2008 Hurricane Dolly: Resource Guide

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CWS Situation report: Spring storms 2011
Thursday, April 14, 2011

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Among the disasters CWS has been tracking:

* Flooding in several New Jersey counties, with major damage to some 400 homes.
* A tornado in Greensburg, PA, south of Pittsburgh; some 60 homes affected, half of them destroyed. As well, a tornado in Rayne, LA, damaged about 100 homes.
* Wildfires in Colorado; New Mexico; Oklahoma; Texas; Washington.
* Preparations underway for spring flooding in the Upper Midwest, including the Red River Valley, particularly Fargo and Grand Forks, ND, as well as Devil's Lake, ND. The lake at Devil's Lake is close to overflowing and has no outlet; it has quadrupled in size in the last 20 years.
* Preparations are also under way for possible spring floods in Iowa where the Mississippi River may exceed 1993 record levels at Davenport and elsewhere. The citizens of Iowa were also impacted by severe storms and tornadoes on April 9th and 10th.

CWS response:

Partners in Fargo, including the American Red Cross, Lutheran Disaster Response and UMCOR, have asked CWS for CWS Blankets as a pre–positioning move. In addition, CWS plans to allocate $2,000 for spiritual care and other community–based efforts in Devil's Lake. CWS staff are expected to assist efforts in Devil's Lake later this year.

CWS is monitoring the impact of spring storms in Iowa and elsewhere to determine if we can assist with immediate material support (CWS Emergency Clean–up Buckets, Hygiene Kits, or Blankets) as well as with Long Term Recovery training and support.

HOW TO HELP: Contributions to support CWS emergency response efforts may be made online, sent to your denomination, or to Church World Service, P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515.

Japan Earthquake and Tsunami: CWS Situation Report #2; 03–13–11

Source: Church World Service (CWS)
Date: 13 Mar 2011

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE
DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

SITUATION: Rescue efforts continue in Japan following the March 11 tsunami and earthquake that in recent days has taken another potentially deadly turn as the country tries to deal with a growing nuclear crisis.

Japan's prime minister, Naoto Kan, is describing the situation as the worst in the country since World War II, with several nuclear plants in danger of melting down.

As for the direct tsunami and earthquake responses, authorities said the official number of those confirmed dead is nearly 1,600 but is expected to rise substantially; the death toll alone in the Miyagi region could exceed 10,000.

Some 310,000 people have been evacuated to emergency shelters, the BBC reported.

The two immediate needs for affected families include rescue for those who are trapped and the mobilization of relief goods to evacuation sites. Rescue interventions are primarily being carried out by the Self–Defense Force of Japan and other specialized agencies including the Japan Rescue Association. The Japanese government has requested international assistance in response to this massive disaster.

"Although Japan is considered among the most advanced countries in terms of disaster risk reduction measures, the damage caused by the unprecedented scale of this disaster is beyond imagination," said Takeshi Komino, the head of emergencies for CWS Asia Pacific.

"The government is currently focusing on the search and rescue operations as well preventing a catastrophic nuclear crisis from two severely damaged nuclear power plants," he said. "Increasing humanitarian needs are being reported from evacuation sites including a lack of ready–to–eat food, water, health and sanitation kits and blankets."

RESPONSE: CWS has been in contact with the Japan Platform, a coalition of 32 non–governmental organizations, government service agencies and media outlets. CWS may provide support and channel contributions to individual members of the Japan Platform. The Platform has historically been a vital partner to CWS in previous lobbying efforts towards the Japanese government for disaster risk reduction activities in Afghanistan.

Eight member non–governmental organizations of the Japan Platform have already started assessing needs and initiated emergency response activities. These members include Association for Aid and Relief Japan, Adventist Development and Relief Agency, Civic Force, Institute of Cultural Affairs, JEN, Japan Rescue Association, Nippon International Cooperation for Community Development and Peace Winds Japan. CWS is also coordinating with other ACT Alliance members in the Asia–Pacific region as the international response to this disaster scales up.

"Building upon accumulated CWS and ACT Alliance experience in the region, CWS hopes to mobilize support to Japanese NGOs that are on the ground," Komino said. "Contributions from partners and supporters will be used to fill critical gaps in meeting the basic needs of victims in and around the evacuation sites."

Church World Service is also prepared to support, if needed, efforts of faith–based partners in Japan, including the National Christian Council of Japan and the United Church of Christ of Japan.

CWS anticipates issuing an appeal for this disaster once more specifics are known about precise partnerships and response efforts.

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Church World Service is a member of the ACT Alliance, a global coalition of churches and agencies engaged in development, humanitarian assistance and advocacy.

For further information about disasters to which Church World Service is responding please visit www.churchworldservice.org or call the CWS Hotline, (800) 297–1516.

CWS Development and Humanitarian Assistance Program/CWS New York office: (212) 870–3151

Program Director: dderr @ churchworldservice.org

HAITI UPDATES:
http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=action_what_emerg_examples_haiti

SEE ALSO – https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4894

www.churchworldservice.org OR Emergency Response Program: www.cwserp.org

Disaster Resources:

DRRL who work with FEMA, American Red Cross, and other voluntary agencies in the development of long term recovery programs

Blankets, personal care kits, and other material resources as requested by faith–based organizations for distribution by themselves and other disaster response agencies

Access to specialized volunteers from outside the community for such tasks as spiritual care, volunteer coordination, home rehabilitation and repair, childcare, casework, and organizational capacity building

Connections to local congregations and denominational middle level governing bodies for spiritual care services, volunteers, materials, program support, and needs interpretation.

Connect with others around the world.

If you would like to get your congregation or group involved, or organize an event in your community, please call toll–free 888–CWS–CROP (888–297–2767).

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Case Management, Hurricane Survivors; Case Management, LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Case Management, Tornado Survivors; Case Management, Wildfire Survivors; Construction, Home Repair, Volunteer Services; Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Spiritual; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Disaster Relief System Development Guidance; First Responder, Nationwide (All U.S. Regions); First Responder, Worldwide; First Response Supplies/Items * (ANY/ALL Types); * KITS, TOILETRY/COMFORT KIT, NEW Items ONLY; Linens, Bedding, Blankets * (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Disaster, Post Disaster Needs Assessment; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster Response; Support for "All" Disasters; Training * (ANY/ALL

Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Disaster Recovery; Training Classes, Literacy Training; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, International; Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; 2007 California Wildfires; 2007 Midwest Floods; 2008 California Wildfires; 2008 Hurricane Dolly; 2008 Hurricane Fay; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2008 Hurricane Ike; 2008 MidWest Floods; 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; CWS ~ Church World Service; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Japan Platform (JPF); LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member)
Updated Apr 18, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2173

TX

Alamo Middle School

Shelter · Standby

City Run, Evacuation Shelter, School
Corner of Bus. 83 & Cesar Chavez, Alamo, TX

Web www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/index.asp?NID=572
Serves Hidalgo Co., TX
Eligibility Hurricane Evacuees
Service Temporary

HURRICANE DOLLY

Shelter update 7/25/08:

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Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly; Government, City/Town Agency
Updated Dec 29, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3444

Alton Junior High School

Shelter · Standby

City Run, Evacuation Shelter, School
305 Los Ebanos, Alton, TX

Web www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/index.asp?NID=572
Serves Hidalgo County, TX
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Services offered: School, Jr High, Middle School; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Evacuation Shelter; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly; Government, City/Town Agency
Updated Dec 29, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3445

Catholic Diocese of Brownsville

Walk–in Resource · Open

Faith–Based Community Outreach/Disaster Recovery/Relief
Located in historic Fort Brown; 1910 University Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78520

Phone 956–542–2501
Web www.cdob.org
Serves Rio Grande Valley, Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy and Starr
Service Temporary

Source: Catholic Charities USA
Date: 23 Jul 2008

Catholic Charities USA gearing up Hurricane Dolly response

Alexandria, VA—To deal with the aftermath of Hurricane Dolly, which is has already started to make landfall along the Texas Gulf Coast, Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) is gearing up its response efforts, collaborating with the local Catholic Charities agency and the Diocese of Brownsville to preposition supplies and prepare to open shelters if needed.

'Catholic Charities USA is working with Catholic Social Services to ensure our network's response will be aiding the most vulnerable populations, including a large migrant population, in the impacted areas,' said Kim Burgo, senior director of disaster response for Catholic Charities USA.

A disaster response team of expert staff from CCUSA, Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge, LA, and Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas is being deployed to the region to help the local agency assess post–storm damages, human needs, and recovery efforts.

To help support Catholic Charities USA's response efforts to Hurricane Dolly:

Call:

(800) 919–9338
Donate online

Send checks to:

Catholic Charities USA
Hurricane Dolly
PO Box 7068
Merrifield, VA 22116–7068

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Case Management, Flood Survivors; Case Management, Hurricane Survivors; Case Management, Low Income (Individuals/Families); Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Counseling, Emotional; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Financial Assistance, Medical, Prescription Assistance; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Subsidized/Low–Income Housing; Jobs, Paying; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Immigration, Refugee Resettlement (See also "Assistance"); Services, Social Services, General Social Services
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly
Updated Sep 30, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3443

EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Cameron County

Info/Hotline · Open

County
1100 E. Monroe St. (Suite #B45), Brownsville, TX 78520

Phone 956.547.7000 Fax: 956.547.7006
Web www.co.cameron.tx.us/emergency/index.htm
Serves Cameron County, TX
Eligibility Impacted by Hurricane Dolly
Service Temporary

Johnny Cavazos
Chief Emergency Officer
Emergency Response & Preparedness

Nat Flores
Cameron County Judge's Office
Division of Emergency Management
Administrative Assistant / Planner
956–547–7000 956.547.7006
nat.flores @co.cameron.tx.us

Inland Evacuation Map–Rio Grande Valley Area:

http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/emergency/map.htm

Hurricane Evacuation Tips Map Exterior:

http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/emergency/PDF%27s/MAPHurricaneExterior.pdf

Hurricane Evacuation Tips Map Interior:

http://www.co.cameron.tx.us/emergency/PDF%27s/MAPHurricaneInterior.pdf

Services offered: Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Residents; Information Resource, Evacuation, Disaster Evacuation Guidance for Residents in Disaster Zones; Information Resource, Maps, Evacuation Maps/Routes; Services, Emergency Services; Support for "All" Disasters

Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly; EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Regional/County
Updated Sep 16, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1706

Hanna High School

Shelter · Standby

City Run, Evacuation Shelter, School
2615 E Price Rd, Brownsville, TX 78521

Phone Contact Emergency Operations Center: 956–504–7405
Web www.cob.us
Serves Cameron County, TX
Eligibility Hurricane Evacuees
Service Temporary

(Opened 5:00 pm 7/22/08 – FULL – Hurricane Dolly)

This shelter site is currently "FULL" per the City of Brownsville web site

City Shelters –
Contact Emergency Operations Center 956–504–7405

Families must provide their own transportation to the shelters. Food, water and other basic necessities like toiletries will not be provided. Residents are advised to bring medications, supplies for babies and the elderly and bedding materials.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 22, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SHELTERS:

• A shelter will not provide the comforts of a hotel or motel.
• The shelter is not a medical shelter; only basic first aid will be available.
• The shelter does not accept responsibility for storing valuable personal property.
• Parents are required to be in control of their children at all times.
• Persons needing medical assistance of personal attendants cannot be left unattended.
• Shelters may be equipped with generators, but they may or may not be air–conditioned. If electrical power is interrupted, portable generators will not be able to keep air conditioners running.
WHAT TO BRING TO A SHELTER (plan for up to three days):
• Non–perishable food and snacks (it may not be provided at the shelter)
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• beddings such as cots, air mattresses, blankets and pillows for their own use (none will be provided)
• water (rule of thumb: 1 gallon per day per person)
• extra change of clothing
• personal items (medications, eyeglasses, hearing aid, flashlights, toothbrushes, battery–operated radio, special diet foods, if appropriate)
• baby supplies: ample amounts of baby food, formula, juice, diapers and wipes, and a stroller, portable crib or play pen
• driver's license, other identification
• cash, traveler's checks
• important documents

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO THE SHELTER:
• Pets
• Firearms or explosive devices
• Intoxicating or alcoholic beverages
• Illegal drugs

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Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly
Updated Dec 29, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3420

Lower Valley Humane Society

Animal Shelter · Open

Animal Shelter/Services
164 West Military Highway, Brownsville, TX 78520

Phone (956) 544–0414
Web lowervalleyhumanesociety.pets911.com

Service Temporary

HOURS: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm, Saturday 8am to 12pm Sunday Closed

Services offered: Animals, Adoption, Animals for Adoption; Animals, Animal Care Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Animals, Animal Control Professionals; Shelter, Animals, Animal Shelter; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Volunteer Orientation & Training; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly
Updated Jul 24, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3442

Pace High School

Shelter · Standby

City Run, Evacuation Shelter, School
314 W Los Ebanos Blvd, Brownsville, TX 78520

Phone Contact Emergency Operations Center 956–504–7405
Web www.cob.us
Serves Cameron County, TX
Eligibility Hurricane Evacuees
Service Temporary

(Opened 7/22/08 – Hurricane Dolly)

This shelter is site is OPEN and has room for Hurricane Dolly evacuee's per the City of Brownsville, TX web site.

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Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly; Government, City/Town Agency
Updated Dec 29, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3422

Porter High School

Shelter · Standby

City Run, Evacuation Shelter, School
3500 International Blvd, Brownsville, TX 78521

Phone Contact Emergency Operations Center: 956–504–7405
Web www.cob.us
Serves Cameron County, TX
Eligibility Hurricane Evacuees
Service Temporary

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Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly
Updated Dec 29, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3421

Mission Presbytery Disaster Response – LTR (Long Term Recovery)

Volunteer Camp · Open

Faith–based, Non–Profit, Disaster Relief
1015 N. Sunset Canyon Drive, Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Phone Singletary (Tary) Snyder 512–892–6800 / Fax 512–288–5595 / Email: tsnyderus@yahoo.com
Web www.snyderhomes.com/DisasterResponse
Hours 8 am – 9 pm, M–F, CST
Serves Central and East Texas – 22 counties
Service Temporary

Mission Presbytery Disaster Response
Street Address: 1015 N. Sunset Canyon Drive

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Phone number: 512–892–6800
Best hours to call: 8 am – 9 pm, M–F, CST
Fax number: 512–288–5595
E–mail Address: tsnyderus@yahoo.com
Is E–Mail address read daily? Yes
Website address, if any: www.snyderhomes.com/DisasterResponse

Serves: Central and East Texas – 22 counties

Speciality: Long term recovery from Hurricanes Katrina & Rita

Description of volunteer needs: Repair and reconstruction of homes damaged by hurricanes and tornadoes

Skills volunteers are required to have: Unskilled but willing workers welcome

Useful Skills: Framing, roofing, general house repair, drywall, flooring, housepainting, etc.

Rural/Farm related volunteers needed: Possible, please call for specifics

Tools or supplies volunteers should bring: Hand tools – trade specific; gloves, work boots, safety glasses; battery–run power tools

Will volunteers need to bring any money or material, such as for housing: Possible – case specific, please inquire

Length of time volunteer can help: Two days or longer up to a year or more

Size of volunteer team: up to 100

Are individual volunteers welcome? Yes

Age restriction, if any: 16 years with adult supervision

Denomination/affiliation, if any: Interfaith – all are welcome

If yes, must volunteer be a member: No

Any other restrictions: No alcohol on site

Housing provided for volunteers, if any: Some churches may provide housing.

Some motel housing may require payment. Please call for specifics.

Meals provided for volunteers, if any: Not usually, please call for details

Any additional notes: We need a lot of help to repair and rebuild homes damaged by floods and other disaster–related problems associated with 2005 Hurricanes Katrina/Rita. Please come and volunteer with us. We need you.

Approximate date the project started: Aug–29–2005
Estimated date the project will end: Aug–30–2010
Information Updated: Aug–04–2006

Services offered: Construction, Home Repair, Volunteer Services; Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly
Updated Sep 25, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/858

Carlos Truan Middle School

Shelter · Standby

City Run, Evacuation Shelter, School
Mile 17, Edcouch, TX 78538

Phone (956) 262–6082
Web www.co.hidalgo.tx.us
Serves Edcouch–Elsa–Monte Alto Area, Hidalgo County, TX
Eligibility Hurricane Evacuees
Service Temporary

(Opened 7/23/08 – Hurricane Dolly)

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As of 2 p.m Wednesday,7/23/08, Hidalgo County has nine shelters open and a total and 2,179 people sheltered at these locations.

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Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly; Government, City/Town Agency
Updated Dec 29, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3440

Garcia Elementary

Shelter · Standby

City Run, Evacuation Shelter
100 E Santa Rosa Ave.; (FM 1015 & Santa Rosa Ave.), Edcouch, TX 78538

Phone (956) 262–4741
Web www.mcallen.net/news
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 22, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

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Services offered: School, Elementary; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Evacuation Shelter; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly; Government, City/Town Agency
Updated Dec 29, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3426

Edinburg South Middle School

Shelter · Standby

City Run, Evacuation Shelter, School
601 W. Freddy Gonzalez Dr., Edinburg, TX 78539

Serves Hidalgo County, TX
Eligibility Hurricane Evacuees
Service Temporary

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Services offered: School, Jr High, Middle School; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Evacuation Shelter; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly; Government, City/Town Agency
Updated Dec 29, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3424

Upper Valley Humane Society

Animal Shelter · Open

Animal Shelter/Services
2501 W. Trenton Road, Edinburg, TX 78539

Phone 956-686-1141
Web www.animalshelter.org/shelters/Upper_Valley_Humane_Society_rId5229_rS_pC.html
Service Temporary

The Upper Valley Humane Society was established in 1973 by a group of concerned citizens. After approaching the city of McAllen, the Society took over the operation of the McAllen-based shelter. In 1981, UVHS received a donation of 2 1/2 acres of land located on Trenton in Edinburg. An additional 2 1/2 acres was purchased for a total of 5 acres. Contributions from the surrounding cities as well as donations from local citizens, including $50,000 from Bob Sobel and a $100,000 bequest from L.L. Rowan, secured the construction of the current facility. On October 31, 1983, the new shelter opened, containing 56 dog runs and 60 cat cages.

In recent years, additions have been made to the shelter to accommodate the increasing influx of animals each year. In 2000, the Weslaco Humane Society closed and UVHS became the only animal care facility for the entire Hidalgo County area. On average, UVHS receives 80 to100 animals every day and we house 250 dogs and 130 cats on a daily basis. For the last two years, the shelter received more than 40,000 animals each year.

These astronomical figures, along with a vision of controlling pet overpopulation, inspired our spay/neuter clinic. The clinic opened in June 2001 with Dr. Nance presiding as veterinarian, and provided low-cost spay and neuter services to the public. Unfortunately, Dr. Nance relocated in November 2003, and the clinic is temporarily closed. We are currently searching for a new veterinarian and maintain a positive perspective that we will have a new veterinarian soon.

As the population of McAllen and surrounding cities increases, so does the number of unwanted pets. The needs of UVHS also increase on a daily basis. We appreciate all your support and generous contributions to help our facility keep its doors open.

Services offered: Animals, Adoption, Animals for Adoption; Animals, Animal Care Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Animals, Animal Control Professionals; Shelter, Animals, Animal Shelter; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly
Updated Jul 24, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3430

Harlingen High School South

Shelter · Standby

City Run, Evacuation Shelter, School
1701 Dixieland Rd., Harlingen, TX 78550

Phone (956) 427-3800 Contact Emergency Operations Center: 956-504-7405
Web www.mcallen.net/news
Serves Cameron Co., TX
Eligibility Hurricane Evacuees
Service Temporary

(Opened 7/22/08 5:00 pm – Hurricane Dolly)

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Services offered: School, High School; Shelter, Evacuation Shelter; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly
Updated Dec 29, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3427

Humane Society, Harlingen Animal Control

Animal Shelter · Open

Animal Shelter/Services
1106 Markowsky, Harlingen, TX 78550
Phone (956) 425–7297
Web www.myharlingen.us/animal.htm
Service Temporary

Open Monday – Friday 12:00 noon – 5:00 P.M.
Saturday & Sunday – 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Customers can contact the Animal Control Department on Saturday and Sunday between the hours of 8:00 am to 12:00 pm by calling the Police Dispatch Center at: (956) 427–8787
Email: sharvill@myharlingen.us

Bite incident investigations take priority over all other responsibilities. Officers investigate and impound animal(s) involved in a bite incidents at the City Animal Shelter located at 1106 Markowsky Street in Harlingen where they are monitored for signs of rabies as per State requirements.

Animal Control Officers are also responsible for patrolling all city streets on a daily basis in an effort to address animals running at large and remove dead animal carcasses.

Once a year the city offers low–cost rabies clinics to citizens at a number of convenient locations throughout the City. These clinics are historically held during the months of March and/or April of each year. We encourage all citizens to take advantage of these low cost clinics. Remember keeping your pet vaccinated is also the LAW.

The City's Animal Control Department is staffed by one Sr. Officer and three animal control officers who under the direction of the Environmental Health Director promote responsible pet ownership through education and enforcement of the City's Animal Control Ordinances. The Department is responsible for impounding dogs/cats involved in bite incidents for proper monitoring as per State requirements. Animals that are captured or turned over to the Animal Control Officers are taken to the Animal Shelter located at 1106 Markowsky in Harlingen where they are monitored by the Harlingen Humane Society staff. Officers also respond to citizen concerns regarding stray and/or vicious animals, provide assistance to the Harlingen Police Department in the investigation and disposition of possible cruelty to animal cases, investigate and address citizen bee call complaints, and patrol City streets in an attempt to address animals running at large and remove dead animal carcasses.

Services offered: Animals, Adoption, Animals for Adoption; Animals, Animal Care Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Animals, Animal Control Professionals; Shelter, Animals, Animal Shelter; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly
Updated Jul 24, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3441

Red Cross, South Texas Chapter

Info/Hotline · Open

Red Cross Chapter
Headquarters; 6914 W. Expressway 83, Harlingen, TX
Phone (956) 423–0523
Web www.southtexasredcross.org
Serves Cameron, Hidalgo TX Counties
Eligibility Impacted by Hurricane Dolly
Service Temporary

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American Red Cross – South Texas Red Cross
P.O. Box 2202, Harlingen, TX 78551–2202
office: (956) 423–0523 fax: (956) 423–0542
email: stxredcross@rgv.rr.com

Pharr Office
425 W. State St.
office: (956) 787–7851 fax: (956) 787–6841
Marta Fuentes–Service Center Coord.
mfuentes@southtexasredcross.org

Harlingen Office–Headquarters
6914 W. Expressway 83
office: (956) 423–0523 fax: (956) 423–0542
Chris Delgado–Service Center Coord.
cdelgado@bizrgv.rr.com

Services offered: First Responder, Gulf Region; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC
Updated Sep 28, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3436

La Joya High School

Shelter · Standby

City Run, Evacuation Shelter, School
604 North Coyote Blvd., La Joya, TX 78560

Phone	956–580–5100
Web	www.mcallen.net/news
Serves	Hidalgo County, TX
Eligibility	Hurricane Evacuees
Service	Temporary

(Opened 7/22/08 5:00 pm – Hurricane Dolly)

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Services offered: School, High School; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Evacuation Shelter
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly; Government, City/Town Agency
Updated Dec 29, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3429

St. Cecelia Church

Shelter · Standby

City Run, Evacuation Shelter
606 W. Ocean Blvd., Los Fresnos, TX 78566

Phone (956) 233–5619 Contact Emergency Operations Center: 956–504–7405
Web www.mcallen.net/news
Serves Cameron Co., TX
Eligibility Hurricane Evacuees
Service Temporary

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Updated List of Shelters in Hidalgo County (as of 11:40 a.m.):Families must provide their own transportation to the shelters. Food, water and other basic necessities like toiletries will not be provided. Residents are advised to bring medications, supplies for babies and the elderly and bedding materials. Please see the attached handout for more information on what to bring and what not to bring to a shelter.

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Services offered: Services, Church/Worship Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Evacuation Shelter; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly; Government, City/Town Agency
Updated Dec 29, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3432

Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc.

Warehouse · Open

Food Bank
2601 W. Zinnia Ave., McAllen, TX 78502

Phone	956–682–8101
Web	www.foodbankrgv.com
Hours	8 am – 5 pm M–Fri.
Checks payable to	Food Bank of the Rio Grande

The emergency food assistance program is the main program of the Food Bank RGV. Through our member agencies, we are able to help families in need of food throughout the Valley. The service area of the Food Bank RGV consists of four counties. There are over 194 member agencies throughout these four counties. The Food Bank RGV delivery trucks are constantly on the road delivering agency orders, picking up donated product, and food drives.

These agencies consist of food pantries, on site feeding centers, soup kitchens and shelters.

Emergency Food Assistance

In 2004, the Food Bank RGV distributed over 20 million pounds of non–perishable, fresh produce, and frozen product through over 194 member agencies.

Through these member agencies families and individuals were fed 38,258 times in Acute Emergencies, 256,927 times in Chronic Emergencies, 31,495 times in Supplemental Nutrition programs and 1,511,083 meals were served to hungry persons.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program utilizes USDA commodities through the TEXCAP program. In addition, the Food Bank RGV receives product from national food retailers such as KRAFT, Nabisco, and Del Monte through America's Second Harvest. Also off–the–shelf product from food retailers like H–E–B are shipped to FBRGV monthly. In addition, FBRGV distributes fresh produce, bread, and frozen products.

Services offered: Food Distribution, Food Bank ONLY (No Walk–In Service); Food Distribution, Food Bank (This Site Supplies Food Pantries/Agencies); Food, Virtual Food Drive ; Hotline, Food Bank/Pantry Hotline (Find Emergency Food Help); Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Kid's Cafe Program (Youth); Training Classes, Cooking/Nutrition Education Classes; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly; Aidmatrix; America's Second Harvest; AmeriCorps; Americorp VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America); TEFAP – Emergency Food Assistance Program
Updated Aug 29, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1691

Salvation Army

Walk–in Resource · Open

1600 N 23rd St; (23rd and Pecan), McAllen, TX 78501

Phone (956) 682–1468
Web local.themonitor.com/Rio–Grande–Salvation–Army
Serves Hidalgo Co., TX
Eligibility Evacuees/Survivors – Hurricane Dolly
Service Temporary

8/31/08 From the website:

Services:

McAllen non–profit organization The McAllen Salvation Army offers aid in the following ways:

Missing Persons
Disaster Relief
Prisoner Rehabilitation
Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation
Fight Human Trafficking
Youth Camps
Kroc Centers
Music
Christmas Charity
Elderly Services
Loneliness (League of Mercy)

From the website 7/25/08:

Salvation Army Seeking Warehouse Space For Use During Dolly Recovery

The Salvation Army in McAllen, currently running as the Incident Command Post for Dolly disaster recovery, has power once again. Electricity was restored to the facility at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Thursday night.

Along with the restoration of power, comes an increased need for a warehouse facility to use as a storage and distribution center as The Salvation Army continues assisting victims, and first responders of Hurricane Dolly.

If you can be of assistance in helping The Salvation Army acquire warehouse space until recovery efforts conclude, please contact Major Dan Ford, Incident Commander for Dolly Recovery Efforts in McAllen, TX. He can be reached by calling 956–821–0382.

RECOVERY EFFORTS CONTINUE

The Salvation Army of Texas is continuing their dedicated recovery efforts to victims and first responders of Hurricane Dolly, despite a lack of electricity.

The Salvation Army has kept the doors open to its shelter in McAllen, TX, despite losing power around 11:30 p.m. The shelter hosted 188 people on Wednesday night . In Addition to serving those staying in the McAllen Salvation Army shelter, mobile feeding units responded to the public's cry for help, serving over 2,000 meals to people in shelters across Hidalgo County.

Major Dan Ford, Incident Commander for The Salvation Army recovery efforts said, "We've been impressed with the cooperation of those we are helping, their patience and understanding of our limitations and the appreciation they have expressed for our services to the community."

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Services offered: First Responder, Gulf Region; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Mobile Meals, Disaster Survivors (Available To); Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Senior/Elderly Services; Services, Substance Abuse Treatment (Drug/Alcohology) ; Youth Program
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly; Salvation Army
Updated Aug 31, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3434

Taylor Elementary School

Shelter · Standby

City Run, Evacuation Shelter, School
900 N. Missouri, Mercedes, TX 78570

Phone (956) 514–2388
Web www.mcallen.net/news
Serves Hidalgo Co., TX
Eligibility Hurricane Evacuees
Service Temporary

(Opened 7/23/08 – Hurricane Dolly)

Services offered: School, Elementary; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Evacuation Shelter; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly
Updated Dec 29, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3433

Monte Alto Elementary Campus

Shelter · Standby

City Run, Evacuation Shelter, School
25149 1st St, Monte Alto, TX 78538

Phone (956) 262–1374
Web www.co.hidalgo.tx.us
Serves Edcouch–Elsa–Monte Alto Area, Hidalgo County, TX
Eligibility Hurricane Evacuees
Service Temporary

(Opened 7/23/08 – On Standby 7/25/08 – Hurricane Dolly)

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As of 2 p.m Wednesday, Hidalgo County has nine shelters open and a total and 2,179 people sheltered at these locations.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 22, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SHELTERS:

• A shelter will not provide the comforts of a hotel or motel.
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• Parents are required to be in control of their children at all times.
• Persons needing medical assistance of personal attendants cannot be left unattended.
• Shelters may be equipped with generators, but they may or may not be air–conditioned. If electrical power is interrupted, portable generators will not be able to keep air conditioners running.

WHAT TO BRING TO A SHELTER (plan for up to three days):
• Non–perishable food and snacks (it may not be provided at the shelter)
• personal hygiene items
• beddings such as cots, air mattresses, blankets and pillows for their own use (none will be provided)
• water (rule of thumb: 1 gallon per day per person)
• extra change of clothing
• personal items (medications, eyeglasses, hearing aid, flashlights, toothbrushes, battery–operated radio, special diet foods, if appropriate)
• baby supplies: ample amounts of baby food, formula, juice, diapers and wipes, and a stroller, portable crib or play pen
• driver's license, other identification
• cash, traveler's checks
• important documents

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO THE SHELTER:
• Pets
• Firearms or explosive devices
• Intoxicating or alcoholic beverages
• Illegal drugs

BEFORE YOU LEAVE YOUR HOME:
• Board your windows.
• Have a good meal.
• Turn off electricity at the fuse box (to prevent possible fire).
• Turn off water at the outside line.
• Turn off gas for gas water heaters (to prevent possible fire

Services offered: School, Elementary; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Evacuation Shelter; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly; Government, City/Town Agency
Updated Dec 29, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3439

Brownsville Animal Regulation & Care Center

Animal Shelter · Open

City Run
416 FM 511, Olmito, TX 78526
Phone 956–544–7351
Web barc.cob.us
Serves Cameron County, TX
Service Temporary

The Brownsville Animal Regulation & Care Center is a full service animal care facility offering a variety of services designed to ensure public and animal health and safety for the citizens of Brownsville, Texas. Services include:

Stray and nuisance animal pick–up
Acceptance of lost and relinquished animals
Assistance for injured and stray animals
Control of biter, vicious or threatening animals

Barking dog complaints
Code enforcement dealing with animal cruelty, fighting animals, and animals in hot locked cars
Lost and found assistance
Dog licensing

Services offered: Animals, Adoption, Animals for Adoption; Animals, Animal Care Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Animals, Animal Control Professionals; Animals, Database, Registry, Online Lost/Found/Adoption Pet Database; Shelter, Animals, Animal Shelter; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly
Updated Jul 23, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3423

PSJA North High School

Shelter · Standby

City Run, Evacuation Shelter, School
600 E. Earling Rd., Pharr, TX 78577

Web www.mcallen.net/news
Serves Hidalgo Co., TX – Cities of: Pharr, San Juan, Alamo
Eligibility Hurricane Evacuees
Service Temporary

(Opened 7/22/08 – Hurricane Dolly)

7/25/08 Shelter Update:

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Services offered: School, High School; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Evacuation Shelter; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly; Government, City/Town Agency
Updated Dec 29, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3428

Valley View Junior High

Shelter · Standby

City Run, Evacuation Shelter, School
9601 S Jackson Rd.; (At Anaya and Jackson), Pharr, TX 78577

Phone (956) 843–2452
Web www.mcallen.net/news
Serves Hidalgo Co., TX
Eligibility Hurricane Evacuees
Service Temporary

(Reopened 7/23/08 – Hurricane Dolly)

Closed per Hidalgo Co. official website (opened/closed same day 7/23/08 1:15 pm)

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Services offered: School, Jr High, Middle School; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Evacuation Shelter; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly; Government, City/Town Agency
Updated Dec 29, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3431

Red Cross, San Antonio Chapter

Info/Hotline · Open

Red Cross Chapter
3642 E Houston Street, San Antonio, TX 78219

Phone 210–224–5151
Web www.saredcross.org
Serves State Declared Southern TX Counties
Eligibility Impacted by Hurricane Dolly, Gustav & Ike
Service Temporary

The American Red Cross has played an active role in the Hurricane Ike disaster response in San Antonio and our surrounding counties – providing shelter support and serving meals to thousands of evacuees. Here are the stories we've collected from Red Cross volunteers from San Antonio and the rest of the country who are working tirelessly to help all those impacted by Hurricane Ike, families who were able to safely evacuate, the doctor and volunteers who helped deliver a beautiful baby, and more.

From www.kwtx.com 7/23/08:

American Red Cross: Operations Headquarters and warehousing facility is established in San Antonio. Four Emergency Response Vehicles (ERV) are being deployed to Weslaco; 6 ERVs will go to Laredo; 29 ERVs are en–route to San Antonio. One ERV is pre–positioned in Laredo and 6 are already pre–positioned in San Antonio. Six shelter trailers are in position in Laredo for post–hurricane sheltering. Shelter teams are being recruited for post hurricane sheltering. The ARC has recruited and deployed 250 disasters workers to Texas

San Antonio Area Chapter update on Hurricane Dolly
Written by : San Antonio Area Chapter
7/23/2008 –

The American Red Cross, San Antonio Area Chapter is fully engaged and ready to support Hurricane Dolly operations which is currently affecting the Red Cross Chapter jurisdictions headquartered in Harlingen and Corpus Christi. Our support includes being represented at the City of San Antonio Emergency Operations Center/Alamo Regional Command Center at Brooks City–Base. Red Cross mass care volunteers and emergency response vehicles (ERVs) are being staged in San Antonio and are prepared to deploy to assist in disaster response efforts. We are also making preparations for any after–storm sheltering that might occur locally and keeping close watch on the hurricane to see whether flooding, tornadoes or wind damage becomes an issue.

The American Red Cross encourages residents of South Texas affected by Hurricane Dolly to:

Monitor media reports. Watch TV, listen to AM/FM or NOAA weather radio and check the Internet for updates.
Review or develop a family communication plan so you will know how to contact each other and where to meet. Identify an out–of–area contact person that family members and friends can call if you are separated from one another.
Register with the Red Cross Safe and Well Web site. If you are affected by a disaster, this public site provides a way for you to register yourself and communicate your well–being to your family members. You can input information directly or via phone. The site is accessible via www.redcross.org.
Update or create your disaster supplies kit. Your kit should have the following items: 3–day supply of water (1 gallon per person, per day), nonperishable food, manual can opener, flashlight, battery–operated or crank radio, extra batteries, first aid kit, prescription and non–prescription medications, cash, and copies of important documents such as bank account numbers, social security card, driver's license and insurance policies.
Prepare your home. Bring inside: bicycles, lawn furniture, trash cans, hanging plants, outdoor decorations or ornaments, or anything else that can be carried by the wind. Close windows and doors, then close hurricane shutters or cover windows with plywood.
Stay away from floodwaters. If you come upon a flooded road, turn around and go another way. If you are caught on a flooded road and waters are rising rapidly around you, get out of the car quickly and move to higher ground. The floodwaters may still be rising and the car could be swept away at any moment.
Plan your evacuation route. Use local maps and identify alternate evacuation routes from home, work and/or school. Know where you are going and how you plan to get there before you leave home.
Evacuate immediately if advised to do so. Follow the direction of local authorities on which routes to take, which evacuation shelters to seek and other important advice.
Take your pets with you. If it is not safe for you, it is not safe for them. Red Cross emergency shelters cannot accept pets unless they are service animals. Prepare a list of family, friends, pet–friendly motels and boarding facilities that could shelter your animals.

Services offered: First Responder, Gulf Region; Services, Disaster Relief; Shelter, Red Cross Shelter Updates; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2008 Hurricane Ike; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC
Updated Sep 28, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3435

Cameron County Dept. of Health & Human Services

Info/Hotline · Open

County
Cameron County; D H H S Administrative Office; 1390 W. Expressway 83, San Benito, TX 78586
Phone Phone (956) 247–3685 Fax: (956) 361–8230 For emergencies after hours: 1–866–326–3397
Web www.co.cameron.tx.us/health/health.htm
Hours 8am to 5pm Mon.–Fri. – Other Hours Available by Appt.
Service Temporary

What is the Public Health Preparedness Team?

It is a program funded by the Centers for Disease Control through the Texas Department of State Health Services due to recent terrorist events. The purpose of this program is to work together with other agencies, such as Texas DSHS, law enforcement agencies, local hospitals, medical providers, city health departments, first responders, and school districts in establishing a public health response team to cover Cameron County and to prepare the public when dealing with terrorism and other public health threats and emergencies. Another main objective of this program is the proper surveillance and monitoring of highly infectious diseases such as meningitis and hepatitis.

Services offered: First Responder, Gulf Region; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly; Government, US/State Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS)
Updated Sep 22, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1707

211, Texas

Info/Hotline · Open

211, United Way
TX
Phone 2–1–1 or 1–877–541–7905
Web www.211texas.org/211
Serves Statewide, TX
Service Temporary

https://www.211texas.org/211/alerts/hurricane2008.jsp

If you will need help evacuating in the event of a hurricane, dial 2–1–1 to register in advance for a ride.

Dial 2–1–1 as soon as possible:

If you have a disability or special health care need and require assistance to get out.
If you cannot drive and cannot arrange transportation.
If you do not have a vehicle and you have no one else to help you evacuate.

Frequently Asked Questions
SEE the above website link!!

https://www.211texas.org/211/AIClinks.jsp

click on an Area Information Center region in the map or on the right menu in order to see additional details about that region, using the above link.

Services offered: Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Hotline, Disaster Recovery Services Hotline for Survivors; Hotline, Disaster Updates, Community (Local); Hotline, Shelter, Evacuation/Shelter Information & Updates; Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Dolly; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2008 Hurricane Ike; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211)
Updated Sep 22, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3438

Other locations

Citizen Action Team, Database Operations

Info/Hotline · Open

Private Citizen Volunteers
Anytown

Phone	978 266 2778
Web	www.reliefdatabase.org
Hours	8 AM–midnight, 7 days/week
Checks payable to	United Way of Tri–County, mail to Citizen Action Team, PO Box 2525, Acton, MA 01720
Service	Permanent

Call and help us expand the database, so it will be more useful to disaster relief workers, to help prepare for future disasters as well as to help with recovery from past disasters... Work from your home AND help the gulf!

All donations pay for fuel to ship donations to disaster zones.

Services offered: Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Directories, Directory of Contacts, Incident Command; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Directories, Directory of Services, Grants Info, Listings, News & Referrals; Directories, Directory of Services, National; Directories, Directory of Services, Regional; Directories, Directory of Services, Statewide; Directories, Directory of Services, Worldwide; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories, New Orleans Volunteer Camps; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Online Database Resource, Needs/Avail Matching; Directories, Organic/Local Food Producers/Users; Directories, Recycling; Directories, Senior/Elder Services; Directories, Training Listings, News & Referrals; Disaster Relief System Development Guidance; Documentation, Disaster Planning; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services; First Responder, Gulf Region; First Responder, Mid–Atlantic Region; First Responder, MidWest Region; First Responder, Mountain States; First Responder, NorthEast Region; First Responder, NorthWest Region; First Responder, SouthEast Region; First Responder, SouthWest Region; First Responder, West Coast Region; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, County Resources, Contacts & Services (County Level); Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Businesses; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Relief Workers; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Residents; Information Resource, Katrina Related; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Management, Supply Chain Management Advice; Management, Volunteer Coordinator & Management, Volunteer; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Intel/Mgmt; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling Network, Database for Trading/Re–use (NO FEE); Registry, Wish List Registry, Online Registry; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Construction/Rebuild Focused; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Donations Coord Focused; Software Tools, for Disaster Orgs/EMAs, Volunteer Coord Focused; Supplies, Online Supplies; Support for "All" Disasters; Tech, Data Solution Architects, Humanitarian; Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services; Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online; Warehouse, Local Disaster Relief Guidance
Campaigns: 2001 9–11; 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; 2005 Hurricane Wilma; 2007 California Wildfires; 2007 Fernley, Nevada Flood; 2007 Georgia/Alabama Tornado; 2007 Greensburg Kansas Tornado; 2007 Hurricane Dean; 2007 Hurricane Flossie; 2007 Midwest Floods; 2007 Pacific Northwest Flooding; 2007 South Mexico Floods; 2007 Tropical Cyclone Sidr; 2008 California Wildfires; 2008 Georgia Tornados; 2008 Hurricane Dolly; 2008 Hurricane Fay; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2008 Hurricane Hanna; 2008 Hurricane Ike; 2008 Hurricane Josephine; 2008 Marek/Sesnon/Sayre – California Wildfires; 2008 MidWest Floods; 2008 MidWest Tornado; 2008 Pacific Northwest Winter Snow Storm; 2009 American Samoa Tsunami; 2009 Australia Bushfires; 2009 Central Pacific Coast Jesusita Wildfire; 2009 Georgia Storms; 2009 Ice Storms; 2009 Indonesia–Asian Pacific Earthquakes/Storms; 2009 May Severe Storm & Tornado Support (KY/WV/MO); 2009 MidWest Floods; 2009 MidWest

Floods Support (Closed/Standby); 2009 Pacific Northwest Flooding; 2009 SouthEastern Wildfires; 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; 2009 Station Wildfire; 2009 Tornadoes; 2010 /2011 Haiti Cholera Epidemic; 2010 April, Mississippi Tornado; 2010 Arkansas Campground Flood; 2010 Baja, Mexico Earthquake; 2010 Chile Earthquake; 2010 Colorado, Fourmile Canyon Wildfire; 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti Earthquake, Orphanages/Childrens Homes; 2010 Haiti, Hurricane Tomas; 2010 Hurricane Earl; 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2010 May Oklahoma/Kansas Tornado; 2010 Midwest Flooding, August; 2010 New England Flooding; 2010 Oil Spill Gulf of Mexico; 2010 Pakistan Floods; 2010 Pakistan – Humanitarian Support for Armed Conflict; 2010 Snow & Ice Storms; 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Australia Floods; 2011 Brazil Floods; 2011 China Earthquake; 2011 East Africa Famine; 2011 Georgia Tornados; 2011 Hurricane Irene/Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Mississippi Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 New Zealand Earthquake; 2011 North Dakota Flood; 2011 Other Disasters; 2011 Philippines TS Sendong; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2011 Texas Wildfires; 2011 Tropical Storm Lee; 2012 Alabama Tornado; 2012 Colorado – High Park Wildfire; 2012 Colorado – Waldo Canyon Wildfire; 2012 Hurricane Isaac; 2012 Hurricane Sandy; 2012 (June) Minnesota – Floods; 2012 Oklahoma – Wildfires; 2012 Spring – Tornadoes; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Aidmatrix; American Rainbow Rapid Response; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Gifts in Kind; Global Warming Relief Supplies/Services; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Homelessness Relief Services; International Relief & Development (IRD); United Way; VOAD (this org is not a member, but is "affiliated"); YouthBuild

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