

ACT Now for Rockport and the Spring Creek United Methodist Church Relief Fund.

ACT Now for Rockport helps those in Aransas County recover from Hurricane Harvey. To date ACT Now for Rockport has helped in providing housing or desperately needed repairs to seventeen families.

Examples include:

1. Bought a used RV for a single woman whose RV was badly damaged and was denied any assistance from FEMA. She is now living and working in Rockport.
2. Made a down payment on a "new" home for a family of six whose mobile home was destroyed. Parents are back to work in Rockport and children are in school.
3. With the help of another church, made a down payment on new modular housing for a family of six whose mobile home was destroyed. When the home is completed, the family will be able to return to work and school in Rockport.
4. Paid for a new roof for a widow, who after raising her own children, is now raising her niece. Throughout the aftermath of Harvey, she has continued to work as a home health care provider. The home still needs lots of interior work and we have found an organization to help with that.
5. A family with four generations of women...6-year-old girl, her 23-year-old mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. The 23-year-old young woman is the sole support of this family. She works for a local doctor and is a part time student trying to get her RN degree. They did not have electricity, had broken windows, torn down walls and ceilings, and no flooring. They did get money from FEMA that was used for a new roof.
6. A family of two first responders who live in Rockport. One has worked for Aransas County Sheriff's department for 14 years and the other is a local EMT. They had used all of the insurance money they could get to make repairs but were still displaced and living in Corpus. This couple had to stay in Rockport during and after the hurricane and slept at the Sheriff's office until they could find housing outside of Rockport because their home was so badly damaged. They needed money, materials and labor to make their home in livable condition.
7. A family of three. A veteran and his wife who is a special education teacher for 27 years. They live in Holiday Beach and were staying in their damaged home. They have a son who should have started college this year but could not because of the financial situation as a result of the hurricane. Their home flooded and cannot be rebuilt because they cannot secure insurance on it. They had a large metal building that is insurable, and they wanted to convert that structure into their home. They needed money, materials and labor.

ACT Now for Rockport has been working with two other organizations, and they are actually coming to two members of our team to help in the neediest situations because now that everything is in place, we are able to give financial assistance in a timely manner. Payments are made directly to the provider of materials or homes. We do not give money directly to the families.

Our team has reported that after being in these homes and seeing lack of power, torn out walls, ceilings and flooring as well as water dripping through light switches and mold growing on walls, they have been amazed by the families' positive attitudes and perseverance. These are all families who were taking care of themselves before Hurricane Harvey and now need help getting back on track.

One hundred per cent of the money raised goes into a special Harvey Rockport Fund dedicated to helping families in the Aransas County Area.