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Hurricane Harvey Relief: You Can Help Make a Difference

Hamilton County, OH-- As relief operations continue in the wake of the destruction caused by Hurricane Harvey on the Gulf Coast of Texas, Hamilton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (EMHSA) is monitoring the event, will maintain situational awareness, and will remain in contact with local partners and resources, in the event that local assets are requested to aid in the disaster effort.

In order to bolster relief efforts, local groups are asking for specific donations or monetary contributions. Examples of local groups engaged in donations management and relief activity include the American Red Cross, Matthew 25: Ministries, and the Salvation Army. Although these are just a few examples of involved local groups, and there are various additional relief groups assisting in the effort, Hamilton County EMHSA urges potential donors to ensure and confirm that all contributions are administered by a reputable organization. It is important to note that personnel wishing to volunteer or donate their resources should not self-deploy to the disaster effort, but instead route their efforts through organizations already engaged in disaster relief.

Although monetary donations are preferred, non-perishable food items with a pull top opening mechanism; ready-to-eat dry goods (nuts, peanut butter, dried fruits); bottled water; unopened personal care products; cleaning supplies; paper products; infant and baby supplies; and first-aid items will also be accepted. A full list of acceptable donations and drop off location is available online at <http://m25m.org/disaster/harvey17/>.

For additional information about how to get involved or make a donation to the Hurricane Harvey relief effort, please visit Matthew 25: Ministries' website at: <http://m25m.org/disaster/harvey17/>; the Red Cross' monetary donation page at: <https://www.redcross.org/donate/hurricane-harvey?campname=Harvey&campmedium=chapterasptot>; or the Salvation Army's monetary donation page at: https://give.salvationarmyusa.org/site/Donation2;jsessionid=00000000.app30108b?df_id=27651&mfc_pref=T&27651.donation=form1&NONCE_TOKEN=4E8CDFEA8D9AD479E83EB8DC93AD57A3.

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