

# A LETTER TO OUR NEIGHBORS



North Rosenberg Edition

Vol. 6

## Rosenberg Rebuilds After Harvey



It is just over 75 days since Hurricane Harvey made landfall and yet for many residents impacted by this devastation they are still displaced in hotels, with family members or in rental property. Many residents have been able to return to their homes thanks to our volunteers and supporters. However, there is still a lot of work to do! We are so thankful to every volunteer and donor for their willingness to serve others during this time of need. We are truly #RosenbergStrong



Fort Bend Recovers has just opened a warehouse that will be able to receive furniture and appliances donations. If you have gently used household furniture that you would like to donate please contact Kathy Renfrow with the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management to schedule a drop off or pick up. You can contact her at [Kathy.Renfrow@fortbendcountytexas.gov](mailto:Kathy.Renfrow@fortbendcountytexas.gov) or 281.238.3401 for more information.

Now that the recovery efforts are coming to an end we now look at how we can assist home owners with the Repair/Rebuild phase. This phase includes insulation, sheetrock, taping and floating, painting, flooring and in many cases elevations of their homes. We are working with other non-profit organizations as well as the local municipalities to be able to assist the home owners in returning to their homes. If you are skilled in one of these areas and you'd like to come out and volunteer please contact our new Volunteer Coordinator, Faith Guerrero at 832.471.6090 to get plugged in.



Our recovery efforts are dependent upon reliable volunteers to provide an excellent resource for those families affected. We have mobilized nearly 800 volunteers and 4,685 volunteer hours since Hurricane Harvey hit assisting with assessments, muck/guts, sanitizing, data entry, office assistance, hospitality, relief efforts, repair/rebuild and demolitions. We've had volunteers from over half of the United States that have travelled here to help in the recovery efforts. It is great to see that our community has not been forgotten! We have completed 86 muck/guts, 4 repairs, 3 demolitions and a park revitalization.



# The Volunteer Classifieds

Email Faith Guerrero for more details: [Faith@attackpoverty.org](mailto:Faith@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!

## 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. Skilled volunteers are needed for drywall hanging, insulation, painting and flooring as well. Volunteers can call Faith 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)

***Sign up for FNRO Remind 101***

Enter this number : 81010

Text this message : @fnro

Or

Click this link:

<https://www.remind.com/join/fnro>



L-R Jeff Jinks, Christine Jinks, Sylvia Gonzalez, Leo Gonzalez and Jessie Gonzalez

## Loving Out Loud (LOL)

Christine Jinks, Lamar CISD District Aide at Travis High School, and her husband Jeff really showed LOVE to a local family that was impacted by Hurricane Harvey and the Memorial Day 2016 Flood. The Jinks family had a car that they wanted to donate to a family in need and Coach Yelvington from Travis High School reached out to Friends of North Rosenberg to see if there were any families in need. Sylvia Gonzalez and her family had been impacted by yet another flood of their home and was in need of transportation for their son back and forth to school. The Jinks Family had the opportunity to come and meet the Gonzalez Family and show an outward expression of LOVE by donating a car to this family in need!

## Important Dates

• November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Breaking Bread in the CommUNITY
• November 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	LCISD No School
• November 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Break – FNRO Office will be closed
• November 28 <sup>th</sup>	#Giving Tuesday
• December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Community Garden Fall/Winter Gardening
• December 25 <sup>th</sup> – January 8 <sup>th</sup>	LCISD No School
• December 22 <sup>nd</sup> – January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Break – FNRO Office will be closed
• December 27 <sup>th</sup> – January 5 <sup>th</sup>	Buddy Reading Winter Break (Dates/Times TBD)



*Community Relations Officers Jazz Roberts and Brandon Armstrong with local residents.*

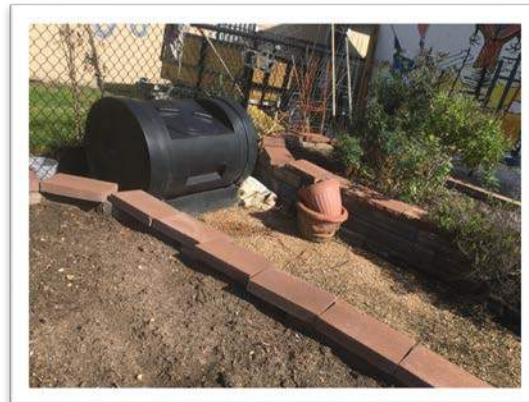
## National Night Out (IN)

Due to inclement weather National Night Out was changed to National Night In! On October 3<sup>rd</sup> Communities all around the country celebrated National Night Out. NNO is a community-police awareness raising event which is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in October. Annually we host a NNO party to allow local residents to come out and meet their area Community Relations Officer and get to know their neighbors. We discuss crime prevention and share safety measures. This year we had the Rosenberg Police Department, Rosenberg Fire Department and the City Council including the Mayor stop by for the festivities.



# Community Garden

We are so grateful for the partnership with the Fort Bend County 4-H – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. Derrick Banks and Amber Foster is going to be offering a class on gardening December 6<sup>th</sup>. We are also planting a "Salsa Garden"! A Salsa Garden consist of all the ingredients you'll need to make salsa (jalapenos, cilantro, tomatoes, and onions). 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 Betty at 832.471.6090 for details.



# Giving Tuesday



You've heard of Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday but have you heard about Giving Tuesday!? #GivingTuesday, is a global day dedicated to giving back. On Tuesday, November 28, 2017, charities, families, businesses, community centers, and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give.

Attack Poverty has a goal to raise an additional \$30,000 on #GivingTuesday, \$20 at a time! Last year we were able to raise over \$30,507... Let's raise that again this year! We are asking our current supporters to donate an extra \$20 on November 28<sup>th</sup> to help support our various programs. \$20 will provide 20 meals for our after-school program *You Can Academy* and impact many other ways!

**Save-the-date**  
**11.28.17**

# 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](mailto:Betty@attackpoverty.org) for more details.





## Breaking Bread in the CommUNITY

Friends of North Rosenberg will host its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Breaking Bread in the CommUNITY at Jackson Elementary School Gym (301 3<sup>rd</sup> Street) on November 18, 2017 from 6-8pm. This local event is sponsored in part by the local churches and is facilitated with community assistance. It is designed to be for our community to come together and fellowship and enjoy a barbeque meal together. We are expecting nearly 450 participants to come out. In addition to serving a meal to the participants we will minister to the families through praise and worship, games, and entertainment for the entire family. We are working directly with the families recently affected by Hurricane Harvey. In partnership with United Way and Rockwell Automation we will be able to bless 150 families with a Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner to prepare in their own home on Thanksgiving Day!

Volunteers are needed to help setup, serve, and distribute the dinners. If you are interested in serving this Holiday Season please contact Faith at 832.471.6090 or [Faith@attackpoverty.org](mailto:Faith@attackpoverty.org) or you can register online at the link below:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d44aaa922aaff2-breaking>



### CONTACT US

Friends of North Rosenberg  
Neighborhood Resource Office  
503 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Rosenberg, TX  
Phone: 832.471.6090