STORY: Restoration for the Berry Family**
After more than six years of making memories in a house they rented, the Berrys decided they would purchase the house and make it their home long-term. Excitement turned to despair for Angela and Nathan Berry when Hurricane Harvey struck in the middle of the purchasing process.

Like so many families, Hurricane Harvey caused severe damage to the Berry's soon-to-be home and personal belongings inside. The current property owner had not purchased flood insurance and was not prepared to make the financial investment needed to rebuild. Still, the Berrys were intent on buying the house, so they took matters into their own hands to start the rebuild process.

Initially, the Berrys were able to get financial assistance and help from volunteers through their church. Another local church donated building materials. They hoped Nathan's construction and remodeling experience would allow them to stretch every penny as much as possible.

At first, the damage seemed like a manageable task but quickly turned into an overwhelming feat when they discovered a severe mold problem. The mold required the entire home to be gutted halfway to the ceiling, and the Berrys moved in with family nearby.

Progress was made, but the funds and volunteers dwindled. Many organizations providing assistance required you to be the homeowner to qualify, which created additional challenges since the Berrys still had not officially purchased the house. After a year and a half, they were finally able to buy the home, but assistance and volunteers were still scarce.

Not knowing how they would complete all the remaining repairs, they slowly continued to work on the house. Two and a half years after Harvey hit, Angela and Nathan were referred to Houston Responds Southeast coalition. At that time, the coalition’s funds and volunteers were already dedicated to several other houses being rebuilt in the area, and then the COVID-19 pandemic halted most volunteer work altogether. (continued…)

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The coalition was determined to help however possible. Pastor Carlos González, the Coalition Coordinator, worked with the couple to apply for funding through the United Way. After much patience, the Berrys secured the funding. Houston Responds Southeast was able to use the funding to make the repairs needed for the house to pass inspection and the Berrys were able to move back home.

After three years of heartache and frustration, Angel and Nathan are able to look back on their experience with fond memories. Nathan explained, "Throughout the whole situation, I think God gave me hope and caused me not to view the devastation, but the good in mankind. We saw individuals from all over the country come, and their only motivation was to help us."

Houston Responds Southeast coalition distributed milk and disposable masks in partnership with Iglesia Restauración, Iglesia Jesucristo es la Verdad and Sendero de la Cruz at Centro de Enseñanza El Shaddai.
Mission
To unite, empower and mobilize churches in Southwest Louisiana to respond to community crises.

2020 Key Projects / Accomplishments
- Coalition Founded October 2020
- Hurricane Laura/Delta Response
- Crisis Care Counseling Workshop

STORIES: Being His Hands & Feet During Crisis

SWLA Responds met Ms. Mary the week before a large team of student volunteers arrived from Liberty Christian School in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The coalition needed to line up some potential muck-out jobs for the incoming group, and Ms. Mary’s home seemed to be a good fit. It would turn out to be much more than a good fit!

Ms. Mary was elderly and raising a teenager on her own in North Lake Charles. Hurricane Laura damaged her roof, and before it could be repaired, Hurricane Delta hit. Water entered the home through the damaged roof along with the rising floodwaters.

When SWLA Responds first met Ms. Mary, her home was in shambles. The ceiling was falling in around the house, and mold had spread. She was living in destruction and seemed to have lost all hope that things could be different. Before starting on the home, workers from the coalition informed Ms. Mary that removing mold and sheetrock could be uncomfortable and that some people find it hard to watch. She just seemed resigned as she simply responded, “Yeah, I know.” The team got to know Ms. Mary that day and prayed with her but could not seem to break through her cloud of despair.

The 25 student volunteers arrived and immediately began loving on Ms. Mary as they worked on her home. Over the course of three days, they bonded with Ms. Mary and the neighborhood children that came over to play. They bought her new shrubs and hanging plants to help freshen up the home. Above all, the students shared the love of Christ with Ms. Mary, who, although she knew Him, had lost some of her faith amidst the trauma.

One day while the volunteers were outside on a lunch break, a coalition leader asked Ms. Mary how things were going. She said, “You know, one of the girls asked me if I knew God. I didn’t tell her then, but I looked around and thought, ‘He’s real. He’s here with me right now.’” That moment was a powerful testament to how those volunteers served Ms. Mary as the hands and feet of Jesus. Coalition leaders and volunteers felt privileged to be part of God at work in the middle of a disaster. (continued…)

2020 Highlights
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By the end of the volunteer group’s time there, the light of hope had returned to Ms. Mary’s eyes. The repairs to her home put her on track to complete restoration. The students worked on several other projects before finishing their work in Louisiana, but none were more impactful than the work they did for Ms. Mary. As they loaded onto the school bus and headed back to Dallas, they couldn’t help but make one last stop at Ms. Mary’s to say goodbye. After returning home, the students went on to raise funds to help Ms. Mary complete additional work needed on her home.

Since it began, SWLA Responds has had the opportunity to see God work in the hearts of so many people, and there are so many more yet to come.

**Leadership**

Braylon Harris  
Coalition Coordinator

Liz Abdalla  
Construction Coordinator

Matthew Topper  
Coalition Advisor

**Advisory Team**

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Our Savior’s Church

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New Covenant Faith Church

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Chan Willis  
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The Smythes were in poor health when displaced from their home. SWLA Responds was able to make repairs to get them back into their home in just three days.
Mission
Responding to West Houston in times of need through planning, relief, and restoration.

2020 Key Projects / Accomplishments
- Watson Valve Explosion Response
- Hosted Four AmeriCorps NCCC Teams
- Hurricanes Laura & Delta Supply Drives
- Completed 275th Home Repair Project (Nov)
- COVID-19 Mask Distribution
- FairHaven Food Pantry

STORY: Ida Comes Home

Hurricane Harvey hit Ida’s house fast and hard. The flood destroyed everything she had. Ida's home was not insured, and she received no funds from FEMA. The stress of losing everything weighed heavy on Ida, who was also going through treatments for cancer in the midst of having to rebuild her life. The Restoration Team was able to offer Ida hope that she would get through the experience.

The damage to Ida’s house was so severe that it required a complete rebuild from top to bottom. The Restoration Team went to work replacing the roof, stabilizing the foundation, and removing all of the damaged drywall, taking the home down to the studs to remediate the mold.

Removing all the drywall presented an opportunity for the team to upgrade Ida’s electrical system and plumbing throughout the entire house. After adding new insulation and drywall, the team installed new floors, cabinets, trim, appliances, and bathroom fixtures.

Ida was ecstatic when she saw the result of all the hard work put in by volunteers and The Restoration Team’s staff. Her response was rewarding for everyone involved. Ida’s home was restored and ready for her to share her love and make memories with friends and family for years to come.

Shortly after the rebuild was complete, Ida got the news that her cancer was in remission. The Restoration Team continues to pray for Ida’s health to be restored. People donating their time by volunteering and their resources to fund the projects is what makes restorations like Ida’s possible.

The Restoration Team is thankful for many things in 2020. More than anything they are thankful for the opportunity to serve homeowners like Ida.

2020 | Highlights
Thanks to the churches and organizations who made the collective impact in our community possible.

- Participating Churches 20
- Volunteer Hours 31,850
- Homes Restored 37
- Families Served 57,725
- Pounds of Food Distributed 2,100,000
- Masks Distributed 5,500
- Funds Raised $527,822
- Value Invested in the Community $4,650,749

* Provided by donations and the Houston Food Bank

2021 | Vision

- New Participating Churches 10
- Disaster Response Coordinators 15
- Volunteer Hours 20,000
- Homes Restored 40
- New Funds Raised $750,000
- Value Invested in the Community $1,500,000

www.TheRestorationTeam.org
ABOUT TRT: The Restoration Team (TRT) is a non-profit dedicated to assisting families impacted by natural disasters. It was founded in 2018 by four Houston churches in response to Hurricane Harvey’s long-term recovery needs and has grown to include many more congregations. TRT primarily focuses on the physical repair of houses damaged by disasters to provide safe and functional homes for families.

Core Values: Faith • Acceptance • Compassion • Respect • Collaboration

Team Members

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Carson Tucker
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Bob Withers
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Bruce Lang
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AmeriCorps

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“[I had no way of fixing the house by myself. We didn’t know which way to turn. Without TRT, I would still have concrete floors and now my grandchildren can crawl and play around everywhere.]”

– Ivy, TRT Homeowner

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Participating Churches

Bayou City Fellowship
Chapelwood Church
St. Luke’s United Methodist Church
St. Paul’s United Methodist Church
Westminster United Methodist Church
Memorial Drive United Methodist Church
St. John Vianney Catholic Church
St. Mark’s United Methodist Church
Pines Presbyterian Church

Participating Organizations

American Red Cross
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Mission
To unite, empower and mobilize churches in Liberty County to expedite long-term recovery, respond to community crises, and prepare for future disasters.

2020 Key Projects / Accomplishments
- Identification of Disaster Response Coordinators
- Food Distribution
- Coalition Readiness Planning

STORY: Transformed by Crisis Response

As the COVID-19 crisis unfolded, churches from Liberty County Responds took action to meet the community’s needs in various ways. One church, Liberty Church of Christ, used its community food bank to serve families both physically and spiritually. Volunteers put in extra time to keep up with the demand for food.

The story of Richard and Patsy, shared by Pastor Bryant Perkins, illustrates the profound impact that crisis response ministry can have on both receivers and givers. Richard and Patsy initially started coming to the food bank for assistance. After being served by volunteers regularly, they decided that they too wanted to volunteer to help others. Richard and Patsy got to know other volunteers, began attending Bible classes, and eventually dedicated their lives to Christ.

Crises like COVID-19 can magnify existing community needs and issues, such as lack of adequate food. They can create more opportunities for volunteers to serve, like Richard and Patsy, who were transformed by being served and by serving others. Richard and Patsy will impact many more lives as they continue volunteering through the crisis response ministry.

Leadership
Josh Hale
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Revlon Bell
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Participating Churches
Bethel Church Liberty
Calvary Baptist Church
Church That Cares
Dayton First Assembly
First United Methodist Church Dayton
First United Methodist Church Liberty
Grace Church
Journey Fellowship Church
Kenefick Southern Baptist Church
Liberty Church of Christ
Mount Olive Baptist Church
Oilfield Lilly of the Valley Baptist Church
St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church

Participating Organizations
American Red Cross
Liberty County LTRC

2020 Highlights
Participating Churches 13
Disaster Response Coordinators 8
Families Served 8,138
Pounds of Food Distributed 317,325
Value Invested in the Community $539,000

2021 Vision
New Participating Churches 12
Disaster Response Coordinators 20
Families Served 9,000
Volunteer Hours 250
New Funds Raised $10,000
Value Invested in the Community $400,000

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Mission
To serve as a vital source for the community mentally, physically, and spiritually…before, during, and after a disaster or catastrophic event.

2020 Key Projects / Accomplishments
- Coalition Founded July 2020
- Summer Food Service Program
- Mask Distribution
- Thanksgiving Feast Distribution

STORY: Serving Local Children During COVID-19
During the COVID-19 outbreak, there was an immediate need to provide meals for children in the community and county. Schools were closed and the meals they would typically have gotten at school, were no longer available. Volunteers from New Hope Community Church, a Wharton County Responds coalition church, were ready to serve. In partnership with Be A Champion, Inc., they provided breakfast and lunch for each child for seven days. The church became a distribution point and served approximately 190 meals.

The meals were pre-packaged and delivered to the church by cargo truck. Volunteers helped by unloading and sorting the meals by breakfast and lunch. They were bagged and carried to vehicles as students arrived. Supplies were loaded by contactless distribution.

The parents expressed their sincere appreciation for the assistance and said the meals were a blessing to their families. As servants of God, the volunteers were also blessed to have served and fulfilled a need in the community.

Participating Churches
New Hope Community Church
Center Union Baptist Church of Wharton
Seven Star Baptist Church
New Faith Church
St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church
St. James Missionary Baptist Church
Tabernacle of Prayer
Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Wright Grove Baptist Church
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
New Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church

Leadership
Rev. James Smith
Coalition Coordinator

DeWanda White-Sterns
Rebuild Support Coordinator

2020 | Highlights
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| Participating Churches | 11 |
| Families Served | 333 |
| Mask Distributed | 900 |
| Pounds of Food Distributed | 2,600 |
| Value Invested in the Community | $21,828 |

2021 | Vision

| New Participating Churches | 10 |
| Disaster Response Coordinators | 10 |
| Volunteer Hours | 200 |
| Homes Restored | 8 |
| Families Served | 700 |
| New Funds Raised | $2,500 |
| Value Invested in the Community | $28,000 |

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Mission
To support disaster relief and recovery efforts and raise awareness and preparedness for future disasters.

2020 Key Projects / Accomplishments
- Founded October 2020
- Hurricane Laura Supply Drive
- Disaster Response Coordinator (DRC) Training
- COVID-19 Mask Production & Distribution

STORY: Uniting to Respond
In October 2020, Houston’s Light and Salt Association (LSA) formed the Disaster Relief Center with ten Chinese American churches and two other organizations to support disaster relief and recovery efforts and raise awareness and preparedness for future disasters. In 2020, the group raised $5,000 in response to Hurricane Laura for supplies and distributed 2,000 masks in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In partnership with Houston Responds, the LSA Disaster Relief Center is uniting Houston’s Chinese American churches and community for disaster response.

LSA is a nonprofit organization founded by a group of local Christians with the mission of uniting the manpower and resources of Houston’s Chinese community to provide care and services to needy Houstonians, Chinese and non-Chinese alike. Since its inception, LSA has sponsored multiple annual events and mobilized the Chinese community to raise relief funds for victims of natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the 2008 earthquake in Sichuan, China, the 2009 earthquake in Haiti, and Hurricane Harvey in Houston in 2017.

Leadership
Elder Charles Yuan
Coordinator

Advisory Team
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Rev. David Hsu
Houston Chinese Church Ministers’ Fellowship
Rev. Keh-Shiun Tan
Houston Chinese Church Ministers’ Fellowship
Rev. Joshua Tao
Light and Salt Association

Participating Churches
Chinese Baptist Church, West Houston
Clear Lake Chinese Church, Clear Lake City
Galveston Chinese Church, Galveston
Houston Chinese Church, Southwest Loop
Katy Christian Community Church, Katy
Northwest Chinese Baptist Church, Willowbrook
West Houston Chinese Church, West Houston
West University Baptist Church, West University

Participating Organizations
Intl. Chinese Christian Business Association
Intl. Chinese Evangelical Association

2020 | Highlights
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2021 | Vision

| New Participating Churches | 10 |
| Disaster Response Coordinators | 20 |
| Volunteer Hours | 1,000 |
| Families Served | 1,000 |
| New Funds Raised | $2,500 |
| Value Invested in the Community | $12,000 |

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