

A LETTER TO OUR NEIGHBORS



North Richmond Edition

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Hurricane Harvey - Update

It's been almost 3 months since Hurricane Harvey made landfall, and yet for many residents in the Riveredge community there is still much work to be done before they can return home. Many residents remain displaced in hotels or staying with friends and relatives. However, through the help and dedication of over 560 volunteers from all over the United States and even other countries, we have been able to help residents begin to move forward. Our great volunteers have assessed over 100 homes, mucked and gutted over 25 homes, sanitized over 20 homes, and have begun the next steps of either repairing or demolishing homes.



These numbers don't tell the whole story - our recovery efforts are dependent on reliable volunteers who never hesitate to go the extra mile. From searching through moldy papers for birth certificates to hugging residents as they watch their damaged possessions line the streets as trash, our volunteers provide a much more valuable resource than simply home repair; they provide friendship and support for the families affected.

As we walk with each resident through the process of FEMA applications and difficult home repair decisions, we truly see God's Kingdom at work as strangers become friends and do life together.



Last Wednesday November 22, residents of Riveredge, volunteers, and family members came together for the Riveredge Fall Festival and Family Feast. Initial friendships deepened as everyone sat down and celebrated Thanksgiving together as they ate a delicious meal served by IBOW at Clay Park. It was a great opportunity to take a moment in the midst of a tough season to relax together, have fun, and share a meal!

We are so thankful for every volunteer, donor, and prayer warrior for their dedication and willingness to serve others; however, there is still a lot of work to do as we move from the initial recovery stage to the next phase of repair/rebuild! This phase includes sheet rock, insulation, taping and floating, painting, flooring, and in many cases either elevation or demolition. If you are skilled in one of these areas and you would like to join us and volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Sarah Beth: sarahbeth@attackpoverty.org or 281-762-2068



Christmas Wishes

Join us for this year's Christmas Wishes Program! Previously called Adopt a Family, Christmas Wishes gives you and your family an opportunity to serve and give back this Christmas! This year, Christmas Wishes will support families affected by Hurricane Harvey and the families hosting displaced families. We currently have twenty families in the Christmas Wishes program that you can help support by filling basic needs such as towels and bed sheets as well as filling a couple of stockings! Orientation will be Thursday December 7th at 6:30pm and Tuesday December 12th at 6:30pm. Sign up your family or small group today by emailing Elise Kaufman at elise@attackpoverty.org



Join us for.....



**A NIGHT
TO
REMEMBER**

The Annual
North Richmond
Christmas Program

December 9 | 2pm
1305 Clay Street

HOPE AFTER HARVEY

Need prayer? Right in front of our building a prayer wall where you can write your prayers on, or write them down and put them in our prayer box inside our office. All prayer requests are prayed over by our Prayer Team and local ministers. If you have the gift of compassion and prayer and would like to join the Prayer Team, contact Sarah Beth at Sarahbeth@attackpoverty.org for more details.



The Volunteer Classifieds

Email our Volunteer Coordinator Sarah Beth for more details: sarahbeth@attackpoverty.org

HARVEY FURNITURE & APPLIANCE DONATIONS

Fort Bend Recovers has just opened a warehouse that will be able to receive furniture and appliance 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.refrow@fortbendcountytexas.gov or 281-238-3401 for more information.

YOU CAN ACADEMY

Monday through Friday 3-5pm we host our You Can Academy that tutors and mentors 1st through 5th grade students. They receive a snack, hear a bible lesson, work on their homework, and then have some free time to play! Relationships form from volunteers showing up consistently week after week and encouraging the students! We currently have 30 students on our waiting list and cannot accept more until we have more volunteers! Email us if you would like to volunteer just one day a week or maybe all five: sarahbeth@attackpoverty.org



HELP PROMOTE OUR ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Over the next couple of months, we are excited to be starting a new semester of our adult education classes! Join us in sharing these new classes with the community by walking through the neighborhood with other volunteers and staff to talk with residents and get the word out. To sign up or for more information, email Lucinda at Lucinda@attackpoverty.org

RUBBER MULCH FOR THE GAGA PIT

A couple of years ago, we were blessed by a Boy Scout donating hours of his time to build us a gaga pit where the students in You Can Academy can play and burn off energy after their homework is complete. The original mulch has since been trampled away, and we are in search of a rubber mulch donation of 120 cubic feet. If you or someone you know would be interested in donating rubber mulch or giving a discounted price please email Sarah Beth at sarahbeth@attackpoverty.org

FEELING LED TO DO SOMETHING?

We would love to hear what you are passionate about and what program you are interested in starting! Email Beau at: beau@attackpoverty.org



Where Will You Volunteer?

You Can Academy (Monday – Friday | 3-5pm) – directed after school tutoring for 1st through 5th grade

ESL Tutor (Monday and Wednesday | 9:30am – 11:30am) – help adults learn English

GED Tutor (time and day vary)- tutor adults as they earn their GED

Jobs for Life Assistant (starting January 9th) – help adults in this jobs readiness class put together resumes, train for interviews, and discover what they are passionate about

Computer Class Teacher (Saturday | 8:30am-11am) – teach adults basic computer skills

Computer Class Assistant (Wednesday | 5-6:30pm) – help answer questions for adults learning computer skills and the teacher leads the students through the curriculum

Prayer Team – receive emails with prayer requests for residents in North Richmond

Harvey Recovery – Assumes some experience with home repair, drywall, construction, painting, etc.

Street Church (Tuesdays | 7:00-7:45pm) - Kinder-5th grade children from the North Richmond community gather for a family style Bible study

Data Entry – support our staff and programs by helping enter data into our systems

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