

A LETTER TO OUR NEIGHBORS



North Rosenberg Edition

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Hope After Harvey

August 25, 2017 and the days following will forever stand out in our memories, in hearts, and in our minds. What emotions does this date bring to you? Devastation, loss, grieving, hopelessness, and the list goes on...

In the days following the flood, Friends of North Rosenberg opened their office to first responders, homeowners, and community members as a place to apply for emergency assistance and a meeting center for those in need. When the waters receded in the Cummings Road and North Rosenberg area, Friends of North Rosenberg hosted Hope After Harvey where they prayed over those in need and were able to supply food to our community nourishing their bodies, spirits, and minds in preparation for the recovery that was to come. In the months following Hurricane Harvey Friends of North Rosenberg quickly adapted and came to the aid of homeowners who did not know where to turn offering resource, sanitation services and repair rebuild services. To date, Friends of North Rosenberg has aided in repairing and rebuilding nearly 200 homes, including mucking and gutting, sanitation, demolishing, rebuilding, elevation and all the in between. In one year, we have hosted nearly



1800 volunteers and accumulated 12,000 hours of work all in efforts to rebuild our community. Currently we have 25 cases in progress and are gaining new cases weekly! We are in this for the long haul, in the community for the community! On Sunday August 26th we hosted Hope After Harvey-1 Year Anniversary to celebrate how far our commUNITY has come, and to reflect on the flood that changed our lives forever. There was live music, a DJ, volleyball, basketball, BBQ sandwiches, and snow cones provided by The Lord's Kitchen. It was truly a blessed event and it is an honor to be a part of this amazing community!

Prayer



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. Calling all prayer warriors! If you have the gift of compassion and prayer and would like to join the Spiritual Growth Team contact Jennifer at Jennifer@attackpoverty.org for more details.



The Volunteer Classifieds

Email Faith Guerrero for more details: Faith@attackpoverty.org

YOU CAN ACADEMY

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday (2:30 – 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 to graduate school to do amazing things with their life! More volunteers means we can accept more students. Email faith@attackpoverty.org if you would like to volunteer just one day a week or maybe all

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WASH DAY

Every 1st Thursday of each month

We use Wash Day as a day to shower love and kindness onto the homeless and less fortunate population of North Rosenberg. We invite volunteers to come and prepare a home cooked meal, pray with, sit with and assist in washing linens, blankets and clothes for these individuals. All at no cost to them. We also provide clothes, personal hygiene items, toiletries, towels, and feminine items as we have them available. This is a great way to empower our homeless community and show them that they are loved!

HOME REPAIR & REVITALIZATION

Saturday Work Days (2nd and 4th Saturday of every month)

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.

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. Volunteers are needed to mentor adults in ESL and GED Prep classes as well as Basic Computer skills.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

We have a 6 Raised Bed Community Garden that is geared towards providing fresh fruits and vegetables to the residents in the community. Our garden also has a Prayer Wall and Picnic Tables for the community to come in to enjoy. We also host events in the garden for both children and adults. If you are interested in learning more about the CommUNITY Garden contact Jennifer at 832.471.6090.

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Volunteer Highlight | Amy Waters



Friends of North Rosenberg, meet Amy Waters. Amy is a teacher at Jackson Elementary and leads our Summer Buddy Reading Program. Amy also helps with odds and ends around the office, and is an invaluable part of our team! Amy was born and raised in Wakefield, Massachusetts with her 7 siblings. Some of Amy's hobbies include hiking at state parks, reading, singing, and playing piano and guitar. Amy first heard about Friends of North Rosenberg when she met us at a church outreach program, then again while working with students at our You Can Academy. She then connected with us again when her daughter wanted to help with our Buddy Reading Program. Amy states that she felt God kept putting Friends of North Rosenberg in her path, and for that she couldn't be more grateful!! We asked Amy why she likes volunteering at Friends of North Rosenberg, she says that she loves the idea of a community coming together to help one another. We also asked Amy what her long term goals are and what goals she may have for our community. She stated that she would love to find a way to make reading, education and artistic talents within the community a collaborative effort. She says that if she were to have her own community building she would have a large space for art and music, a library and educational rooms. Amy's goals for the community are to continue to pull together as a community family, to grow in faith, and to share individual strengths and talents for the building of a stronger community. We salute you Amy, thank you for all that you do and for blessing our community!

Important Dates

- September 6th Wash Day
- September 8th Saturday Workday
- September 8th Saturday GED begins (16 weeks)
- September 10th Monday & Wednesday GED begins (16 weeks)
- September 11th Observance of 9/11
- September 17th You Can Academy begins
- September 18th Faith & Finance begins (10 weeks)
- September 22nd Saturday Workday
- September 27th Faith & Work begins (8 weeks)

Register today for our You Can Academy & Fall Adult Education courses!!

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