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Hurricane Harvey Response

A message to Rotarians in District 6270

As you know many of the cities along the Gulf Coast of the United States, especially in Texas and Louisiana have been devastated by floods resulting from Hurricane Harvey. Immediate response is underway with numerous parties involved – individuals, churches, non-profit organizations, Coast Guard, National Guard, government at all levels and other groups.

Cities such as Rockport, Texas have been destroyed. The Houston area (population of over 6.5 million) has had massive evacuation. Some have been trapped inside their homes. In some areas, entire neighborhoods have been submerged.

People are faced with recovery. Many people have lost everything – shelter, clothing, food, even transportation. Many organizations are mobilizing to assist. Many Rotary districts, especially those in Texas, Louisiana, and Florida are working together and with other partners to help wherever needed. Districts 5810 and 6960 have partnered with Meals of Hope to help deliver 200,000 meals on Labor Day weekend. ShelterBox has been activated. Red Cross is responding. Recovery will be an ongoing effort for years.

A Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Donor Advised Fund has been established under The Rotary Foundation to assist these communities.

We invite you to consider a donation to help neighbors as they rebuild their lives. As a Rotarian or a Rotary Club your donation can help. Listed on the following page is information about organizations accepting contributions, including links to Rotary Districts in Texas and Louisiana and to disaster relief organizations. Please be generous in this time of need.

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Options for Rotarians to contribute:

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A Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Donor Advised Fund (DAF) has been established under The Rotary Foundation to assist these communities. The Name of the DAF is The Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Donor Advised Fund, Account Number **608**.

- If you would like to help please go to the following link:
<https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-districts-collect-emergency-funds-hurricane-harvey-victims>
- If you would like to make a contribution by credit card please go to the following link:
<https://www.yourfundaccount.com/rotary/HowToContribute.asp>

ROTARY DISTRICT DISASTER RELIEF & RECOVERY

Rotary District 5890 (Houston Texas): Send checks to District 5890 Charities, Inc., c/o Jackie Barmore, 3525 Preston Ave., Pasadena, TX 77505. Contact: DG Bill Palko, cell: 713-582-7235, William.palko@amegybank.com <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50025>

Rotary District 5930 (South Texas – Corpus Christi to Brownsville): District 5930 has partnered with McAllen North Rotary Fund to set up an emergency relief fund. Make Checks to Rotary District 5930. Send to: McAllen North Rotary Fund - Fed Tax Id# 27-3855943. Address: 501 W Nolana, McAllen, Tx 78504. <http://www.rotary5930.org/>

Rotary District 5840 (South Central Texas): 501(c)3 – Send checks to District 5840 Foundation (Disaster Fund), Attn: Bobbe Barnes, Treasurer, P. O. Box 13, Boerne, TX 78006. Contact: DG Carol Holmes, cell: 281/923-6111; holmes.cf688@gmail.com (San Antonio, Hill Country Area). The district has their Disaster Relief Plan posted on the district website. <http://www.rotary5840.org/>

Rotary District 5910 (Southeast Texas – Beaumont, Galveston, etc.): Send checks to Rotary District 5910 Charitable Foundation, c/o Bobbie Applegate, 985 IH-10N, Suite 111, Beaumont, TX 77706. Contact: DG Rhonda Herrington, cell: 903-724-8515; Rhonda.herrington@yahoo.com (Palestine area) <http://www.rotary5910.org/>

Rotary District 5810 (Dallas – Fort Worth and North Texas): [Rotary District 5810](#) and Rotary District 6960 (South Florida) are working in conjunction with [Meals of Hope](#) this Saturday 9/2 at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church to package 200,000 meals for evacuees. To donate click here: <http://bit.ly/2wVLmTs> . District website: <http://www.rotary5810.org/>

Rotary District 6200 (Louisiana): Rotary District 6200 Foundation is accepting donations. Make checks payable to The Rotary District 6200 Foundation with Hurricane Harvey Relief in the memo line. Send checks to: Hurricane Relief, Rotary District 6200, 2266 South College Road Ext., Suite C, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508. Or Visit Rotary6200.org to donate through PayPal or with a credit or debit card District website: <http://www.rotary6200.org/>

DISASTER AID – Organizations

Shelter Box. <https://www.shelterboxusa.org/harvey/> The team has been activated for Harvey.

American Red Cross. <http://www.redcross.org/> Donations. Training. Blood.

Disaster Relief. <https://www.directrelief.org/emergency/hurricane-harvey-response/>