

A LETTER TO OUR NEIGHBORS



North Rosenberg Edition

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Rosenberg Strong



The Process

1. Work with City of Rosenberg and Fort Bend County Officials for clearance to enter back in affected areas
2. Door-to-Door Assessment – Find out the needs of the home owner and scope of work needed
3. Mobilize Volunteers for Muck & Gut and Sanitize the structure with Shock Wave
4. Referrals for Case Management for long term Recovery
5. Repair and rebuild homes affected

The North Rosenberg Community and Cummings Road Area has faced yet another disaster. In less than 15 months the residents that endured the flooding waters of the Memorial Day Flood 2016 is now facing having to repair and rebuild their homes due to Hurricane Harvey. Over 50 structures were impacted in the North Rosenberg community and an additional 60 - 70 homes in Cummings Road Area.



Our recovery efforts are dependent upon reliable volunteers to provide an excellent resource for those families affected. We have mobilized nearly 300 volunteers in the past two weeks assisting with assessments, muck/guts, sanitizing, data entry, office assistance, and hospitality and relief efforts. We've had volunteers from Nevada, Arizona, California, Georgia, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Florida, New York, Washington and several other states that have travelled here to help in the recovery efforts. It is great to see that our community has not been forgotten!

SPRINT VS. MARATHON

The time immediately following a disaster is very important! Individuals basic needs must be met (food, clothes, shelter) and time is of the essence – the SPRINT. Once the water recedes and the individuals are ready to get back home and rebuild this is call the Recovery/Rebuild Phase which is very critical. This is a long process that can take months if not years to complete – the MARATHON! Friends of North Rosenberg is focusing our efforts on the Recovery/Rebuild portion. We have been here for a large number of the residents for over a year now and we are planning on being with them until completion.



The Volunteer Classifieds

Email Rose for more details: rose@attackpoverty.org

YOU CAN ACADEMY

You Can Academy (YCA) focuses primarily on the academic success of elementary school age children attending Title 1 schools, through personalized after school homework help and tutoring. A nutritious meal is provided to each student, which in most cases is the last meal of the day that many of these children will receive. We partner with Jackson Elementary School to provide directed homework assistance to children at risk. Our goal is to be able to support 30 students beginning in October. Our strategy is to connect adult volunteer mentors with students in need to provide them with the necessary tools to be successful in school as well as life. We feed the mind, body, and spirit! Volunteer orientation is September 25th at 3:30pm!

ADULT EDUCATION

Our adult education program empowers individuals to take the next steps in their life. We know a hand up through education is vital to ongoing growth and transformation as adults seek to achieve their long-term and short-term goals. It is exciting to see a growing number of adults engaged through our programs as they obtain jobs, get their GED, learn English, and gain additional skills through our computer and financial education classes. Volunteers are needed to mentor adults in ESL and GED Prep classes as well as Basic Computer skills.

REVITALIZATIONS VOLUNTEER

Saturday Work Days

Our Home Repair program is geared to assist low income, single parent, elderly or flood affected individuals with critical repairs needed to their home. We also do community revitalization projects. We have volunteer opportunities for the whole family. Since Hurricane Harvey devastated the North Rosenberg and Cummings Road Area we will be assisting home owners in the rebuild process as well. Volunteers can call Sharon at 832.471.6090 for details.

BASIC NEEDS

The Houston Food Bank provides Friends of North Rosenberg with a trailer of miscellaneous goods each month and we are in need of volunteers to assist with unloading the trucks, distributing the product and ministering to the residents. If you are interested please contact Rose Pickens. (Time and dates of delivery vary)

Want to get your church or small group involved?

We would love to hear about how your group would like to serve
and get involved in North Rosenberg!



Community Garden

We are getting ready for our Fall Gardening! Enchanted Forest gave recommendations to plant broccoli, Brussel sprouts, cabbage, lettuce, radishes, cilantro, and other herbs in the next two weeks. If you have a green thumb and would like to help out in the garden we would love to have you join us as we plant our fall garden. Contact Sharon at 832.471.6090 for details.



Maricela Alderete, right, and volunteer Elizabeth Woods, left prepare meals for over 100 volunteers assisting with flood recovery.

Volunteer Spotlight | Maricela Alderete

Ms. Maricela Alderete is a resident of North Rosenberg and she has been volunteering with Friends of North Rosenberg since the beginning. Ms. Alderete has a heart and a passion to serve others and it shows in the care and compassion in her volunteer work. Ms. Alderete volunteers with our Hospitality Team and she ensures that every volunteer gets feed as well as our participants in our after school program! She is truly a blessing to this organization.

Hope after Harvey

Need Prayer? Stop by our Community Garden where we have a prayer wall that you can write your prayers on, or simply place them in the box for our Spiritual Growth Team of local ministers to pray over.

If you have the gift of compassion and prayer and would like to join the Spiritual Growth Team contact Betty Ragsdale at Betty@attackpoverty.org for more details.





CONTACT US

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Important Information:

1. When removing damaged sheetrock it is recommended that you double the amount of water in the structure. (i.e. 2' of water in structure than you will cut up to 4' of sheetrock)
2. If you are in need of having your house muck/gutted or sanitized FREE of charge contact Sharon at the office to schedule an assessment at 832.471.6090
3. Bleach CAN NOT kill black mold and prevent it from growing! We use a product called Shockwave which is an EPA registered disinfectant that is designed for use in mold remediation after a flood and it kills the black mold.
4. Pictures...Pictures...Pictures! It is very important that you take pictures before, during and after you clean up to be able to provide for FEMA when they come out.
5. Fort Bend Recovers has case managers that will be able to assist you with immediate and long term recovery needs. Contact a case manager at 281.207.2555
6. Our Lady of Guadalupe is set up to assist with Relief Efforts including food, water, clothes, diapers, medical support and assistance with applying for FEMA. Contact the OLOGC at 281.232.5113
7. The North Rosenberg Neighborhood Resource Office is open to residents that need to use the computers, copier or have a cup of coffee Monday – Friday 830am to 530pm.