



Relief Organizations Respond to Hurricane Ike

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DALLAS -- In response to Hurricane Ike, the American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, the North Texas Food Bank, and the Volunteer Center of North Texas are working in alliance to meet the needs of hurricane victims as relief efforts go forward.

The American Red Cross is operating local shelters, The Salvation Army is managing food service to evacuees, the North Texas Food Bank will provide food and water, and the Volunteer Center of North Texas is recruiting and scheduling volunteers for the relief efforts.

The four organizations are calling for assistance from the public to help provide relief to the thousands of evacuees who will be affected by Hurricane Ike. Expenses from Hurricane Gustav have already totaled hundreds of thousands of dollars. The organizations are currently seeking contributions to defray expenses as they stand ready to activate for volunteer recruitment, food service and shelter assistance when evacuees arrive in North Texas.

The coalition is asking the public NOT TO BRING DONATIONS OF FOOD OR CLOTHING to the shelters at this time. There is plenty of food for the time being, and evacuees brought packed bags of clothing and personal items to last for several days. The relief organizations will notify the community if these types of donations are needed later on. They DO NEED hundreds of volunteers over the next few days. Call 1-866-797-8268 for more information.

For more information about how to contribute and for updates on the status of Hurricane Ike relief efforts, go to www.dfwikeresponse.wordpress.com.

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