

## ROTARY DISTRICT 5890 – HURRICANE HARVEY DISASTER RECOVERY SUMMARY OVERVIEW

In response to the devastation caused by Category 5 Hurricane Harvey and in particular to the significant flooding that occurred in most of our geographic area, District 5890 is now implementing Stage Four of its Disaster Plan, which is Disaster Recovery.

In this Recovery Stage, we will focus on (to the degree that we have the resources and skill sets necessary) restoring a sense of normalcy to our district. This includes working in the local communities and with the local residents to identify the long-term needs and then to taking the necessary steps to fill those needs.

Disaster Recovery focuses on more sustainable efforts with to leverage funding and collaborate with community partners.

### **District 5890 Disaster Recovery Committee:**

The Executive Committee is comprised of the following:

- Vicki Brentin, Committee Chair and delegate to the DAF Gulf Coast Fund for Harvey Relief
- Rhonda Walls Kirby, PDG and Chair of the District Charities Fund for Harvey Relief
- Bill Palko, District Governor
- Carmen Cuneo, DGE
- Gary Gillen, DGN
- Sector committee, which is comprised of District Leaders and Rotarians with special skill sets and knowledge to work directly with the executive committee (as needed) to discuss/carry out specific tasks.
- Club Leaders from multiple clubs in 5890, to work on the larger projects, which also require community partners and international club/district partners.

To date our Sector committee and club leaders include:

Restoration of Homes - Wayne Baumier (DAUSA and Cy-Fair Rotary). May be expanded to include other Rotary connected organizations involved with home restoration.

Mental Health - John Collier (Caring Friends and WU Rotary)

Mentoring of Families - John Collier (Caring Friends and WU Rotary) and Ed Petitt (Baylor College of Medicine and RCH Skyline)

Small Business Owners (ask out to club leader --- *need someone who can pull partners together and who is an effective communicator*)

- *Vicki to prepare more fully developed summaries for each of the sectors above. Irene will support the development of a model for each of these sectors that will then become part of the overall plan for Disaster Recovery Plan.*

#### SPECIAL OPERATIONS:

Technical writing and contingency planning support - Irene Hickey

Will help executive committee with technical writing for Published materials and for grants. In addition, will support efforts with strategies and planning.

Communications - Rebecca Maddux

Will coordinate district website and email communications.

Rotary Foundation Seminar - Wally Kronzer

Focus for upcoming seminar will switch to Harvey and foundation funds.  
Proposed date of November 8 (Wednesday night 6:30 pm-8:30 pm)

#### **Committee Responsibilities**

- Develop a framework with suggested activities for Rotary clubs, Rotarians and partners
- Identify local best practices/procedures for delivery.
- Work as ongoing points of contact with aid resources and partner organizations.
- Update Rotarians and clubs within 5890, Rotary International, our Aid partners and others on the Status of our Disaster Recovery Efforts and the actions of the Recovery Committee.
- Identify Rotarians to lead specific tasks and projects.
- Involve Rotaractors and Interactors and support them in having a meaningful role in recovery efforts.
- Use all aspects of Social Media (including the website, facebook and other social media/club runner venues) to communicate messages and status updates

#### **Management of Donations/Disbursement of funds**

District 5890 is encouraging/accepting donations as follows:

**District 5890 Charities, Inc.**

**c/o Jackie Barmore**

**3525 Preston Avenue**

**Pasadena, TX 77505**

**Contact: Rhonda Walls Kirby, Harvey Relief Chair for Charities Fund**

[rwalls@sawpllc.com](mailto:rwalls@sawpllc.com)

281.389-4738

**Rotary International, DAF Gulf Coast Relief #608**

**A managed fund led by Past RI President Greg Podd , with representatives from 5 districts impacted by Harvey. Each district has 1 delegate.**

**Contact: Vicki Brentin, 5890 DAF delegate**

[vicki@brentin.com](mailto:vicki@brentin.com) - 281 433-3200

The Disaster Recovery Committee in conjunction with the 2 fund committees will develop grant forms/policies in which Rotary clubs can apply for grants from these 2 funds. Copies of these grant forms/policies will be made available to Rotary clubs on the District website.

***\*\*Both of these funds are comprised of donations from Rotarians and Rotary Clubs all over the world. The District Charities account will provide grants to clubs only in District 5890 for Houston area recovery. The DAF fund will benefit all five districts which were impacted by Harvey.***