Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts

Local Evacuee Assistance

Temporary Housing, Medical and Social Services

The City of Dallas, the Dallas Area Chapter of the American Red Cross as well as Dallas County Health and Human Services have established a shelter for Hurricane Katrina refugees at downtown’s Reunion Arena. Services available include:

- On-site health facilities to be provided by Parkland Hospital
- Security inside and outside the building
- City of Dallas is working with DART on transportation needs
- Red Cross will provide food and water
- Communications services

Evacuees needing disaster-related assistance can reach the Dallas Area Chapter of the American Red Cross 24 hours a day by calling 214-678-4800.

Education

The Governor has instructed the Texas Education Association to accept school age disaster victims into the public school system to continue their education while in the State of Texas. School records and immunizations requirements have been relaxed to allow children to attend school in Texas.

Administration Building
Highland Park Independent School District
7015 Westchester
Dallas, Texas 75205
214.750.3000
www.hpisd.org

Information on family or friends

Contact City of Dallas Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to make inquiries as to who is being housed at Reunion Arena. Official communications from Dallas to Louisiana are being handled by amateur radio operators who are working with the City of Dallas. Dallas OEM telephone number is 214-670-4278.

Donations and Volunteers

Individuals or groups interested in providing service or assistance should not report directly to the affected areas unless directed by a voluntary agency. Self-dispatched volunteers can put themselves and others in harm’s way and hamper rescue efforts.

Individual donations of groceries and/or clothing are not needed at this time. Because many local agencies do not have systems in place to receive donations, cash donations are preferred.
**Donate Cash:**

- American Red Cross - 1-800-HELP NOW (435-7669) English, 1-800-257-7575 Spanish
- Operation Blessing - 1-800-436-6348
- America’s Second Harvest - 1-800-344-8070

**Donate Cash and/or Volunteer:**

- Adventist Community Services - 1-800-381-7171
- B’nai B’rith International - 1-888-388-4224
- Catholic Charities, USA - 1-800-919-9338
- Christian Disaster Response - 941-956-5183 or 941-551-9554
- Christian Reformed World Relief Committee - 1-800-848-5818
- Church World Service - 1-800-297-1516
- Convoy of Hope - 417-823-8998
- Corporation for National and Community Service Disaster Relief Fund - (202) 606-6718
- Feed the Children - 1-800-525-7575
- Lutheran Disaster Response - 800-638-3522
- Mennonite Disaster Service - 717-859-2210
- Nazarene Disaster Response - 888-256-5886
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - 800-872-3283
- Salvation Army - 1-800-SAL-ARMY (725-2769)
- Southern Baptist Convention -- Disaster Relief - 1-800-462-8657, ext. 6440
- United Jewish Communities - 1-800-462-8657, ext. 6440
- Union for Reform Judaism - 212-452-6526
- United Methodist Committee on Relief - 1-877-277-2477