

FPC Hurricane Harvey Response Report

As of August 1, 2018

I. Benevolence/Contributions Received and Distributed by FPC in response to Hurricane Harvey

A. Financial contributions received as of July 24, 2018 – \$349,345

B. *Harvey Response Benevolence Team/HRBT* was established. This team reviews and oversees the allocation and distribution of Harvey relief funds to our approved ministry partners, covenant partners and friends.

Financial gifts allocated by FPC to the following ministry partners actively engaged in Hurricane Harvey relief and recovery:

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| Agape Development/Property Dev | \$30,697 |
| Attack Poverty/Friends of Northside | \$45,000 |
| Free Indeed Ministries | \$25,000 |
| Main Street Ministries | \$85,600 |
| Millennium and Relief and Development | \$10,000 |
| Nehemiah Center | \$20,000 |
| Salvation Army | \$23,000 |
| Samaritan's Purse | \$10,000 |

The Equipping and Sending Ministries collaborated with our Caring Ministry and responded to the needs of our Covenant Members, FPC Staff, PS Staff and friends who suffered from Harvey. \$41,626.02

FPC's Permanent Funds endowment also responded to needs of Harvey. Ministries who had initially submitted grant requests in Fall 2017 were given the opportunity to revise their requests if impacted by Harvey. The following ministries received Harvey benevolence from Permanent Funds: Interface Samaritan Counseling Center - \$10,000, Generation One - \$20,000, and Attack Poverty - \$20,000.

Additional supplies/expenses for FPC volunteer teams and early response efforts totaled \$14,271.98. The Harvey Benevolence Fund has a reserve of \$20,000 which is designated for future Harvey related projects or needs.

C. FPC also collaborates with Denver McCollister and his Harvey recovery response outreach, SHERPA - “coming alongside to help carry the load”. SHERPA stands for

“Serving
Houston (by)
Engaging in the community
Rebuilding after Harvey
Partnering w local ministries
All in the name of Jesus

FPC is providing funding for renovation supplies and directing teams to help with his outreach. SHERPA teams stay at FPC Oakdale apartment whenever possible. The total funding allocated to SHERPA so far for supplies totals \$7934.31. An additional reserve of \$15,000 has been designated for SHERPA’s efforts going forward.

D. Collaborative Harvey Response Partnership with MSM

Requests received by FPC from individuals outside of FPC were interviewed by MSM staff and volunteers; if the need fit MSM guidelines, they responded with financial support and if not, they endorsed request for FPC to respond to.

Number of individuals referred to MSM: 18 from FPC, 9 from FPC mission partners
Total funds distributed by MSM through these referrals – \$88,576
Total funds distributed by FPC from the MSM recommendation – \$19,563

II. Outside Teams coming to Serve in Houston Hosted by FPC

Number of Teams Coming to Serve in Houston hosted by FPC in our Oakdale Apartment – 8 to date including

Presbyterian Churches of Chester County Pennsylvania –4 teams, 45 people, 10 churches

Covenant Presbyterian Church from Boise, Idaho – 1 team, 5 adults and 4 youth

Mount Olympus Presbyterian Church, Washington State – 1 team, 15 team members

First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara – 1 team, 9 team members

III. FPC Volunteer Response/Engagement of our Covenant Partners

Brief Overview/Timeline of FPC Harvey Response:

Phase 1: Immediate Crisis Response (August 25-Sept 4)

Covenant members of FPC stepped up and took initiative to respond to the effects of Hurricane Harvey on their own before the storm had even passed. Some volunteers headed to NRG Stadium to help set up cots and prepare the space to be a shelter the first days, while others reached out to friends and neighbors to help clean out homes as well as provide shelter in their homes and garage apartments. Our church family has leaders like Melaney Derden who stepped up to help coordinate immediate volunteer response. Excel spreadsheets evolved to Google docs that volunteers could see the needs and assignments to respond to the overwhelming needs of our church family and beyond. Many of FPC's covenant partners anonymously helped friends, co-workers, neighbors and some, even while dealing with their own flooding. "Command Centers" like in Braes Heights led by Sue and Ted Oldham and Hanna and Roby Norvell were established and canvassed their neighborhood and sent anywhere from 75 volunteers to work on homes in the Braes Heights area. The entrepreneurial spirit of our church family was amazing. In the generous spirit of our church, clothing, water, cleaning supplies, etc. were donated and dropped off at FPC. Initially the supplies were distributed to those in need from FPC then directed to our partners who were actively distributing.

Phase 2: Intermediate Relief Response (Sept 5-Sept 30)

Due to people resuming 'normal' schedules as they are able with work and school, volunteer teams were sent out once a week on Saturdays rather than daily. Reported needs continued to be added to the Google doc and served as basis for worksite locations-this includes FPC members, friends, coworkers, etc. Teams also sent to work with MDPC and Grace Presbyterian.

By mid-September the volunteer email update was sent out weekly rather than daily. By the end of September only a handful of FPC members are engaged in the opportunities organized by FPC.

Phase 3: Short-Term Recovery Response (Oct 1-Dec 1)

In an effort to re-engage our congregation and to establish a sustainable level of involvement, we moved from weekly volunteer opportunities to monthly or at most bi-monthly opportunities through local mission partners. Initially, Attack Poverty (Friends of Northside), Hope House/Fifth Ward efforts organized by City Missionaries from the Church at UH, and Agape Development (Agape Property Repair Team) were identified as the central local mission partners in FPC's flood relief efforts. November marked the beginning of FPC hosting mission teams in our Oakdale upstairs apartment. Much appreciation to the Youth Ministry for allowing

the space to be used for teams. The teams primarily partner with Friends of Northside/Attack Poverty, Agape Property Repair Team, and Denver McCollister's ministry, SHERPA.

Phase 4: Spring 2018 Continued Harvey Recovery Response

As the recovery continues one year later, Attack Poverty/Friends of Northside, Agape Property Repair Team, Main Street Ministries and SHERPA, are FPC's primary Harvey response partners. FPC continues to welcome teams from around the nation desiring to help Houston recover. As many in Houston have returned to life as normal, there are still homes and neighborhoods that need mucking out and repair. This is a long term recovery, and FPC wants to be a light and part of our city's recovery.

Additional information about Hurricane Harvey's Impact:

Texas Commission on Environment Quality "Hurricane Harvey Response" Report:

Harvey made landfall on August 25, 2017 at 10:00 p.m. CT, as a Category 4 storm near Rockport, Texas and stalled over southeastern Texas. Due to its slow motion and a week-long period of onshore flow, more than 19 trillion gallons of rainwater fell on parts of Texas, causing catastrophic flooding. Some of the most devastating impacts from Harvey included:

- The highest storm surge was recorded at 12.5 feet located northeast of Corpus Christi, at the Aransas Wildlife Refuge;
- The highest total rainfall in U.S. history of 60.58 inches fell near Nederland, Texas due to Harvey in just a few days;
- Local, state and federal first responders rescued 122,331 people and 5,234 pets;
- Over 270,000 homes were impacted by Harvey with nearly 80,000 homes having at least 18 inches of floodwater, and 23,000 of those with more than 5 feet;
- 61 public-water systems and 40 wastewater-treatment facilities were rendered inoperable or even destroyed at the height of the storm. And more than 200 public-water systems had to issue boil-water notices because of problems caused by the storm; and,
- Large quantities of debris also accumulated due to the damage from extreme winds and widespread flooding that occurred during Harvey, which generated an estimated 15.9 million cubic yards of storm debris.