

HURRICANE LAURA EVACUEES IN DALLAS NEED OUR HELP

Hurricane Laura was the worst hurricane to hit Lake Charles, LA in 135 years. Many have lost everything. They need our help as they attempt to start over, many choosing to remain in Dallas.

Who are they?

Families from Lake Charles, LA who had to leave due to a mandatory evacuation order. Many of these individuals arrived by bus as that was the only way to guarantee a hotel voucher. Those who drove their own cars were only granted hotel vouchers based on ability.

Where are they?

There are 5 DFW Hotels housing evacuees: Hyatt Dallas, Hilton Anatole, Crowne Plaza, Sheraton MCKINNEY, TX, Sheraton Irving. Other evacuees in Texas are in the Houston area. *There are 900+ adults and 560 children and the Hyatt Dallas alone.

Why the urgent plea?

State and Federal Resources are not able to meet the immediate needs for these evacuees. All Dallas 211 resources require Texas residency and proof (ID/License).

Food services are lacking due to COVID restrictions. Hot meals are not being provided by the hotels.

How can we help?

A Resource Room has been established at the Hyatt Dallas (300 Reunion Blvd. W) and is used as a hub for all of the hotels.

Local community organizations and churches are being asked for assistance.

Please consider helping to meet some very immediate needs. List below:

- Babies: Pull Ups 2T and up, Diapers size 4 & Up, Wipes, Baby shampoo, Baby wash, Baby lotion, Diaper rash cream, Baby Tylenol, Baby Motrin, Baby Jar Food, Baby Snacks, Baby Formula, Baby Toys
- Toddler- Activity books, Coloring books, Pens, Pencils, Markers, Crayons, Toddler-sized Masks
- Women: Panties, Socks, Sports bras, Shirts, Leggings, Coats/ Jackets Sweaters (New Items Only – All Sizes)
- Men: Shirts, Pants. Warmups. Coats, Underwear, Socks (New Items Only – All Sizes)
- Girls: Shirts, Pants, Panties, Socks, Sports bras (New Items Only – All Sizes)
- Boys: Shirts, Pants, Socks, Underwear (New Items Only – All Sizes)
- Hygiene: Sanitary Pads, Panty Liners, Tampons, Shampoo and Conditioner, Hair Grease, Combs and Brushes, Razors, Hair ties, Soap, Body Wash, Lotion' Bobby Pins' Toothbrush' Toothpaste, Washing Detergent (Liquid or Pods), Dryer Sheets, Feminine Wash, Toilet Paper, Paper towels
- Food: Hot meals are being scheduled as offers come in. Still need Non-Perishable Snacks, Drinks
- To package these items given: Jumbo Storage Slider bags or grocery bags; Duffel bags - to replace evacuees garbage trash bags.

When can we drop off or volunteer?

Volunteers are needed to help man the Resource Room at the Hyatt Dallas daily (10 am to 7 pm).

Donations can be dropped off at the loading dock of the Hyatt Dallas daily between 7am-10am or 4pm-7pm. Please call Ms. Jai Brown @214 616-6846 to have someone meet you at the dock to unload.

Monetary donations can be made via a local organization, A Steady Hand - President- Donald Parish, Jr of True Lee B.C.) (www.beasteadyhand.org)

Additional Notes:

The Evacuees also need counseling resources (PTSD) and other conditions.

They are asking for #'s to call for prayer.

The Evacuees have called and asked every local and state official for help. Thanks to community activists, the tide is slowly turning in their favor.

Legal groups are addressing Civil Rights violations.

A Facebook group (Hurricane Laura Aftermath) has been created if anyone wants to follow and see what other services are needed.

All:

I don't mind answering further questions or connecting people where needed.

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