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The Volunteer Center of North Texas is in immediate need of volunteers to serve meals at the shelters that are already open for Hurricane Gustav evacuees. As the evacuation continues, volunteers will be needed for other roles as well.

Volunteers should go to www.vcnt.org to complete a volunteer application form, or call 1-866-797-8268 for more information. Phone lines will be manned from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, but people interested in volunteering can fill out the application form this evening and get a callback first thing tomorrow morning.

Volunteers **SHOULD NOT** show up at a shelter expecting to volunteer, as every volunteer must pass a criminal background check in order to serve.

The American Red Cross, North Texas Food Bank, The Salvation Army, and Volunteer Center of North Texas are working in a strategic partnership during the current disaster relief effort. The alliance will enable the needs of victims to be met in the most efficient way by coordinating

services, streamlining communications, and avoiding unnecessary duplication of effort. To learn more about the coordinated response, visit www.vcnt.org.

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