

HEAVY RAINS AND UNPRESIDENTED FLOODING IN THE STATE OF TEXAS



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IN THE EARLY HOURS OF MONDAY APRIL 18, the Houston metro area awoke to 20 inches of rain that resulted in massive evacuations and rescues. Rainfall came down at rates as high as four inches an hour, flooding waterways at rapid rates and leaving residents trapped in their own homes and vehicles.

To date, 8 deaths have been reported, and over 1000 homes destroyed with the City of Houston continuing to report updated damage that extends across 9 counties. At the time of this article, waters are still being released from local reservoirs resulting in some additional flooding in some areas.

Disaster Aid USA's Rotary Zone 21-b's Chairman of the Board, Wayne Beaumier has arranged to help with the cleanup in the Greensport Area. Rotary district 5890 and district 5910 will be working with Disaster Aid USA to help with cleanup efforts.

Disaster Aid USA is immediately responding to the need with a \$4,000.00 donation from its Domestic Disaster Fund to Rotary Districts 5890 and 5910, Disaster Aid USA is a 501-c3 registered Rotary club project, and is registered with Crisis Cleanup and a member of the Gulf Coast VOAD chapter. Disaster Aid USA working together with Crisis Cleanup will launch its first cleanup

deployment on Tuesday, April 26th in the Greenspoint area of Houston, which was one of the hardest hit areas. Disaster Aid USA will continue with cleanup efforts in the months to come.

Donations are urgently needed as the relief efforts continue to those victims who have and continue suffering from the effects of the heavy rains, and the record flooding. If you care to donate <http://www.disasteraidusa.org> and click on the "Donate" button, if you prefer mail to "Texas Flood Relief" C/O Disaster Aid USA - 9817 Lanham Severn Road - Lanham, Maryland 20706.

Disaster Aid USA (DAUSA) was created on the foundation of Rotary International its 4 Way Test and its guiding principles to perform a pivotal role in providing humanitarian aid and assistance expeditiously to distressed communities affected by natural disasters, natural or manmade, both domestic or international at home or abroad.

The Rotary Club of Historic Prince George's Co, Maryland's Club President Mary Dudley, and the clubs board members adopted and approved Disaster Aid USA as the Clubs signature project on the 15 of July, 2010.

Disaster Aid USA is a 501- c3 non-profit charity, Incorporated in the District of Columbia. As a club project its clubs goal and objective are to; promote and create awareness, raise funds and provide financial support for its primary mission. To provide immediate Disaster Relief and Humanitarian aid at home, here in the US and worldwide to those victims suffering from the effects of disasters natural or man-made while using Rotary's guiding principles and according to its Rotary 4 way test, while adhering to United Nation and Sphere Standards.