Potomac Conference Adventist Community Services Disaster Response



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We have provided information for how our members can make financial donations for the Hurricane Harvey survivors. "Cash is still king". However, some members still feel more involved by donating physical items. Our ACS DR leadership still emphasize "Please do not collect items" with the anticipation that they will be shipped to any distant disaster area. As has been said several times, there is no funding for such shipments.

In response to the desire of some members wanting to donate physical items, please follow the instructions offered below:

DONATION OF GOODS

One of the many aspects Adventist Community Services must arrange in a Disaster Response is the transportation of goods donated during a relief effort. It can be very costly to transport toothpaste from the Southern Union to Texas. In an effort to utilize digital shopping to our advantage we are encouraging members who do not want to donate money to consider using online shopping and shipping to help the disaster victims.

Online shopping can help reduce our relief costs by directing the products you give directly from the distributor to the disaster area.

For those who wish to give to the relief effort in Texas *we recommend online shopping*. If you prefer to give donated goods (rather than money) there are two sources you can use to get those needs very close to our warehouse operations in Texas.

Print the "needs list" below.

Go to the site of your choice; either Amazon.com or Walmart.com and start shopping. Put as many items as you wish to give in your shopping cart.

Take note of the shipping addresses below depending on which site you are ordering from. Be sure to ship the supplies directly to the site, rather than to your home address.

Amazon Prime is free shipping. Walmart is free shipping over \$35.

We have compiled a list of three sites where goods may be shipped to:

If ordering from Amazon.com or Walmart.com you can ship to:

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Attention: Keith Goodman

10800 Scott Street Houston, Texas 77047

Another option if ordering from Amazon.com is to ship to:

Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

1211 Hwy 67 West

Alvarado, TX 76009.

If ordering from Walmart.com, please ship to Walmart store (1616 West Henderson

Cleburne, TX 76033), Attention: Texas Conference of SDA ACS DR

We are NOT collecting any used clothing or water.

NEEDS LIST:

Personal Care items

Shampoo/Conditioners any size (no travel sizes)

Body soap---liquid or bar

Tooth brushes

Tooth paste

Razors---men and women

Shaving cream—men and women

First aid kits

Finger nail files

Feminine hygiene items

Sun block

Mosquito Repellent

Disposables

Paper towels

Toilet paper

Paper plates, bowels, cups

Plastic flatware

Household Goods

Kitchen Utensils

New Pots and Pans

New Towels

New Linen – any size

Cleaning Supplies

Trash Cans

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Cleaning Wipes

General Household Cleaning supplies

Dish Detergent

Laundry Detergent and Softener

Yard

Shovels—flat and spades

Rakes

Commercial grade trash bags

Work gloves any size any item

School supplies-pencils, pens, paper, colors, colored pencils, calculators, backpacks, lunch boxes

Clothing/Shoes

New underwear---buy your size there is someone like you out there

New Socks

New Bras

Shoes-tennis shoes in any sizes for men, women, teens and children

New clothes (jeans, t-shirts, shorts) any size for men, women and children (2X and up are hard to get)

Diapers (Baby/Adult any size)

Baby Wipes

Gift cards to any store in the amount of \$20-\$50.00

We are not collecting any used clothing items at this time. If you wish to purchase new clothing items from the online sites above, please feel free to do so.

If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Lewis at <u>plewis@aecsda.com</u>.

Thank you,

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