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## **Calming the Storm in Collin County**

### *The Volunteer Center to Host Next Event*

**WHAT:** Calming the Storm: Effective Response in Times of Disaster

In early September of 2005, faith-based organizations across North Texas faced the dilemma of how they could effectively calm the storm for the flood of refugees pouring into Collin County from the city of New Orleans and the Texas Gulf coast.

This event, Calming the Storm, will provide a clear overview of systems in Collin County already in place to respond to disasters and offer an opportunity for faith-based organizations to connect with these systems and pool resources to respond effectively and efficiently when disaster strikes.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 9, 8:30 - 10:30 am

**WHERE:** Collin County Community College District, Spring Creek Campus Conference Center, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano, TX 75074

**WHO:** The Volunteer Center of North Texas, the Collin County Office of Emergency Management, the Junior League of Plano, The Container Store, the City of Plano, the City of McKinney and Collin County Community College District will partner to host this event.

**WHY:** To provide an opportunity for faith-based organizations to come together with community agencies to effectively respond to both natural and human-made disasters.

For more information about the event, contact Alana Obrien at 214-509-3886 or email [aobrien@volunteernorthtexas.org](mailto:aobrien@volunteernorthtexas.org). For more information about the *Calming the Storm* initiative contact the Junior League of Plano at 972-769-0557 or [www.jlplano.org](http://www.jlplano.org).

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