

Appendix A.
Compendium of Public Health, Emergency Management and
Diverse Community Organizations in Greater Houston, Texas

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Government Organizations		
Waller County Emergency Management	N/A	Brian Nichols b.nichols@wallercotx.com
Montgomery County Emergency Management	The Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is responsible for the planning, coordination, and implementation of all emergency management and Homeland Security related activities for Montgomery County. The Mission of the OEM is to lessen the loss of life and reduce injuries and property damage during natural or man-made incidents through mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery in accordance with the Montgomery County Emergency Operations Plan. OEM also coordinates the activities for the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC, when activated is a central location where representatives of local government and private sector agencies convene during disaster situations to make decisions, set priorities and coordinate resources for response and recovery.	Nicky Kelly nkelly@co.montgomery.tx.us
Liberty County Emergency Management	The Liberty County Office of Emergency Management is responsible for the comprehensive emergency management program for the county. Activities and services cover the four phases of Emergency Management: Preparedness, Response, Recovery, and Mitigation for disasters like flooding, tornadoes, hurricanes, wild fires, hazardous material incidents and terrorism.	Ken Defoor ken.defoor@co.liberty.tx.us
Galveston County Emergency Management	<p>The Galveston County Office of Emergency Management's Planning Division is responsible for a number of planning activities aimed at enhancing the County's preparedness for disasters and emergencies. Probably the most visible product of those planning activities is the Basic Emergency Plan, the comprehensive, all-hazard plan that coordinates the emergency management activities of Galveston County Government. Although the Basic Plan addresses all phases of emergency management, it is specifically oriented toward preparedness and response activities. The Plan is a policy document developed and maintained by the Planning Coordinator, and signed by the County Judge, local Mayors, and Emergency Management Coordinators, upon review and concurrence.</p> <p>GCOEM develops contingency plans that guide Galveston County's response to natural and man-made emergencies, from extreme weather to hazardous material incidents. Each plan focuses on three components of a disaster: preparedness, initial response, and recovery. The purpose of these plans is to keep Galveston County safe and, following a disaster, to return residents to their daily routines as quickly as possible.</p> <p>When a plan is activated, GCOEM coordinates the skills of County, city, state, federal, and non-governmental agencies, to ensure the plan is effectively carried out.</p> <p>GCOEM reviews, tests, and revises these plans as intelligence and resources change. The agency enlists subject matter experts from all County agencies, including law enforcement and fire departments, and other non-city groups to advise on aspects of each plan.</p> <p>A large part of planning is what's done in addition to coordinating emergency responses. GCOEM works to inform the public of the potential hazards, in an effort to make sure Galveston County residents know how to avoid disasters or act in the event of a disaster. GCOEM encourages residents to educate themselves and others about emergency preparedness.</p>	John Simsen john.simsen@co.galveston.tx.us
Katy Fire Department/City of Katy	<p>The Katy Fire Department of Katy, TX, will provide our citizens, businesses, and visitors with the highest level of protection against loss of life and property. We recognize that we are an integral part of the community and cognizant of neighborhood needs and priorities. We are highly trained in all aspects of rescue, emergency medical services, fire prevention and suppression, and the control of other hazardous situations. Sleep well knowing we are always ready to perform our duty of helping others</p> <p>Community Services -Smoke Detector Program -CPR Training Program -Blood Pressure Screening -AED Program</p>	Maria Galvez Paramedic ktmedic484@comcast.net 281/799-0600

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	<p>Public Education -Smoke House -Home Fire Safety Program -Andy the Ambulance</p>	
<p>Brazoria County Emergency Management</p>	<p>The purpose of Emergency Management is to save lives and prevent loss of property. The community needs to be aware of the elements that can threaten their lives and property. Once the threat is identified, the essential resources can be determined to assist in restoring the area back to an acceptable status. This is accomplished through education and disaster planning.</p>	<p>Doc Adams doca@brazoria-county.com</p>
<p>Fort Bend County Emergency Management</p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>This site exists to keep you informed on the happenings at the OEM and on current EM news throughout the region, state and country. Our goal is to provide a valuable online resource for other emergency responders, the public and the media. Information is offered on: Drought and Heat; Family Disaster Plan; Floods; Hurricanes; Lightning; River Info; Ready! Kids; and Weather.</p>	<p>+1 (281) 342-6185</p> <p>Jeff Braun, Emergency Management Coordinator jeff.braun@co.fort-bend.tx.us</p>
<p>Harris County Veterans Service Office</p>	<p>The Veterans Services Office assists veterans and their dependents with applications for compensation, pensions, hospitalization and other benefits through an intake process that includes information and referral services. The Veterans Services Office works with the Department of Veterans Affairs and other nationally chartered veterans service organizations to ensure that veterans, their dependents and survivors receive their richly deserved entitlements.</p>	<p>Vincent Morrison Director vincent.morrison@csd.hc.tx.net</p>
<p>Harris County Area Agency on Aging</p>	<p>The Harris County Area Agency on Aging (HCAAA) is part of a nationwide network coordinating supportive services for the elderly as mandated by the Older Americans Act of 1965 and its subsequent amendments. The HCAAA plans and contracts services for senior citizens throughout Harris County. With the Area Agency on Aging acting as an advocate, awareness of the needs of the elderly increases through services that assist the elderly and their families with options that promote independence, well-being and dignity.</p> <p>The HCAAA's programs are tailored to meet the social, nutritional, educational and logistical needs of all Harris County residents age 60 and above. Nutrition services include the home-delivered meal program for the homebound elderly and the congregate meal program at senior centers throughout Harris County. HCAAA offers in-home services, caregiver training and other supportive services.</p>	<p>JoMarie August Case Manager JoMarie.August@houston.tx.gov</p>
<p>Harris County Homeland Security and Emergency Management</p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>Our goal at Harris County's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management is to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from the effects of disasters, be they natural disasters such as hurricanes or floods, to other hazards such as refinery fire.</p> <p>The County Judge is charged by statute with responsibility for emergency management planning and operations for Harris County.</p> <p>To accomplish this mission, OHSEM will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop, maintain, coordinate a comprehensive emergency management plan. • Activate and staff an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to coordinate and support efforts to respond to, and recover from, emergencies and disasters. • Develop and assist in the delivery of effective public outreach programs. • Collect, provide and disseminate information for elected officials, the media, our residents, partners and other stakeholders. • Train, educate, and prepare for emergencies through the development and delivery of effective classes, drills and exercises. <p>OHSEM also offers the following resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011 Hurricane Brochure • Emergency Essentials List • All Hazard Mitigation Plan • Flood Data 	<p>Mark Sloan Emergency Management Coordinator(713) 881-3100 mark.sloan@oem.hctx.net</p> <p>Bill Wheeler Dpty Emergency Management Coordinator(713) 881-3083 bill.wheeler@oem.hctx.net</p> <p>Mardie Menke, CERT Coordinator for Harris County mardie.menke@oem.hctx.net 713-545-2207</p> <p>Francisco Sanchez, Jr. Liaison to the Director francisco.sanchez@oem.hctx.net 713-881-3100</p>

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<p>City of Houston Office of Emergency Management</p>	<p>OEM's mission is to provide programs and activities to City residents and departments to help them prepare for, cope with and recover from the effects of natural and manmade disasters.</p> <p><i>Preparedness:</i> OEM provides information to City residents and departments to develop plans to deal with the effects of both natural and manmade hazards. This includes the publishing of the Disaster Preparedness Guide, the continual updating of HoustonOEM.net and performing work within the community that encourages emergency preparedness.</p> <p><i>Response:</i> The most visible work that OEM does is during an incident. As the chief coordinating body for City Departments, OEM works with various City, regional and State entities to respond to emergency situations. This includes bringing in supplies and equipment from neighboring jurisdictions through mutual aid agreements, coordinating evacuation response and management during catastrophic incidents, and providing recommendations to the Mayor on what actions should be taken to minimize the impact of a disaster.</p> <p><i>Recovery:</i> After impact, OEM coordinates a response to ensure that individuals have what they need to survive; this includes the setting up of Points of Distribution (PODs) to provide basic supplies to individuals in need. An assessment of physical damage is also performed. This information is provided to governmental entities such as the State of Texas and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assist in acquiring funding to help residents recover from catastrophic incidences.</p> <p><i>Mitigation:</i> By developing programs that either minimize the impact of a disaster, or reduce the City's vulnerability to the disaster, lives and property can be saved. OEM participates in mitigation projects designed to do just that, including developing new flood control systems, and tools for the community to better understand the threats that could impact them.</p>	<p>Sharon Nalls, Assistant Director, Emergency Management Coordinator sharon.nalls@houstontx.gov</p>
<p>City of Houston – Department of Health and Human Services</p>	<p>The Mission of the City of Houston Department of Health and Human Services (HDHHS) is to work in partnership with the community to promote and protect the health and social well-being of all Houstonians</p> <p>HDHHS provides traditional public health services and seeks to use innovative methods to meet the community's present and future needs. Through the AIM project, HDHHS goes door-to-door in selected neighborhoods performing assessments, linking residents to services and providing immediate follow-up. We have partnered with nonprofit Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and hospital district primary care clinics to enhance access to services for residents and improve the city's health profile. Efforts include the innovative HIV testing program for the community called "Hip-Hop for HIV Awareness." These services build a better, healthier cadre of youth and ensure a better future for at-risk children, schools and the community at large.</p> <p>HDHHS's Community Health Statistics' Office of Surveillance and Public Health Preparedness has extensive research activities focused on health disparities and preparedness. Following is an overview of some of their promising efforts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding Disaster Preparedness of Culturally & Linguistically Isolated Populations of Houston: In 2009, HDHHS initiated a pilot inquiry into the understanding of disaster preparedness in four linguistically isolated communities in Houston, Texas—Chinese, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese speaking groups. The goal of the project was to develop realistic policy recommendations for local emergency response personnel and city, county, state, and federal officials, and to improve information dissemination to linguistically isolated communities. • Guidance on Communicating with Linguistically Isolated Populations: Issued in 2009, the goal of this document was to develop realistic recommendations for local emergency response personnel as well as city, county, state and federal officials, and to improve dissemination of emergency information and equitable delivery of services to cultural communities in the greater Houston area. • Houston Disaster Training Workshops for Religious Leaders and Faith 	<p>Vishnu P Nepal, MPH vishnu.nepal@houstontx.gov</p>

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	<p>Communities</p>	
<p>Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services</p>	<p>Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services (HCPHES) provides public health assessment, policy development and assurance activities for residents of Harris County, Texas. The mission of HCPHES is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting a Healthy and Safe Community • Preventing Illness and Injury • Protecting You <p>HCPHES' Office of Public Health Preparedness is responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive, department-wide approach to public health preparedness and response activities, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating planning for all-hazards preparedness activities such as the CDC Strategic National Stockpile program, the CDC Cities Readiness Initiative and the TDSHS Public Health Preparedness grant • Providing scientific and clinical oversight for public health preparedness activities • Assuring public health response functions in the context of the National Incident Management System • Preparing for, preventing, responding to and recovering from public health emergencies • Coordinating competency-based education and training of public health emergency staff; conducting drills and exercises <p>In addition, HCPHES has two major pandemic influenza planning projects that explicitly address community engagement and culturally/linguistically diverse populations. Following is a brief overview of each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011 Community Engagement Meetings: HCPHES held eight community engagement meetings to learn the public's views on how they think scarce medical supplies should be distributed during a severe pandemic. The meetings were held at various locations across the county and were conducted in four languages: English, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese and Vietnamese. The community members were invited to make their voice heard on important questions like: • 2011 Pandemic Mass Care/Mass Fatality Partner Workshop: On July 6-8, 2011, HCPHES hosted a planning workshop during which over 100 response partners came together to address the critical and complex problems related to mass care and mass casualties/mass fatalities during a severe influenza pandemic. Participants represented a wide-range of stakeholder groups and the workshop identified strengths, strategies, gaps, and proposed solutions for many of the issues that are certain to arise as a result of a severe influenza pandemic or other large outbreak of a highly contagious, highly fatal respiratory disease. 	<p>Mac McClendon Director Office of Public Health Preparedness (OPHP)</p>
<p>Harris County Community Services Department</p>	<p>The Office of Social Services is committed to serving the Harris County community through assistance to low-to-moderate income residents in need. For those seeking emergency financial support, indigent burial services, or assistance with applications for various services, the office is a recognized entity. Following are resources offered through the department:</p> <p>HPRP/Recovery Funding Hurricane Ike Damage Assessment Harris County Recovers Annual Action Plan CDBG Program Recovery Funds CHDO Application Consolidated Plan Public Notice DAP Disaster Recovery Action Plan Find Affordable Rental Housing Harris County Transit Home Repair Program Income Limits Harris County Affordable Housing Standards RVI Directory RFP</p>	<p>Ellen Seaton, Social Services Director, ellen.seaton@csd.hctx.net, 713-696-1948</p>

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	Service Area Map Zoning & Occupancy Letter VA Welcomes Returning Veterans	
Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences	<p>The mission of the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences (HCIFS) is to determine the cause and manner of death, to document and preserve evidence relating to the decedent in accordance with Article 49.25 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures, and to provide unbiased expert witness testimony in a court of law. The HCIFS Forensic Laboratory provides the highest quality analytical support to our Medical Examiners, Harris County Law Enforcement and community agencies in a timely manner.</p>	<p>Jason Wiersema, Forensic Anthropologist/Disaster Preparedness Coordinator, jason.wiersema@ifs.hctx.net, 713-796-6747</p>
Department of State Health Services Region 6/5	<p>Region 6/5 South is one of eleven Health Service Regions of the Department of State Health Services, the state governmental agency responsible for bringing integrated health services to the citizens of Texas. State, Regional and Local public health partners work together to assure the provision of essential public health services to an estimated five million Texans in the (16) county area of southeast Texas. Working together, regional staff assesses and assures the health of the diverse communities in the Southeast.</p> <p>The Region 6/5 site offers preparedness information and resources for the public in English and Spanish, and has sections for professionals and first responders.</p> <p>Have a Plan is a statewide campaign to help Texans prepare for emergencies. Key to the campaign is an interactive website, www.TexasPrepares.org and www.TexasPrepara.org in Spanish, where Texans can create a family emergency plan, build a customized disaster supplies list and get information about the threats we face.</p>	<p>Jennifer Solis, PHEP Manager, jennifer.solis@dshs.state.tx.us, 713-504-2039</p>
Katy Fire Department/City of Katy	<p>The Katy Fire Department is highly trained in all aspects of rescue, emergency medical services, fire prevention and suppression, and the control of other hazardous situations.</p>	<p>Maria Galvez, Paramedic, ktmedic484@comcast.net 281/799-0600</p>
Harris County Sheriff's Office	<p>The Mission of the Harris County Sheriff's Office is "to enhance the safety and protect the trust of the citizens of Harris County by enforcing the law with integrity and professionalism." Following are resources and programs of the Office:</p> <p>Child Car Safety CPA (Citizen's Police Academy) Home Security Inspections HCSO Substations & Storefronts Neighborhood Crime Watch Other Public Programs Citizen Survey</p>	<p>Michael Wong, Major michael.wong@sheriff.hctx.net 713-967-5869</p>
Harris County Department of Education	<p>HCDE divisions provide Programs and Services to meet the needs of the community. We design programs and services with the community in mind to include Harris County and outlying areas. We find our experience extends beyond our borders and can assist the community where you live every day.</p> <p>The Center for Safe and Secure Schools is the leader for the development of increased safety and security strategies in school environments for Texas students and educators. This role was reinforced on August 31, 2005 when the Texas Education Agency asked the Center to coordinate school relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Katrina with state, county and local disaster recovery officials and agencies. While school campuses are traditionally considered the safest places for children, the reality of current events require that educators must also act as emergency managers, able to mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from disaster.</p> <p>These efforts take shape through utilizing six key components:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Criteria for Standards and Promising Practices 2. Emergency Management Planning and Operations 3. Communications, Coordination and Business Continuity 4. Training and Certification Programs 5. Assessments, Reviews and Audits 6. Safe and secure teaching and learning environments 	<p>Otis (Buddy) Harr School Safety Program Manager oharr@hcde-texas.org 713-694-6300</p> <p>John Wilson jwilson@hcde-texas.org</p>
City of Deer Park	<p>The City of Deer Park's Office of Emergency Management's (O.E.M.) mission is to save lives and protect property as well as prevent damage to the</p>	<p>Sam Pipkin, Emergency Management</p>

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	<p>environment from disasters both natural and manmade. We work to accomplish this through development of continuing programs of education, communications, coordination, planning, training and exercising, for "all hazards" through all four phases of emergency management - preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.</p> <p>The Office of Emergency Management is responsible for coordinating the City of Deer Park's preparation for and response to emergency or disaster situations internally and externally both natural and manmade. The term emergency means a set of circumstances which demand immediate action to protect life, preserve public health or essential services, or protect property. Disaster means the situation is beyond the capabilities of the responding jurisdictions or organizations.</p> <p>The Office of Emergency Management provides planning, training, exercises and educational programs and activities designed to provide our customers, internal and external, with the ability to prepare for, cope with, and recover from the effects of local emergencies or disasters. This is achieved through information and resource exchange and working in partnership with the public and private sectors, as well as all levels of government.</p>	<p>Coordinator, spipkin@deerparktx.org 281-478-7299</p>
<p>MHMRA of Harris County</p>	<p>At MHMRA of Harris County, we know there is hope for you and those you love. We provide care and support through three service divisions: Mental Health, Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities, and Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Programs. We serve 15,000 people per month, about 3,600 of whom are children. While we can only count the number of individuals we serve, we know our impact extends to their entire community.</p> <p><u>Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities</u> Welcome to Disability 911. This site was created to assist, educate and archive information regarding disaster preparedness for people with disabilities.</p> <p>About Disability 911 - Information and acknowledgments for this website. Ike Recovery Project - Information about the Ike Recovery Project and the Disability 911 Call Center. If you are an individual with disabilities seeking assistance with your Hurricane Ike problems, please click on this link. Disability 911 Wiki - Our Wiki site allows user organizations to post their vital information and continuously edit their information during a disaster. Preparedness - Find disability specific preparedness materials including checklists and tips. Media - Archived web casts, books and newsletters on disaster preparedness and recovery. Resources - Find contact information for agencies and organizations which provide assistance for disasters.</p>	<p>Sarah Flick Medical Director of Intellectual/Developmental Disability Services sarah.flick@mhmraharris.org 713-970-3934 (office) or 713-408-0021 (cell)</p> <p>Steve Schnee, Executive Director, steve.schnee@mhmraharis.org 713-970-7190</p>
<p>City Of Baytown</p>	<p>The Baytown Office of Emergency Management encompasses the Emergency Management Division and the ASK BAYTOWN INFOLINE. The Emergency Management Division coordinates all city-wide planning, preparation, mitigation, and response to natural and man-made disasters. We are committed to helping the citizens of Baytown prepare themselves and their families for all types of emergencies. In addition to preparing our citizens, Emergency Management is also responsible for coordinating FEMA and Homeland Security Grants, pre-and post-disaster federal and state funding, and facility hardening projects. The Emergency Management Division is also responsible for managing the BAYTOWN ALERT telephone warning and information system, the Community Chemical Alert Siren System, and AM 1610 Emergency Radio System.</p> <p>Following are personal preparedness resources available through the City:</p> <p>Family Plan 3-Day Checklist Generator Safety Heat Related Illnesses Home Repair Safety Shelter In Place Guide Protecting Your Windows 2012 Zipzone Evacuation Map</p>	<p>Dana Dalbey EMS Coordinator dana.dalbey@baytown.org 281-422-0044</p>

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Bellaire Fire Dept	<p>Vision: To provide an exceptional level of Public Safety through our commitment to the Community.</p> <p>Mission: Through training, education, inspections, code enforcement and response, we will manage the effects of emergency incidents in our community.</p>	<p>Darryl Anderson Chief danderson@ci.bellaire.tx.us 713-662-8201</p>
Lone Star Community College	<p>Known for its innovation and its visionary thinking, Lone Star College System is the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area and the fastest growing community college system in Texas. LSCC offers the following emergency preparedness guide: http://lonestar.edu/departments/chiefsecurity/EmMgmtBro-Rev-Drft_2Final_Draft%281%29.pdf</p>	<p>Denise Walker Chief Emergency Management denise.c.walker@lonestarcollege 281-290-3680</p>
Metro	<p>The purpose of the Downtown Houston Emergency Response Plan is to minimize the potential human loss or injury and property damage from a disaster or emergency situation, reduce losses and interruptions to business, resident and governmental activity, and to function in concert with regional emergency management actions. The Houston Downtown Management District (HDMD) recognizes the need for a centralized coordination point in the event of an emergency. This plan describes the preparation and response scenarios for multiple potential emergency situations and it describes the roles of property owners and managers, HDMD, the Houston Police Department, Houston Fire Department, Public Works & Engineering Department and other entities</p>	<p>Dennis Riebeir Emergency Management Coordinator dennis.ribeiro@ridemetro.org 713-615-6396</p>
Faith-based Organizations		
Lutheran Social Services	<p>Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response, Inc. (LSSDR) is a ministry of Lutheran Social Services of the South, with the mission of providing help, healing, and hope before and after disasters. LSSDR serves the states of Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma and is affiliated with Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), a national collaborative ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS).</p> <p>How LSSDR Serves: Each disaster is different and calls for a unique response; therefore, the needs of the community and the availability of resources guide the role LSSDR plays. In every disaster, LSSDR collaborates and coordinates with other nonprofit agencies and groups so that efforts are not duplicated and service gaps are filled. Our roles historically include: Preparedness; Emergency Hardship Grants; Emotional and Spiritual Care; Disaster Case Management; Volunteer Coordination; and Repair & Rebuild Assistance.</p> <p>Current Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dallas Tornadoes: We are providing emergency assistance to families who have experienced damaged or destroyed homes and possessions due to the catastrophic tornadoes that swept through the Dallas area on Tuesday, April 3rd. • Texas Wildfire Relief: The quickest, easiest way to make a difference in the lives of those affected by the 2011 Texas Wildfires is to make a financial contribution. You can make a difference today by clicking on the "Donate" button above and making a financial gift of any amount. For other ways to contribute, please see more details on our Texas Wildfires page. • Haylift To Texas: Many ranchers affected by the drought and wildfires in Central Texas don't have enough available hay to feed their livestock. Farmers and ranchers with an abundance of hay in states like Ohio and Tennessee are willing to donate hay or sell it at favorable prices to those affected and in need. The obstacle is the cost of transporting the hay from farms in Ohio to Central Texas. 	<p>Kandi Carruth Program Secretary Kandi.carruth@lss.org</p> <p>Mark Minick 1-(800) 938-5777 mark.minick@lss.org</p>
<p>Adventist Community Services</p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>Adventist® Community Services is the non-profit, humanitarian agency for the Seventh-day Adventist Church® that works within the United States and Bermuda through more than 1,100 localities and upholds the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist® World Church organization.</p> <p>Adventist® Community Services (ACS) has been established as a humanitarian relief, and individual and community development ministry to fulfill the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church® in the United States and Bermuda which is to "serve communities in Christ's name".</p> <p>ACS provides services through the ministries of as Disaster Response, Crisis Care/Disaster Response Chaplaincy Program, Youth Empowered to Serve, Tutoring and Mentoring Programs, Elder Care, and Community Development/Urban Ministry/Inner City Ministries.</p>	<p>Joe Watts Disaster Response National Coordinator, Texas Conf. ACS DR Director, Phone: 817.641.7679 jwatts@txsda.org</p>

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<p>Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston</p>	<p>Mission: Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston brings people of diverse faith traditions together for dialogue, collaboration and service, as a demonstration of our shared beliefs.</p> <p>Core Beliefs: IM works with 10 communities of faith, including Bahá'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jain, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Unitarian Universalist and Zoroastrian. Together they provide the foundation upon which IM provides direct service, builds collaborative partnerships to serve seniors and refugees, and channels the faith community's preparedness and response to disaster.</p> <p>IM Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals on Wheels for Greater Houston delivers more than one million meals each year to seniors in Harris county. • Refugee Services in conjunction with the U.S. State Department, resettles hundreds of refugees in Houston each year. • Office of Disaster Preparedness and Response facilitates communication on behalf of Houston's faith communities during relief and recovery efforts. • Interfaith Relations provides a safe harbor for greater Houston through its many interfaith programs and dialogue efforts. 	<p>President and CEO: Elliot Gershenson, egershenson@imgh.org</p> <p>Jennifer Posten Director jposten@IMGH.org</p>
<p>Catholic Charities Galveston/Houston Arch Diocese</p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>The mission of Catholic Charities is to extend to all persons the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Catholic Charities provides culturally sensitive social services to those in need, without regard to race, religion or socioeconomic status. As an advocate for social justice, Catholic Charities empowers the community through action and education, asserting the principle of human dignity.</p> <p>Catholic Charities provided free disaster recovery assistance for Hurricane Ike survivors to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help them access available resources; • Determine qualification for supplemental funding; • Providing professional counseling services to help manage stress and cope with change related to Ike. <p>These programs were federally funded by a Social Services Block Grant.</p>	<p>Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston 2900 Louisiana Houston, TX 77006 713-526-4611</p> <p>Martha Lipovac mgillespie@catholiccharities.org</p>
<p>Episcopal Diocese of Texas</p> <p>*Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>As followers of Jesus Christ, we are One Church within the Anglican Communion and The Episcopal Church. All are sought and embraced in worship, mission and ministry in a spirit of mutual love and respect.</p> <p>Texas Episcopal Disaster Relief and Development (TEDRD) is a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas helping Episcopalians and their neighbors to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergency situations. TEDRD began in response to Hurricane Ike, which damaged thousands of homes along the Texas Coast. For over two years TEDRD worked to rebuild and restore homes in Galveston and La Porte, Tx. TEDRD organized 50,000 hours of volunteer work to rebuild more than 60 homes. In 2012, TEDRD shifted focus to Bastrop County, Texas, where wildfires destroyed 35,000 acres of land and more than 1600 homes.</p>	<p>The Ven. Russ Oechsel, Diocesan Emergency Response Coordinator Phone: 713.520.6444. Email: roechsel@epicenter.org</p>
<p>GRACE Community Services</p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>We welcome you to our web site. It is our desire that this site encourages your church or ministry to participate in Disaster Response and Recovery. G.R.A.C.E. Community Services will assist you with planning and structuring a Disaster Ministry. This site also serves as a resource tool to assist you in understanding Disaster Preparedness. Following are a few programs G.R.A.C.E. offers.</p> <p>The case management component is one of five components of G.R.A.C.E. The case management team makes contact with potential clients by way of appointments, home visits, referrals and walk-ins. We serve the community during and after the disaster by assessing the needs of those who have been affected. We provide the necessary resources to help restore a sense of normalcy to the client's life. We know life will never be the same, but we help them to adjust and prepare for their new life.</p> <p>We are the "mind" of G.R.A.C.E., which strives to empower youth in the community who have been affected by disaster. This Education Department operates a special place for young people called "The Center" where they can</p>	<p>G.R.A.C.E. Community Services 5615 NW Central Dr., Suite 104 Houston, TX 77092 PH: (713) 839-9300</p> <p>ruama@gracecommunityservices.org</p>

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	come for assistance in computer training, homework, tutoring, and other activities geared to empower the young people and their families. The Education Team provides the “after” component of the disaster relief when families are trying to put their lives back together and just need someone in their corner encouraging them to go on.	
Trinity Baptist Church – Katy	<p>Vision: “To glorify God through worship, fellowship, instruction, evangelism and service!”</p> <p>Mission: “Our mission is to proclaim God’s love and forgiveness to our community and the world, to grow and mature as followers of Jesus Christ and serve those who are in need!”</p> <p>Katrina (Disaster Relief 2005) - Volunteers helped Katy Christian Ministries with disaster relief.</p>	Rev. Joshua Guajardo josh@trinity-katy.org 281-579-6724
Comunidad Casa del Alfarero	Through the support of our friends and partners, RBZ ENTERPRISE, have been able to reach people who were hurting. Our entity could give them lifesaving hope and assistance at a time when they needed it the most. On these specific tasks, we not only consider them a great privilege but also a big responsibility. Our Pledge: We will continue to do all that we can to invest in those outreaches that we believe have the greatest impact on our society.	Pastor Leopoldo H. Mata-Alarcon siervolhma@yahoo.com 713-672-0376
Comunidad Cristiana Corona de Vida	<i>No website</i>	Rev. Robert Hertz da Silva corona@devida.org 713-706-3579
Centro Cristiano Bautista Restauracion	<i>No website</i>	Rev. Jose Alberto Flores pastorjoseflores5@yahoo.com 832-890-4405
Calvary Episcopal Church	We are a nurturing and prayerful Christian Community that provides a small town atmosphere for all members of our family. We grow together in experience by continuing Christ’s ministry in meeting the community needs and making Christ known. The Helping Hands charity of Rosenbreg/Richmond gives Calvary the opportunity to fulfill a portion of that call by helping to provide temporary assistance to needy individuals or families in West Fort Bend County. Together, with other churches in this area, we pledge to have at least two food and clothing drives a year, while also providing a regular monetary contribution in support of the charity.	Rev. Frankie Rodriguez frodriquez@ces-richmond.org 281-342-2147
San Mateo Episcopal Church	San Mateo strives to reach people of all nations with the message of Jesus Christ by offering a home of Spiritual Peace and Services of Compassion.	Rev. Alejandro Montes iglesiasanmateo@sbcglobal.net 713-664-7792
Santa Maria Virgen Episcopal Church	<i>No website</i>	Uriel Osnaya smvepisco@aol.com 281-879-6000
Blessed Sacrament	<i>No website</i>	Rev. Rudolfa Sanchez blessedsacramentcc@sbcglobal.net 713-224-5291
La Divina Providencia	<i>No website</i>	Rev. Abelardo Cobos padreabelardocobos@yahoo.com 713-675-5333
Our Lady of Grace	<i>No website</i>	Rev. Jesus M. Martinez-Irigoyen 713-946-6461
St. Charles Borromeo	We, the priests and staff of St. Charles Borromeo Church, are dedicated to the service of God's people and the spread of the Holy Gospel to all people. By our ministries, we hope to do the work which Our Lord Jesus Christ has set before us and to touch the hearts and minds of the faithful. May God bless us in this endeavor and may the information you find here be helpful.	Rev. Miguel Solorzano miguel@solorzano.com 713-692-6303

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St. Cyril of Alexandria	The Christian community of St. Cyril of Alexandria stands within the Catholic Tradition, and is therefore entrusted to treasure and proclaim the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those with whom we come in contact. We dedicate ourselves to God's grace at work in our midst creating the liturgical and social environment within which the message of the Gospel can become the experience of true freedom in Jesus Christ. Our mission is to release into society lives within which the truth, affirmed in doctrine, has become a living testimony that will excite and confound the world until it comes to its senses.	Rev. Mario J. Arroya fmja@stcyhrilhouston.org 713-789-1250
St. Joseph	Blest with families of multi-cultural diversity and empowerment by the Holy Spirit, our welcoming community is committed to liturgy, faith formation and spiritual growth as part of the church's mission. We treasure our unity with the Catholic Church and its apostolic tradition. Gathered in the name of Christ and eager to know Him and make Him Known. We come together as a community to serve one another, and we give thanks to God for all of the blessings He has shown to us. We help people as much we can through the Social Ministry.	Rev. Alberto Rodriguez stjosephcch@yahoo.com 713-222-6193
St. Mark the Evangelist	<i>No website</i>	Rev. Jesus Lizalde stmarkhouston@aol.com 281-437-9114
St. Matthew the Evangelist	<p>We are a family of believers called by God the Father to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit in prayer and worship, through the intercession of Mary, we are dedicated to stewardship and care for the needy. We are committed to give witness of His commandments to all nations, of our faith in the Catholic tradition. Following are programs of St. Matthew the Evangelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Food Pantry: The food pantry is open to provide nourishment to the hungry of our community. Our Christmas Basket Program, bread distribution, and Channel 13's Share Your Christmas are all programs sponsored by our food pantry. Pantry volunteers are always needed to pick up food, make food baskets, and to keep the pantry neat and tidy. We especially need help at Christmas time with wrapping gifts and assembling baskets. • Community Life Ministry: The Community Life Ministry attempts to provide guidance and meet practical needs of those in our community. Parish projects such as Operation Backpack, Parish Blood Drives, and Red Cross Relief fall under this ministry. Operation Backpack helps to offset the cost of school supplies to the children of our community. We need help collecting supplies and assembling packets. Volunteers can help with the blood drive and Red Cross Relief after emergencies such as fire or weather. • Caregivers & Helping Hands: This ministry assists with social service needs of the elderly and those confined to their homes. We need people willing to be care partners and offer company and companionship to those in need, especially our elderly. Care Partners can also help with occasional transportation and minor home repairs. 	Rev. Luis Evardoni admin@stmatthewhou.org 713-466-4030
St. Paul	"St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church is a growing and diverse community with a small parish feel. United in prayer and worship, we reach out to others, leading and serving as one with Christ."	Rev. Alberto Maullon, JR parishadministrator@stpaulcatholic.org 281-333-3891
St. Peter Claver	<i>No website</i>	Rev. Romanus Muonkee spclaver1@aol.com 713-674-3338
St. Peter the Apostle	St. Peters is a family oriented, faith filled parish and has a K-8th grade school. We are located in the Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston near the medical center of Houston. Our parish has daily mass and three weekend masses. Our parish offers opportunities in pastoral and educational ministry for children, youth and adults to enrich the spiritual life of all. The programs and services of	Rev. Emmanuel Esukpa stpetercc@sbcglobal.net 713-747-7800

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	the parish continue to grow to meet the needs of our parishioners and the community. We welcome you to visit us and if you need a parish home, to join us.	
St. Philip Neri	<i>Not listed</i>	Rev. Emmanuel Agbor spn@spnchurch.org 713-734-0320
St. Philip of Jesus	<i>No website</i>	Rev. Jesus Suarez stphilipofjusus@gmail.com 713-672-6141
Juan Marcos Presbyterian Church	<i>No website</i>	Rev Adan Garcia 713-224-2166
ICNA Relief USA Programs **Member of Gulf Coast VOAD	<p>ICNA Relief USA has been an active participant in U.S. disaster response since 2001, and achieved national prominence, particularly in the field of disaster case management, beginning with Hurricane Katrina. The Board and Staff of ICNA Relief were honored to announce that, on May 7, 2012, the National VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster) Board of Directors voted to accept ICNA Relief USA as a new Member. ICNA Relief is now one of only two Muslim disaster response agencies formally recognized and expected to fulfill the expectations of American Muslim community and meet the unmet needs of disaster human service partners, and our friends and neighbors who are impacted disasters.</p> <p>ICNA Relief USA (ICNA Relief) provides domestic disaster relief and social services to underserved populations within the united states. Our clients consist primarily of immigrants and minorities whose access to services has been obstructed by numerous hurdles, including language barriers and cultural misconceptions.</p> <p>ICNA Relief is multicultural community building organization which fulfills basic human needs and provide social services to the underserved. ICNA Relief operates under the principle that all people are created equal, and when given the right tools, will thrive and bring communities. We promote justice by creating the opportunities for the less fortunate to lead healthy and productive lives.</p> <p>Following are ICNA Relief’s programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Disaster Relief • National Crisis Hot-line • Family Support Services • Women Shelter/Temporary Housing • Hunger Prevention • Funeral Services 	Sr. Seemi Bukhari, 832 382-1669 Seemib.tx@icnarelief.org
Jewish Family Services **Member of Gulf Coast VOAD	<p>Jewish Family Service is a non-profit human service agency for people of all ages and all walks of life. Our goal is to provide light, hope and help to individuals struggling with life challenges. JFS’s professional, highly credentialed staff offers mental health and support programs for individuals and families including a specialized program for individuals who suffer from chronic mental illness. JFS also provides senior services and case management, community outreach, social and educational programs, financial assistance programs and volunteer opportunities.</p> <p>From its founding in 1913, Jewish Family Service has provided assistance and professional resources to members of Houston’s Jewish community. Through the years, as our community’s needs have grown, so have our programs and staff. With a focus on strengthening family life, laying the foundation for self-</p>	Linda Burger Executive Director at lburger@jfshouston.org (713) 667-9336 4131 S. Braeswood Blvd. Houston, Texas 77025

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	<p>sufficiency and improving both the social and economic conditions of our clients we serve Houston’s Jewish community as well as the larger community.</p> <p>All fees are affordable and based on a flexible fee scale which takes into account the client’s ability to pay. No client is ever refused quality care due to an inability to pay. Many services are covered by Medicare or private health insurance plans.</p> <p>JFS is a beneficiary of: <input type="checkbox"/> United Way of Greater Houston <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish Federation of Greater Houston.</p> <p>Member of: <input type="checkbox"/> the Association of Jewish Family and Children’s Agencies</p> <p>Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Outreach Services • Community Consultation Services • Counseling For Children • Counseling For Individuals, Couples & Families • Special Needs Resources • Senior Adult Services 	
<p>Lutheran Inter-City Network</p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>LINC Houston is a network of local churches that have joined together in a common mission to impact the city of Houston with the love of Christ.</p> <p>In May 2001, a group of pastors and lay leaders came together to discuss the great opportunities and challenges our church faces in reaching the urban, multi-cultural and ethnic diversity of our city. Out of this meeting a strategic partnership of local congregations was born, the purpose of which was to be a catalyst for creating new ministries in urban Houston and to support urban ministry in existing congregations. LINC Houston is supported by Houston area congregations and the Texas District-LCMS.</p> <p>A Board of Directors provides governance and guidance for the ministry. We in the Houston area recognize that we must not only stem the tide of urban congregation closings but also start new ministries in our most urban areas. Mark Junkans has served as LINC’s Executive Director since we began in 2002.</p> <p>LINC-Houston is a recognized 501(c)3 non-profit organization.</p> <p>LINC Houston is a mission organization that sees the need for new and healthy faith communities across the city among our ethnic and urban neighborhoods. We plant new churches that are self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant and develop new missions across the city among a variety of ethnic groups and communities. • Raise up and equip leaders to plant new missions, evangelize new people groups and minister to the needs of new communities. <p>LINC Community Services, Inc. is a subsidiary of LINC Houston that works for the well-being of the under-resourced communities of Houston. We work to build up communities and individuals through needs based programs that minister to the whole person and work toward building sustainable communities without destroying the dignity of the individual in need.</p> <p>Within LINC’s help network we have the following services available based on funding availability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Distribution • Disaster case management • ESL Classes • Single Family Home Repair • Computer classes • Christian bookstore • Immigration help 	<p>Rev. Ben Gonzales ben@linchouston.org</p> <p>Rev. Mark Junkans Executive Director mjunkans@linchouston.org</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothes Closet (once a month) • Gold card • REEP program (energy saving) • Medical Clinic • Emergency food • CHIP • Prescription discount voucher • Medicaid • Furniture vouchers • Food stamps • Shelter information • Eye glass vouchers • Referrals for different needs • Home Repair for Disaster Victims • Affordable Housing Development <p>LINC's Community Services are funded through individuals, grants and partnerships with local agencies and congregations.</p>	
<p><u>Texas Baptist Men Disaster Relief</u></p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>Texas Baptist Men trains volunteers and coordinates efforts in providing prompt assistance to disaster victims. Texas Baptist Men maintains a fully-equipped mobile disaster relief feeding unit and works to coordinate with the Regional units throughout the state that relate to TBM to provide emergency food services.</p> <p>Disaster assistance is also provided by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile Clean-Out and Chain Saw units • Emergency repair unit • Temporary Emergency Child Care unit • Shower and Laundry units • Mobile Incident Command units and support equipment <p>Texas Baptist Men have been involved in disaster relief in Texas and around the world since 1967. TBM places priority on this ministry to provide quick response and emergency support in times of disaster by providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hot Meals • Drinkable Water • Recovery of Homes • Emergency Repair of Churches • Emergency Child Care services • Shower and Laundry services • Disaster Relief Chaplains and Counselors 	<p>Don Gibson Executive Director Office: 214.275.1111 Cell: 214.232.1856 <u>don.gibson@texasbaptistmen.org</u></p> <p>Gary Smith Disaster Relief Committee Chairman <u>gbstbm@gmail.com</u></p>
<p><u>Texas Conference United Methodist Church/UMCOR</u></p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>The Texas Annual Conference Committee on Relief (TACCOR) coordinates disaster response efforts and trains teams to respond.</p> <p>Disaster Management in Texas: First, the face changed with the development of the Texas Department of Emergency Management. Now, the body is following suit with state encouragement of its counties to promote partnerships prior to a disaster. Most Texas counties are rural and cannot support personnel in their Office of Emergency Management to handle a large scale disaster. This has always resulted in help arriving well after the disaster was underway. With TXCUMC and our other non-profit partners preparing for response and recovery missions on a year round basis, the state is pushing county governments to engage and develop a working relationship among all these stakeholders.</p> <p>The Methodist Church has always been a leader in disaster response in Texas and we are positioned to continue this effort well into the future. TACCOR, your emergency management committee, is prepared to invest time and effort to be a part of these proceedings. However, the largest interruption of information flow has always been between the state and county levels sometimes preventing us from knowing about these meetings. Therefore, we ask that any</p>	<p>DeWitt Cox Disaster Response Coordinator <u>dewittcox3@gmail.com</u>.</p>

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	<p>of our churches that become aware of county efforts to organize with nongovernment support organizations, please let us know. We encourage our individual churches, congregations and pastors to get connected so, we have no intention of stepping in and leaving you out. Disaster Response has become a big enterprise and we don't want our churches to get run over or pushed aside.</p>	
Racial/Ethnic Group Organizations		
<p><u>Alliance for Multicultural Community Services</u></p>	<p>AMCS's mission is to provide comprehensive services to refugees, immigrants and low-income residents of Harris County in order to enhance the process of their cultural adjustment and economic self-sufficiency. These services are delivered in a manner that is linguistically and culturally appropriate and are designed to empower individuals, families and communities to succeed. Over the past 25 years, AMCS's programs have included Refugee Employment, Refugee Resettlement, Refugee Case Management, Community Employment and Training, Youth Empowerment Programs, IDA, Micro-enterprise programs Refugee Transportation Program, Immigration Counseling, Interpretation, and Health Education and Advocacy Services to over 90,000 refugees, immigrants and low-income citizens.</p> <p>The goal of Social and Educational Services is to encourage and facilitate the early and long-term economic independence of newly arrived refugees. Program services are made possible through funding from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs. Services include:</p> <p>The goal of Case Management program is to provide social and emergency services to clients in order to help them navigate the complex United States health and social service systems and make informed decisions concerning their multiple needs. Program services are made possible through funding from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, USDHHS-ORR, ECDC, and Office of Minority Health.</p> <p>Case Management services include planning for and implementing an array of support services such as: referral for health care, child care, housing, utilities assistance, language and vocational training, family wellness training, employment, subsidies for various needs, nutrition assistance and other needs as they arise.</p> <p>Transportation and interpreter/translation assistance to help clients access and utilize services in culturally and linguistically appropriate manners.</p>	<p>Amir Baharati</p> <p>Maliha Imami Director of Health & Case Management <u>mimami@allianceontheweb.org</u></p>
<p><u>NAACP</u></p>	<p>The NAACP Houston Branch is a non-profit agency supported primarily by funds generated from membership as well as corporate and individual contributions. The Branch has been experiencing tremendous growth in recent years. As a result of the change in its administrative capacity, operational budgets have also changed tremendously from year to year. The NAACP Houston Branch serves the Harris County area through its programs and myriad of committees made up of its dedicated staff and volunteer members. Led by an Executive Committee of approximately 25 volunteers, there are approximately 1500 members in the Houston Branch.</p>	<p>Sharonda Wright Director of Health Programs <u>sharonda@naacphouston.org</u></p>
<p><u>Asian American Health Coalition</u></p>	<p>The Asian American Health Coalition (AAHC) of the Greater Houston Area is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health of all Asian Americans in Houston by increasing access to health care and through population-specific health promotion and health education projects.</p> <p>Our goals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To advocate for a linguistically and culturally competent health care system • Provide health promotion, education and information/referral services • Advocate on behalf of Asian American health issues • Sustain a network of Asian American healthcare providers, and advocates • Maintain a database of information on Asian American health data and resources • Be inclusive of all Asian American groups <p>The Committee on Health shall:</p> <p>1. Work to promote, protect and maintain the health of African Americans;</p>	<p>Shri Rai Program Manager <u>srai@hopechc.org</u></p>

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	<p>2. Access the health needs of the community;</p> <p>3. Advocate for equal access to health education, care, treatment and research for all Americans;</p> <p>4. Sponsor health-related activities such as health forums, fairs, and workshops highlighting issues of importance to people of color; and</p> <p>5. Support health initiatives of the Association.</p>	
<p>Houston Area Urban League</p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>Established in 1910, The Urban League is the nation's oldest and largest community based movement devoted to empowering African Americans to enter the economic and social mainstream. Today, the National Urban League, headquartered in New York City, spearheads the non-partisan efforts of its local affiliates. The mission of the Houston Area Urban League is to enable African Americans and other minorities to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights.</p> <p>The Houston Area Urban League (HAUL) was organized in June, 1968 as a nonprofit 501(c)3 agency. Affiliated with the United Way and National Urban League, HAUL advocates for and provides social services to disadvantaged people of all races, gender, age groups and or disabilities. HAUL operates the following five (5) programs targeting residents in economically disadvantaged geographic areas in the Greater Houston areas: Education and Youth Development; Workforce and Economic Development; Workforce Training; Housing; and Health and Wellness Initiatives. At the end of the year, 2010, these programs achieved the following outcomes.</p> <p>The Houston Area Urban League offers a wide variety of services and outreach initiatives fulfilling its mission through direct service delivery in the following:</p> <p>Housing and Social Services Education Support Services Facility Services Health Initiatives Workforce Development Services Workforce Training Services</p>	<p>Contact: Catherine Shackelford 713-393-8775 Houston Area Urban League 1301 Texas Avenue Houston, Texas 77002</p> <p>MaryAnn Welch Director of Health and Wellness mawelch@haul.org</p>
<p>Boat People SOS</p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>We're proud to serve the Houston Vietnamese-American community and beyond, and grateful that we have so many great partners, funders, and leaders working with us. Please have a look below at our programs and services. If something interests you, give us a call or send an email to learn more about how to become involved or get support. There are many ways to receive assistance – or give it! We are always looking for more leaders to strengthen our ties to the community.</p> <p>With teams of qualified staff and passionate volunteers operating in 17 office locations across the United States and internationally, we empower individuals, strengthen families, and build communities through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Services • Advocacy • Community Organizing & Development • Media • Research <p>From rescuing boat people on the high seas to protecting workers' rights to training refugees with citizenship lessons and life skills to providing Katrina and Ike victims with relief services, BPSOS is on the ground every day.</p>	<p>Trish Thao Nguyen Senior Branch Manager, BPSOS-Houston (281) 530-6888 11360 Bellaire Blvd., Ste 910 Houston, TX 77072</p>
<p>Chinese Community Center</p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>The Mission of the Chinese Community Center is "to bridge East and West by enriching families with educational, cultural, and social service programs."</p> <p>The Chinese Community Center is a comprehensive social service community center in Southwest Houston, Texas, that provides support programs to a diverse population. The Center conducts educational and social service programs that help new immigrants settle into their new communities and acculturate, gain personal independence and economic self-sufficiency and quickly become able participants and productive, contributing members of American society. The Center strives to meet the evolving needs of the community through culturally competent and affordable social service</p>	<p>Chi-Mei Lin, Executive Director Chinese Community Center 9800 Town Park Houston, Texas 77036 713-271-6100 info@ccc-houston.org</p>

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	<p>programs and administrative support, and providing multi-purpose facilities for local service organizations and community members.</p> <p>Our key initiatives include youth programs that provide quality childcare, after school, summer camp, language, and leadership activities for over 1,000 participants aged 1-year to 18-years old. Our adult education programs aim to equip immigrants with skills to succeed in the workforce, through year-round English classes, citizenship classes, specialized job training, financial education, homebuyer education and other courses. Our senior programs provide access to employment, social services, health promotion, and social activities. Community and cultural programs provide language, cultural, enrichment and recreational opportunities for youth, adults, and the whole family.</p>	
<p>Taiwan Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation USA</p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>The Tzu Chi Southern Regional office is located in southwest Houston's Chinatown. Modeled after the Jing Si Hall in Hualien, the building is located on over four acres between an office building and a retirement home. Open in November, 1996, the building is an outstanding example of Chinese architecture in the United States. Members strive to promote Tzu Chi's four missions and eight footprints: Charity, Medicine, Education, Humanistic Culture, Bone Marrow Donation, Environmental Protection, Community Volunteerism, and International Relief.</p> <p>Mission and Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Charitable and food bank services in conjunction with Interfaith Ministries 2.Support for international students and families 3.Regular home visits and care for the injured and those in need 4.Support for cancer patients receiving treatment in Houston 5.Blessings to the departed and consolation for their families 6.Group activities for those living alone 7.Regular visits to nursing homes to care for residents 8.Garage sales and car washes to raise funds for charity 9.Discussion groups for families with special needs 10.International refugee relief services 11.Happy Campus Program (HCP) school supply distributions for students from low-income families 12.Scholarships for qualifying high school students from low-income families 13.Holiday meals for the homeless <p>International Disaster Relief:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fundraising and volunteering in Central and South America disaster relief 2. Distribution of over \$5 million to survivors of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita 3. Efficient and effective local disaster relief with Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) and state emergency management agencies. 	<p>SOUTHERN REGION 6200 Corporate Dr., Houston, TX 77036 Tel: 713-270-9988 / Fax: 713-981-9008</p>
<p>Gujarati Samaj of Houston</p>	<p>Founded in 1979,GSH organizes educational and cultural activities to promote the Indian heritage, and is registered as a Nonprofit organization under 501(C)(3)</p>	<p>Niranjan Patel President 281-630-3875 nsp752@gmail.com</p>
<p>DAYA</p>	<p>DAYA promotes healthy family relationships in the South-Asian community by providing services that include counseling, referrals, legal advocacy, and financial support to women and children affected by family violence and sexual assault. Daya also promotes awareness on topics relevant to the welfare of South Asian families through educational seminars, publications, and outreach events.</p> <p>Family Resources related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --emergency, crisis and domestic violence; --job finding and job training, --parenting classes; --legal organizations 	<p>Abhilasha Vineet Community Development Coordinator abhilasha@dayahouston.org</p>
<p>Native American Health Coalition</p>	<p>NAHC was started by a group of Native Americans living in Houston, TX concerned about the quality of healthcare and healthcare services available to Native Americans in and referred to the Texas Medical Center (TMC). If you are Native American and coming to Houston for health care, please contact NAHC with any questions you may have. The NAHC can provide information, directions, maps and suggestions. NAHC is currently seeking TMC collaborators</p>	<p>Deborah Scott, MPH Chair of the Board dscott@nativeamericanhealthcoalition.org</p>

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	<p>and corporate sponsors to help us achieve our goals.</p> <p>Our Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish a health clinic to serve the healthcare needs of the Houston area Native American population. • To provide information to improve the quality of health and healthcare for Native Americans in Texas and visiting the Texas Medical Center. • To develop a Texas Medical Center Navigation Program to assist Native American patients and their families during the duration of their medical care. • To provide housing information for Native American patients and their families receiving treatment at the Texas Medical Center <p>Resources/Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographic data collection to support needs assessment • Diabetes Management • Prescription Assistance Programs and Drug Discount Cards 	
Non-profit / Service Organizations		
<p><u>The Women's Home</u></p>	<p>The Women’s Home is a multi-ethnic, non-denominational, non-profit United Way agency. Founded in Houston in 1957, The Home’s reputation has grown alongside its facilities in both size and stature.</p> <p>The Women’s Home offers women an 18-month residential program that focuses on building the skills and self-confidence necessary to overcome mental illness and addiction and achieve self-sufficient living. The program is divided into three phases, each tailored to provide the support a woman needs at each step on her path to healing.</p>	<p>Paula Paust Director <u>ppaust@thewomenshome.org</u></p>
<p><u>Community Associations Institute</u></p>	<p>Our membership includes community association volunteers, professional community managers and business partners who provide services to community associations. We provide education and networking opportunities to our members so that we may maintain and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods.</p> <p>CAI is the only national organization dedicated to fostering vibrant, responsive, competent community associations. Our mission is to assist community associations in promoting harmony, community and responsible leadership.</p> <p>We believe that by giving board members, managers and business partners the knowledge they need to better run their associations, they can turn "owners" into "neighbors," increasing harmony and leading to more prosperous, safer communities.</p>	<p>Stephanie Ferrante Chapter Executive Director <u>stephanie@caihouston.org</u></p>
<p><u>Houston Center for Independent Living</u></p>	<p>"HCIL, BCCIL and FBCIL promote the full inclusion, equal opportunity and participation of persons with disabilities in every aspect of community life. We believe that people with disabilities have the right to make choices affecting their lives, a right to take risks, a right to fail, and a right to succeed." Programs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and Referral • Peer Support • Individual and Systems Advocacy • Independent Living Skills Training • Coordination of Services 	<p>Tony Koosis ILS Program Director <u>tony@hcil.cc</u></p>
<p><u>Greater Houston Neighborhood Associations</u></p>	<p>Greater Houston Neighborhood Associations is a broad-based educational organization, comprised of three types of member groups, the primary group being residential subdivisions. GHNATexas serves as an information and referral center to build communication networks across subdivisions within our membership area. Members, in turn, provide information and feed back to GHNATexas about local neighborhood issues and other community concerns. Through the exchange of ideas and knowledge of the facts, GHNATexas contributes to better planning and decision-making within our communities</p> <p><i>Mission:</i> To serve as the steward to preserve, protect, and improve neighborhood integrity throughout the communities of Harris County, Texas,</p>	<p>Susan Hill <u>shill@hhcllp.com</u></p>

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	<p>and surrounding areas.</p> <p>GHNATexas dedicates its resources to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide education, training and information to those who serve as leaders and volunteers of neighborhood associations to enable them to carry out their duties knowledgeably, fairly, efficiently and responsibly. • Advocate rational public policies and legislation that both balance the rights of the individual and support the power and authority of community associations and similar neighborhood-based organizations to act properly to protect the rights and interests of all their members. • Communicate to the public the vital contributions strong, vibrant neighborhood associations provide towards achieving the highest quality of life, encouraging civic participation, and safeguarding our investment. 	
<p>AIDS Foundation Houston</p>	<p>AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. (AFH) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation founded in 1982 as Texas' first organization dedicated to HIV prevention education and services. Our mission is to create positive social impact through the innovative management of HIV/AIDS and other chronic diseases. In 2002, the board of directors adopted the following vision statement:</p> <p>AFH values and respects each person's uniqueness and embraces the philosophy of equality in serving individuals and families in a non-discriminatory manner, in collaboration with clients, organizations, and funding partners. AFH endeavors to meet the needs of its clients through the design, implementation, and evaluation of globally significant programs. With innovative programs in education, disease prevention, and client services, AFH strives to eradicate HIV/AIDS and other chronic illnesses.</p> <p>Following are examples of programs of the Foundation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) - Assists low-income People Living with HIV/AIDS with rental assistance, intensive case management and home visits to help individuals and families prevent homelessness. • Short Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance (STRMU). • Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) - Assists People Living with HIV/AIDS and their families avert homelessness each year by offering rental subsidy. • Food Pantry Assistance Stone Soup Food Assistance Program - Provides nutritious non-perishable food items for People Living with HIV/AIDS. 	<p>Stephan White Program Manager whites@afhouston.org</p>
<p>Legacy Community Health Services</p>	<p>Legacy Community Health Services is a full-service, Community Health Center that provides comprehensive, primary healthcare services to all Houstonians in a culturally sensitive, judgment-free and confidential environment. Legacy has specialized in HIV/AIDS testing, education, treatment and social services since the early 1980s. We also provide care for other chronic health conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure. Generous financial support from individuals, businesses and charitable foundations allows Legacy to provide no-cost or low-cost healthcare services to nearly 40,000 men, women and children each year. Following are services provided by Legacy Community Health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical/Eye/Dental Care Services • Psychiatric Services • HIV/AIDS Services • Wellness Services 	<p>Richard Beech Chief Medical Officer rbeech@legacycommunityhealth.org</p>
<p>Saint Hope Foundation</p>	<p>We strive to deliver the highest quality of care by positioning ourselves to positively shape the long-term health of our community. This vision will be achieved by the outcomes across these key horizons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Prevention and Care – Ensure best prevention and health outcomes are achieved for every person we render services to within our system • Continuous Prevention and Care – Improve or sustain the health of our clients to their full potential and optimal quality of life • Overall Prevention and Care – Advocate for the long-term health of all clients we serve and the elimination of health disparity within our community 	<p>Mika Sam-Cooper Program Manager mika@offeringhope.org</p> <p>Rodney Goodie Executive Director Rodney@offeringhope.org</p>

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	<p>Following are the service lines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Care – Infectious Disease Medical Care – Primary Care Medical Care – OB/Gyn Care Medical Care – Psychiatry Medical Care – Medical Case Management Dental Care (Rural) – General Dentistry / Endodontics Specialty Prevention Education – Targeted Evidenced Based Interventions Prevention – HIV/STD Testing Prevention – Routine Wellness Screenings Clinical Research Specialty 340B Pharmacy – ADAP enrolled Medical Transportation 	
<p>Bering Omega Community Services</p>	<p>The work of Bering Omega Community Services began in 1986 thanks to the tremendous efforts of volunteers from Christ Church Cathedral and Bering Memorial United Methodist Church. The Bering Community Service Foundation and Omega House were established to address the staggering challenges posed by a completely new and frightening epidemic. These agencies were created to provide compassionate care to people living with HIV/AIDS virus and to their loved ones. Since its inception, Bering Omega has grown and evolved to meet the changing needs of our community. Today, there are four core programs available to our clients. They consist of an oral health program, housing assistance program, day treatment program and Omega House, our residential hospice. With these services our goal is to bridge the gaps in care for low income individuals by providing compassionate care in a client-centered environment to as many HIV/AIDS affected people as our size and resources permit.</p>	<p>Sandy Stacy Director of Nursing sstacy@beringomega.org</p>
<p>Star of Hope Mission</p>	<p>Star of Hope is a Christ-centered community dedicated to meeting the needs of homeless men, women and their children. Positive life changes are encouraged through structured programs which focus on spiritual growth, education, employment, life management and recovery from substance abuse.</p> <p>We are funded through public and private donations, the United Way, churches, civic/community groups, corporations, grants and foundations. In addition, we are assisted by more than 11,000 volunteers. On any given day, there are approximately one thousand homeless men, women and children being helped at the Men’s Development Center, the Women and Family Emergency Shelter, the Transitional Living Center for Women & Families and New Horizons. The key to the success of Star of Hope Mission is its comprehensive approach to addressing the diverse issues, both immediate and long term, that impact homeless individuals and families. This model of compassionate, purposeful outreach, coupled with community partners and donors, creates an environment in which lives are transformed and people are inspired to rise above poverty, set meaningful, measurable goals for independence and achieve them.</p> <p>Services at a Glance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Development Curriculum • Personal Development Curriculum • Spiritual Life Program • Computer Learning Centers • Counseling • Emergency Walk-in Center • Health Clinics • New Hope Substance Abuse Recovery • On-Site Day Care • Parenting Classes • Partnerships with Other Agencies 	<p>Roz Yoder Recruiting Coordinator ryoder@sohmission.org</p>
<p>Houston Area Community Services</p>	<p>Houston Area Community Services (established 1998) is a not-for-profit enterprise that provides affordable, quality medical care, pharmacy, behavioral health, and support services to individuals and families residing in Harris County and surrounding areas.</p> <p>The Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) designates the agency as a Federally Qualified Healthcare Center (FQHC). This designation allows HACS to provide all healthcare services on a sliding scale fee basis to assist individuals and families who experience a financial hardship. Following are services</p>	<p>Joe Fuentes CEO Houston Area Community Services jfuentes@hacstxs.org</p>

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	<p>provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Practice • OB/GYN • Internal Medicine • Pharmacy • Pediatrics • Behavioral Health Services 	
<p>Montrose Counseling Center</p>	<p>Mission: MCC empowers our community, primarily gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals and their families, to enjoy healthier and more fulfilling lives by providing culturally affirming and affordable behavioral health and prevention services.</p> <p>Vision: We envision a healthier society marked by permanent, positive changes in attitudes and behaviors toward GLBT communities, and the ability of all GLBT individuals to realize their fullest potential.</p> <p>Programs & Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment • HIV/AIDS • Prevention • Crisis Intervention • Community Building • Youth • Seniors 	<p>Ann Robinson Executive Director ajr@montrosecounselingcenter.org</p>
<p>Avance</p>	<p>Founded in Texas, AVANCE works with poor and marginalized communities to promote better parenting, school readiness, literacy, health and personal development. In short, we help our participants move from historic cycles of poverty and illiteracy to a future of opportunity and economic prosperity.</p> <p>Mission: Unlocking America’s potential by strengthening families in at-risk communities through effective parent education and support programs. We do this by enhancing parenting skills, promoting family literacy and providing early childhood development programs. The AVANCE program nurtures the optimal development of children by focusing on their educational success, and fostering the personal and economic success of their families.</p> <p>Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Literacy: Computer literacy; ESL; GED • Early Childhood Education: Head Start; The Colonias Project • Family Education and Support Services: Fatherhood; CEP English; Hispanic Health Marriage Initiative • Parent and Child Education 	<p>Antoinette Montgomery Head Start Director amontgomery@avancehouston.org</p> <p>Laurie Brown Health Specialist lbrown@avancehouston.org</p>
<p>Greater Houston LULAC Council</p>	<p>The Mission of the League of United Latin American Citizens is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, housing, health and civil rights of the Hispanic population of the Greater Houston Area.</p> <p>What we are most concerned about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic condition: We continue to strive to move the majority of our people from the poverty ranks and into the middle class. • Educational attainment: An education is the most important gift a parent can give a child, next to their name. An education is the great equalizer. We are better prepared to compete against other Americans for well paying jobs. • Political influence: Voting rights were hard fought for many years ago. We continue to strive to help everyone register to vote and then to actually vote. Voting means you have a chair at the table were decisions are made about you and your children's future. • Housing: The family home is of significant importance to our population. Everything centers around the kitchen table. Brick and 	<p>Augustin Pinedo President Agustin_p2@yahoo.com</p>

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	<p>lumber do not make a home, the people in it do.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health: What is wealth without Health? Our population suffers from many illnesses needlessly. With proper preventive measures our lives are enriched greatly. • Civil Rights: Gone are the signs that read "No Mexicans". But, even today the ignorant still find ways to attempt to hurt our people. We stand as a protector of the weak and voiceless. 	
<p><u>Northwest Assistance Ministries</u></p>	<p>NAM is a nonprofit, community-based, multi-program social service agency that strives to supply basic human needs through neighbors helping neighbors.</p> <p>Mission: To strive to meet basic human needs through Neighbors Helping Neighbors. NAM’s vision, grounded in our mission and true to our values, is a community in which Neighbors care for Neighbors through our collaborative effort with area congregations, community partners, donors and volunteers. Resources are pooled and leveraged to meet basic needs and to help individuals regain their self-sufficiency, thereby creating a safer and more stable community for all.</p> <p>The Shelter and Energy Assistance program (SEA) has two components. One is to prevent homelessness by assisting families with rent or mortgage funds and energy-related issues. The second component is a comprehensive program assisting already homeless families with the transition to self-sufficiency.</p> <p>As part of the Assistance Program, the Food Pantry ensures that no neighbor leaves hungry. Volunteers work to sort donations, stock shelves and fill grocery bags with nutritious foods.</p> <p>The Food Pantry receives donations from area markets, congregations, businesses, schools, community groups, families and individuals. Cash donations help the Food Pantry purchase bulk foods at wholesale cost. Last year, the Food Pantry provided 12,906 grocery orders for well-balanced meals to over 50,000 people.</p> <p>NAM's Children's Clinic offers quality medical care to infants and children through age 18 for families who have Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or who are uninsured. The Clinic provides a full range of services, from preventative care to acute care.</p>	<p>Becky Landes Vice President of Program Services <u>rlandes@namonline.org</u></p> <p>Tuesday Coffman Children’s Clinic Director Northwest Assistance Ministries <u>tcoffman@namonline.org</u></p>
<p><u>Target Hunger</u></p>	<p>Target Hunger, a United Way agency, was founded in 1989 as a grassroots, community-based program to fight the increasing hunger problem within Houston’s inner city neighborhoods. Community leaders such as the late congressman Mickey Leland and Pete Van Horn, along with others from the United Way, helped to form the Select Committee on Hunger to examine the issue of hunger in Houston. They found an area of town where the needs of the hungry were not being met, and Target Hunger was formed.</p> <p>We provide a holistic approach to hunger relief. Our agency focuses on rebuilding and strengthening family units by empowering our clients to become self-sufficient through our programs. Target Hunger currently offers the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition Classes • Education / Literacy Programs • GED / ESL Classes • Self-Esteem Classes • Youth Development 	<p>Lynette Hooper Program Manager <u>lynette.hooper@targethunger.org</u></p>
<p><u>SETRAC</u></p>	<p>The SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC) was organized under the authority of the Texas Department of Health which was instructed by the 1989 Omnibus Rural Health Care Rescue Act. SETRAC is one of 22 regional advisory councils (RAC) currently functioning within the State of Texas. SETRAC is a 501(C3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization.</p> <p>The primary function of the SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council is to provide stakeholder support through planning, facilitation, operations and the provision of technical assistance to the healthcare community for preparedness, trauma, stroke, cardiac care and pediatrics’ services. SETRAC is the administrator of federal and state grant money for its stakeholders.</p>	<p>Lauri Upton SETRAC Preparedness Coordinator <u>Lauri.Upton@setrac.org</u> 281-822-4444</p> <p>Russell Kaiser Director of Preparedness <u>russell.kaiser@setrac.org</u> 760-401-5630</p>

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	<p>SETRAC prepares our nine county regions for manmade or natural emergencies, disasters and mass casualty events. Trauma, stroke, cardiac and pediatric service lines focus on establishing protocols and standards of care to deliver our community the appropriate care through the appropriate facilities with the appropriate care givers.</p> <p>Preparedness Initiatives:</p> <p>ASPR 11 Hospital/Public Health Planning Resources Healthcare Partners National Disaster Medical System/NDMS Reference Documents Training Visual Asset Manager Archives</p>	
<p>Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>The Texas Gulf Coast Regional (TGCR) VOAD is a consortium of recognized voluntary organizations active in disaster relief. Its mission is to foster more effective service to people affected by disasters. VOADs support and facilitate the delivery of disaster services by their members. They do not themselves deliver response and recovery services. Member organizations support the efforts of federal, state, and local agencies and governments.</p> <p>TGCR VOAD bases its mission on these four values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperation. By this we mean that we need each other, that no member organization has all the answers for the challenges we face. We treat members as partners. • Communication. Here we mean the regular sharing of information about our member organizations—their capacities, accomplishments, and commitments. We try to maintain good channels for sharing information, listen carefully to each other, and deal openly with concerns. • Coordination. We commit ourselves to work together and not competitively toward our goal of effective service to disaster victims. We seek to match services to need. Through planning and preparation, we equip our organizations to behave in a coordinated fashion in time of disaster. • Collaboration. We dedicate ourselves to work together to achieve specific goals and to undertake specific projects at disaster sites. We form partnerships during the disaster response. <p>The TGCR VOAD consist of non profits that have a role in long term recovery in the Greater Houston Area.</p>	
<p>American Red Cross Greater Houston</p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>The Greater Houston Area Chapter provides services to Harris County, as well as 10 other counties. Collectively, our jurisdiction is home to more than 6 million people. Annually, the American National Red Cross responds to over 70,000 disasters, including house or apartment fires, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, hazardous materials spills, transportation accidents, explosions, and other natural and man-made disasters. Locally, the chapter responds to a home fire every 18 hours, with the help of our Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) volunteers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.</p>	<p>Tim Kidwell, Sr. Director for Regional Planning and Response tkidwell@ghac.org 713-526-8300</p>
<p>Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol</p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>BACODA is this light at the end of the tunnel and we invite you to come in and share. Share your fears, your concerns, your dreams, and your goals. Our mission is to provide the leadership and clinical expertise to prevent our children from using drugs; to help people who are addicted, recover, and to protect our families and communities from the dangers of addiction. We are here to assist you every step of the way.</p> <p>We believe in community, family, friends, and service. More importantly, we believe in you and the positive changes our education can help you make in your life and in the lives of all you care about.</p> <p>At any given moment, you have the ability to redirect your life, to live again. The choice is up to you. So, take the time to make the difference, and BACODA will always make the time for you.</p>	<p>Brazoria County Community Coalition Carie.Fletcher@bacoda.com</p> <p>Galveston County Community Coalition, Galveston CCP@bacoda.com</p> <p>South East Harris County Community Coalition vanessa.ayala@bacoda.com</p>

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	<p>We thank you for stopping in with us, and hope that you will find our site informative, helpful, and enjoyable. If you have any questions please contact us.</p> <p>Our Community Based Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessments & Screenings • Outreach • Referrals • Brief Motivational Counseling • Intervention • Drug Testing • Community Coalitions • BACODA Business Assistance Program • Drug Free Business-Bay Area • Youthworks 	
<p>Coalition for the Homeless</p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>The Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to lead development and implementation of community strategies to prevent and end homeless.</p> <p>The Goals of the Coalition include, but are not limited to, establishing, maintaining, and providing assistance to those entities that serve the needs of people who are homeless. The Coalition does so through advocacy, education, information exchange, collection of current and accurate data relevant to homeless issues, identification of gaps in homeless services and development of solutions to meet those needs, coordination of public and private resources, and dissemination of information and referral sources to those who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of a housing emergency.</p> <p>Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Voicemail: The Houston Community Voice Mail Program provides FREE voice mail service to people without phones seeking jobs, housing, health care, safety, and stability. • Homeless Court: Homeless Court (HC) is a special Court session for homeless defendants to resolve outstanding misdemeanor offenses and warrants within the City of Houston’s Municipal Courts. HC builds on partnerships between the court, local shelters, and service agencies. It works to resolve the problems that homelessness presents with practical solutions. Initial referrals to HC originate in shelters and service agencies. Referrals are submitted to the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County. Court staff pulls dockets, and court dates are set by the presiding judge. HC is designed for efficiency. 	<p>Connie Boyd President and CEO cboyd@homelesshouston.org 832-531-6007</p> <p>Gary Grier Community Engagement Director ggrier@homelesshouston.org</p> <p>Scot More Community Resources Manager smore@homelesshouston.org</p>
<p>FOCUS Humanitarian Assistance</p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>Focus Humanitarian Assistance (FOCUS) is an international group of agencies established in Europe, North America, South and Central Asia to complement the provision of emergency relief, principally in the developing world. It helps people in need reduce their dependence on humanitarian aid and facilitates their transition to sustainable self-reliant, long-term development. Focus Humanitarian Assistance is an affiliate of the AKDN. Founded in 1994 by the Ismaili Muslim community under the guidance of His Highness the Aga Khan, FOCUS has offices in Europe, North America, South and Central Asia. It has worked largely in South and Central Asia and Africa, but has also operated in a number of other locations, including the Middle East.</p> <p>FOCUS's affiliation with the AKDN enables smooth transitions from disaster assistance to long-term development. FOCUS also works with numerous like-minded agencies and donor partners, including government, multi-lateral and bi-lateral agencies, as well as corporations that share an interest in helping affected communities reduce their dependence on humanitarian assistance and facilitating the transition to self-reliance. Please see our Partners page for a list for partners. FOCUS’ expertise ranges from providing relief and assistance following landslides, earthquakes, cyclones, floods and disease epidemics. It has also undertaken successful resettlement programmes for displaced families and extended relief and recovery support for communities making the transition to development.</p> <p>In addition, FOCUS has over a decade’s expertise in fostering disaster-resilient communities and developing methods and training for disaster risk management, from natural hazard risk assessment to mitigation and preparedness in some of the world’s most challenging terrain, including the</p>	<p>FOCUS USA 1700 FIRST COLONY BLVD SUITE 300 SUGAR LAND TX, 77479 Tel: +1 800 423 7972 Fax: +1 866 716 8673 E-mail: focususa@focushumanitarian.org Web: www.akdn.org/focus</p>

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	<p>mountains of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Tajikistan and the coastal plains of the Indian subcontinent. Over the last decade, FOCUS has been working in Afghanistan, East Timor, India, Mozambique, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Zanzibar. Some of FOCUS' recent endeavors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Asia Earthquake: Responding to emergency needs, providing shelter, food and medicines to isolated and vulnerable communities affected by the earthquake in both Indian- and Pakistani-administered Kashmir • USA - Hurricane Rita and Katrina: Assisting in the relief efforts providing medical aid, clothing and facilitating access to state services • Indian Ocean Tsunami: Providing relief and recovery programmes to communities affected by the 2004 tsunami in Andhra Pradesh, India • Afghanistan: Providing emergency relief in transit camps and, later, assisting returnees from Pakistan secure shelter and means of earning a livelihood • Tajikistan: Undertaking detailed hazard vulnerability assessments and natural hazard mitigation projects • Pakistan: Establishing Community Emergency Response Teams, training volunteers in disaster risk management and establishing community stockpiles • Afghanistan: Delivering food aid programmes in Afghanistan which combined food aid with the rehabilitation of schools, infrastructure and health clinics • Madagascar: Providing assistance to communities when it was hit by a severe cyclone • Mozambique: Delivering emergency humanitarian aid following severe flooding to over 30,000 refugees by supplying food, medicines, boats and essential commodities. 	
<p><u>Gateway to Care</u></p>	<p>Gateway to Care is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that each resident of the Harris County / Greater Houston area has access to affordable and accessible healthcare. Operating as a "Collaborative" of over 165 member and affiliated organizations who work together to coordinate resources and streamline healthcare services in the local community, the Gateway to Care Collaborative is responsible for bringing in over \$77 million in health care resources and improving the health lives of over 100,000 individuals and families since 2000.</p> <p>Mission: To facilitate access to adequate healthcare for uninsured and underinsured persons in the Harris County service region by establishing a mechanism for healthcare agencies, coalitions, funding entities and advocacy groups to coordinate common administrative and service delivery activities to provide a seamless service delivery system.</p> <p>Vision: 100% access to healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured residents of Harris County, Texas.</p> <p>Accomplishments to Date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 new Federally Qualified Health Centers and a total of 33 clinics serving the Harris County Region. • 24/7 nurse triage phone system. In 2009, the Ask Your Nurse Hotline is estimated to have saved the local healthcare system \$4.4 million. • Establishment and usage of community health workers [or navigators] in hospitals, clinics, and community organizations. • The creation of a Provider Health Network to provide pro bono specialty care. <p>The Gateway to Care Collaborative has shaped a unified voice for healthcare needs in the Harris County Region, resulting in more than \$77 million of additional healthcare funding to the region, and creating a base for advocacy.</p> <p>The Gateway to Care Collaborative was formed to address the crushing burden that the high rate of uninsured was presenting to the health of the community. A core objective of the Collaborative is to overcome the fragmentation and competition that characterized relationships among regional healthcare providers. Because of these competitive and fragmented relationships, the</p>	<p>Dick Nye Navigation Services Coordinator <u>dnye@gatewaytocare.org</u></p>

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	<p>Greater Houston area was frequently losing out on state and federal grant dollars as well as support from national foundations. The Collaborative has established a foundation for more cooperative relationships among partners. Today, Gateway to Care is collaboration of over 165 member and affiliated organizations which have found power and success in working together.</p> <p>Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Navigation Services:</u> Gateway to Care uses the term Health Service Systems Navigator [Navigator] to describe this function to our diverse community. Navigators help people find and understand how to use a Health Home and their role in the management of their health. Navigators perform a combination of services associated with case management such as outreach, eligibility determination, health promotion, referral, advocacy, and facilitation of service coordination. Navigators increase access to healthcare by providing cultural linkages between communities and healthcare providers. Navigators reduce the cost of healthcare by helping people obtain healthcare services at the lowest level of care, improving quality of care through services that promote health and prevent disease, and enable better communication between patient and provider. • <u>Training and Education:</u> Gateway to Care provides several coordinated health training programs to assist the community in better health management. Our programs consist of: • <u>Community Health Worker Training Institute:</u> Gateway to Care Training Institute provides training for Community Health Workers. • <u>“Caring for the Caregiver” Education and Training Program</u> • <u>Disaster Preparedness and Public Health Training</u> • <u>Provider Health Network:</u> The Provider Health Network is a program that began facilitating specialty care services to eligible residents in the Greater Houston area in November 2005. The PHN is based on a national model called <i>Project Access</i>, where a network of physicians and other healthcare providers have agreed to see a limited and defined number of low income, uninsured patients annually, on a pro-bono basis. This program aims to improve the health of our community by connecting individuals who do not have insurance coverage and are at or below 150% of the federal poverty level to specialty care. Enrolled patients have access to specialty care providers through a referral process and care coordination, as well as prescription medications, labs, radiology, and other services at no or very low cost. • <u>Medical Reserve Corps:</u> The Medical Reserve Corps is a volunteer organization of healthcare professionals and others who help meet medical needs in times of disasters or public health crisis. The mission of the MRC is to improve the health and safety of our community by training and organizing public health, medical and other volunteers to be part of our local government disaster response and relief efforts. During past disasters, we have: staffed medical special needs shelters after hurricanes, helped deliver Meals on Wheels to medically fragile elderly and provided a quick health check to make sure that they had all the resources required to meet their medical needs, augmented hospital and clinic staff, and provided assistance at City of Houston and Harris County hurricane shelters. Other MRC non-disaster activities have included participating in a one-day free clinic at Reliant Center, providing clinical support to the National Kidney Foundation’s free kidney screenings and providing over 100 non-clinical volunteers for the City of Houston’s H1N1 flu vaccination clinics. • <u>Community Health Center Support:</u> Community Health Center Development provides additional valuable services to include assisting clinics with day-to-day operation functions; FQHC and Community Health Center policies and procedures; assist with recognizing and removing institutional obstacles to provide access to high quality of healthcare, ensuring all users of the BCA-CMA software system are fully trained and by preparing monthly management reports. These customer-specific numeric and graphic reports help you interpret what 	

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	<p>is happening your clinic, identify ways to solve problems and improve profitability.</p>	
<p><u>HELP Foundation</u> **Member of the Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>The HELP Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 organization supporting several focus areas. The organization was formed to assist clients with enhancing and understanding their roles during disasters. It provides a service not driven by profit or hourly rates. The non-profit approach is a result of dedicated subject matter experts and seasoned emergency managers who support The HELP Foundation. The Foundation's service line is divided into four focus areas: Recovery, preparedness, mitigation and response. Each focus area aligns with one of the four main functions of healing, engaging, learning and planning.</p> <p>The HELP Foundation and its partners touch lives across the United States and the world. We are strengthening communities before disasters, responding to assist agencies during the disaster and working to recovery. Our mission is to facilitate disaster preparedness, response and recovery by serving the community, and bridging the gap between its available resources and needs.</p> <p>Mission: To facilitate disaster preparedness, response and recovery by serving the community, and bridging the gap between its available resources and needs.</p> <p>Vision: Facilitate an actively engaged communities, ready and capable of preparing for, responding to, and recovering from the effects of disasters both personal and communal while to serve the greater community by providing applicable services, training and support to faith-based organizations, small businesses, schools, non-profits, government and nongovernmental organizations and the community at large.</p> <p>Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a preparedness plan • Build Disaster Preparedness Kit • HELP Objective • National Priorities • Target Capability • State Goal & Objective <p>Objectives/Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and enhance the Incident Command System (ICS)/Unified Command knowledge base to include incident management: • Implement the National Incident Management System and <i>National Response Framework</i> • Prepare to Minimize Damage Through Rapid, Decisive Response and Quickly Recover from Terrorist Attacks and Other Disasters • Increase Citizen Participation in Statewide Preparedness Efforts • Maintain the ability to establish and maintain a multidisciplinary & multijurisdictional communications process. This process will include external and internal communications • Strengthen Interoperable Communications Capabilities • Maximize Response Capabilities by Expanding the Statewide Regional Response and Mutual Aid Network • Continue and enhance outreach programs and support to specific communities which may lack preparedness initiatives or guidance • Ensure Updated and Validated Emergency Plans are in Place at Agencies that Provide Vital Public Services – Include Public and Private Stakeholders. • Maintain Effective Ways to Alert Local Leaders and the Public About All Hazards in Their Communities. • Amplify Public Health Community Capabilities to Support Multi-Agency and Multi-Jurisdictional Response and Recovery Efforts for all Hazards, Including CBRNE Events. • Integrate Homeland Security Training across all Agencies, Jurisdictions and Disciplines. 	<p><u>Tony Lamberth</u> <i>Command and Control</i></p> <p>Email: info@thehelpfoundation.org or Phone: 713-715-9005</p>
<p><u>Houston Food Bank</u></p>	<p>The Houston Food Bank...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A private, nonprofit organization 	<p>Agency Services Terence Franklin 713-547-8617</p>

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<p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeks food donations, distributes to local charitable programs • Efficient operations: 95 cents of every dollar donated feeds the hungry • Certified member of Feeding America • Founded 1982 <p>It's in the numbers...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46.4 million nutritious meals distributed last year • 137,000 different people fed each week • 865,000 different people fed each year • nearly 500 hunger relief agencies in 18 southeast Texas counties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Church food pantries o Homeless shelters o Safe havens for the battered and abused o Nutrition sites for children and the elderly • More than 259,000 volunteer hours contributed annually <p>About the Houston Food Bank</p> <p>Now operating from a new, 308,000 square-foot facility, the Houston Food Bank is the nation's largest size Feeding America food bank and source of food for hunger relief charities in 18 southeast Texas counties. They have been named one of 10 Top-Notch Charities across the nation by Charity Navigator. A network of nearly 500 food pantries, soup kitchens, senior centers and other agencies, feeding a total of 137,000 people each week, provides more than 53 million nutritious meals annually. Fresh produce, meat and nonperishables are distributed from the new warehouse at 535 Portwall, and hot meals are prepared and distributed from Keegan Center, a 15,000 square-foot industrial kitchen. Additional community services range from nutrition education to assistance with food stamp applications and hands-on job training. Red Barrels offer a convenient way for grocery shoppers to donate nonperishables for their neighbors in need.</p> <p>Nutrition education, outreach and job training...</p> <p>Backpack Buddy: Nutritious kid-friendly food is provided for the weekend for at-risk children in schools grade K-12, as well as at summer meal program sites.</p> <p>Keegan Kitchen: With help from volunteers, prisoners from TDCJ and Food Bank staff, hot and frozen meals are prepared for programs like Meals on Wheels, US Vets and Kids Cafe.</p> <p>Kids Cafe: Healthy meals and snacks served year-round on weekdays, along with nutrition and health education, to kids in after school and summer meal programs throughout the Houston area.</p> <p>Nutrition Education: Classes in nutrition, food safety, meal preparation and budgeting taught in collaboration with Food Bank partner agencies.</p> <p>Red Barrel: Red Barrels offer a convenient way for grocery shoppers to donate nonperishables to their neighbors in need through nearby food pantries.</p> <p>Serving for Success: Provides more food for hungry people through a collaboration that prepares individuals within the criminal justice system, and others, for success in the workplace and the community. Participants receive job training, education, employment opportunities and social services while volunteering at the Houston Food Bank.</p> <p>Social Services Outreach: Assistance in applying for state-funded social and health services, including SNAP (food stamps), WIC, Medicaid, Children's Medicaid and others.</p>	<p>tfranklin@houstonfoodbank.org</p>
<p>Lone Star Legal Aid</p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>Lone Star Legal Aid is the fourth largest service provider of free legal aid in the United States. Lone Star Legal Aid serves 72 counties in Texas—an area that covers one-third of the state Texas from Texarkana, to the Louisiana–Texas Gulf Coast, down to Matagorda Bay—and four counties of southwest Arkansas, covering over 63,000 square miles. There are over 1.5 million income-eligible residents in that region. LSLA has 13 offices throughout east, southeast, and northeast Texas. The Legal Services Corporation, Texas Access to Justice Foundation, and grants from other organizations generously fund Lone Star Legal Aid.</p> <p>Disaster Relief: Lone Star Legal Aid has extensive experience helping families in our service area and relocated to our service area in an evacuation as a result of a major disaster. We have put together some information that may be helpful to you before and after the event.</p>	<p>713-652-0077</p>

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	<p>Before the Disaster: Prepare: Hopefully, you are reading this before a disaster has hit your area. If so, here are some materials that may help you avoid or reduce the damage a disaster can do to those who are totally unprepared (they open in a new window):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoiding Hurricane Damage: A Checklist for Homeowners • Are You Ready? In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness <p>After the Disaster: Recover: When a large disaster strikes, those who survive rarely think about needing legal aid. They are focused on medical treatment, shelter, food, transportation and communicating with family. But a number of things you will need to do have legal consequences or at least have legal options when you need them. We have located or created a few documents to help you put your affairs back in order and avoid problems when you begin to repair and rebuild (they open in a new window):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacing Lost Documents After a Disaster • Locate and Apply for Disaster Assistance • Disaster Related Fraud — How to Protect Yourself • Avoid Home Repair Fraud After a Disaster • Disaster Victim Information: Rights and Remedies as a Renter • Disaster Victim Information: Homeowner Rights <p>Lone Star Legal Aid is one of a number of organizations that support www.TexasLawHelp.org. We post our community education materials on that site as a public service. For more information that may be helpful to you as you prepare for or recover from a disaster, look in the Disaster Relief folder on that site.</p>	
<p>The Center for AIDS Information & Advocacy</p>	<p>The Center for AIDS (The CFA) advocates both locally and nationally for better treatments and better access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS and strives to keep the Houston medical and affected community informed, updated, and involved in the search for a cure. Our board, staff, and volunteers dedicate themselves to these efforts.</p> <p>Our goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make difficult medical & scientific information easier to understand. • Prevent deaths from HIV. • Cut HIV transmission. • Promote health & wellness. • Provide exceptional customer service. <p>Project LEAP (Learning, Empowerment, Advocacy, Participation) is the most comprehensive advocacy training program in the nation for HIV positive individuals. Facilitated at The Center for AIDS since 2003, LEAP is a program of the Ryan White Grants Administration.</p>	<p>Danielle Houston Education Manager danielle@centerforaids.org</p>
<p>Early Head Start Program + Deer Park/Galena Park Rotary Club</p>	<p>MISSION: To ensure that all children and staff are safe and secure while at school and work.</p> <p>GOALS: The Department must focus on the quality of three broad areas to ensure the safety and security of children and employees in Galena Park ISD. They are Service, Assessment, and Training</p> <p>BELIEFS: We are responsible for development and implementation of district safety, security and emergency management policies and procedures.</p> <p>Action steps for prevention include mitigating potential hazards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowing the physical layout of the building you are in • Having clear lines of communication • Promoting anti-bullying and positive behavior in schools and in your work environment • Knowing and establishing relationships within the community and neighborhood • Schools should conduct an assessment to identify all potential hazards that they could face, including both natural events and man-made events. 	<p>Ernesto Paredes Fatherhood/Partnership Specialist eparedes@galenaparkisd.com</p>

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	<p>Action steps for preparedness focus on developing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site and department emergency plans • All staff should have the awareness on how to respond to these key procedures: Lockdown, Evacuation, Shelter-in-Place • All staff are responsible for understanding policies and protocols • Understand and follow Incident Command Systems (PDF) • Trainings, exercises and full staff participation required on State of Texas mandated drills for potential emergencies <p>Action steps for response include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activate the Emergency Management Plan • Activate your Site Emergency Plan • Activate the Emergency Response Team (ERT) within your building • Follow direction from the person in charge; the Incident Commander • Maintain constant, accurate communication with staff, students and families • Triage injuries to those who need it <p>Action steps to recovery include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access the District Recovery Team by calling Bryan Clements 832-386-1217 • Return to the "business of learning" as quickly as possible • Assess long- and short-term emotional needs <p>Conduct daily briefings to keep staff, students and families informed.</p>	
<p>Sheltering Arms Senior Services</p>	<p>Sheltering Arms Senior Services is a nonprofit organization committed to the health and well-being of older adults and their family caregivers. Our mission is to promote the dignity and independence of older adults through service, advocacy, and support for caregivers. Following are program highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice and guidance helps seniors and their families better understand all their options and make informed decisions. • Home Care provides help around the home to help seniors live safely and independently. These private duty services, provided by well-screened assistants and certified nurse aides, are customized for each individual's needs and preferences • The Day Center provides caring supervision and enjoyable recreation for those with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia, promoting independence and improving participants and their families' quality of life. • Case Management addresses the basic needs of seniors who are facing multiple threats to their independence such as strict financial constraints, isolation, poor health conditions and very limited outside support. Social workers conduct a comprehensive assessment and develop a plan of care to address basic needs. • Utility assistance helps low income seniors, the disabled and families with small children, with electric and gas bills. Beneficiaries receive education on low-cost energy efficiency measures and household budgeting. • Weatherization assistance provides free energy efficiency measures for the homes of low income seniors and families. An energy audit determines the measures needed to most efficiently reduce the home's energy costs. • Telephone Reassurance provides safety-check phone calls to seniors living alone. Calls are made Monday through Friday by trained volunteers and offer a sense of security and support. • Volunteering enhances the quality of life and safety of seniors who have limited social contacts and resources. Programs include Telephone Reassurance, Day Center, Special Projects and Events. 	<p>Jan Edwards Director of Geriatric Care Management and Caregivers Support jedwards@shelteringarms.org</p>
<p>Change Happens</p>	<p>Change Happens! is a community-based nonprofit that serves adults and at-risk youth throughout Houston and Harris County. Change Happens! has a variety of programs and services that includes: youth prevention, intervention and positive youth development, adolescent and adult substance abuse prevention and treatment, supportive services to the homeless, HIV prevention, and assists families of uninsured children in applying for health insurance</p>	<p>Jenesse Sherell Outreach Coordinator jsherrell@changehappens.tx.org</p>

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<p><u>Montgomery County United Way</u></p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>MCUW’s mission is to improve people’s lives by mobilizing the caring power of our communities. MCUW is dedicated to creating opportunities that change the region for the better by tackling long-term social problems. United Way is dedicated to building Stronger people, Stronger families, Stronger neighborhoods. For more information about United Way, visit www.unitedway.org or United Way Texas at www.unitedwaytexas.org Montgomery County United Way is a member of United Way World Wide.</p> <p>Moving people out of poverty, helping people cope with challenging situations; Facilitating access to affordable & quality health care; Helping to prevent and treat drug & alcohol abuse; and Providing temporary assistance in the event of a crisis are vital ingredients of that solution formula.</p> <p>Montgomery County United Way plays a major role in collaborating with city, county, state and national government officials, area non-profits, civic organizations, faith based communities and area business to respond in the event of a disaster and help families recover from the effects of these crises.</p> <p>Montgomery County United Way co-chairs MC-Cares.org Montgomery County Community Assistance Recovery Efforts and Services, a multi-faceted, collaborative team that combines resources to help Montgomery County citizens respond and recover from disaster.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCUW and Interfaith of The Woodlands co-chair Mc-Cares to hold monthly meetings with local agencies and faith communities to plan and coordinate efforts and resources. • MCUW is the Donation Management coordinator for the county and meets with local governments and businesses to enhance community understanding of not-for-profit agencies’ role in the case of future disasters. • MCUW gathers, manages and distributes information sharing between organizations working with victims of disasters. • MCUW mobilizes local, state and national resources to help local residents. • MCUW manages the distribution of government grants to residents who have been affected by the event. • MCUW writes grants to support recovery efforts that are both tangible for the residents and supportive to MCCARES. Grants may also be written for Liberty County’s recovery efforts. • MCUW works closely with the University of Texas Medical Branch to plan how to operationalize inoculation sites across the county, should the need arise. • MCUW works with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other national agencies. <p>As most of us have recovered from the effects of Hurricane Ike, some of our neighbors have still had difficulty repairing their homes or finding replacements for items such as furniture and appliances. MCUW is the recipient of a \$3.1 million grant for Hurricane Ike Relief.1</p>	<p>Julie Martineau President 281-292-4155, ext. 245 julie@mcuw.org</p> <p>Maria De La Flor Hispanic Outreach Coordinator 936-760-4179, ext. 222 maria@mcwu.org</p> <p>Vicky Shelledy Director of Community Impact 281-292-4155, ext. 265 vicky@mcuw.org</p>
<p><u>Neighborhood Centers, Inc</u></p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>Mission: Bringing resources, education and connection to emerging neighborhoods.</p> <p>Neighborhood Centers Inc. believes in the individual and invests in people. We have a fundamental respect for individuals and their dignity, regardless of their situation in life. Through our actions and words, we show others that we care about them personally, providing a vision of what they can become. Our compassion builds their self-esteem and our services fuel their self-sufficiency. We provide tools and a supportive environment so that people can grow physically, intellectually, and emotionally. We strive to understand the needs of our clients and to make a positive difference in their lives. We listen to their concerns with empathy and acknowledge that they are the sole reason we exist. Through our responsive programs, we remain steadfastly committed to the communities we serve and seek to ensure that members of those communities have a voice in all we do.</p> <p>Neighborhood Centers Inc. has adopted the "asset-based community</p>	<p>president@neighborhood-centers.org</p> <p>agarrett@neighborhood-centers.org</p>

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	<p>development" approach to our work in Community Based Initiatives.</p> <p>This model, developed by John Kretzmann and John McKnight at Northwestern University, proposes that individuals and organizations within neighborhoods have assets upon which economic, political and social strength can be built.</p> <p>We know that significant community development can only take place when local residents are involved – when they are committed to investing themselves and their resources in making their neighborhoods stronger, safer, more vibrant and more inclusive, regardless of background, age or income.</p> <p>Our approach also recognizes that individuals and communities already possess skills, knowledge and resources that can produce powerful benefits when neighbors are linked with neighbors.</p> <p>At Neighborhood Centers Inc., community development efforts include these key elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic development • Citizenship/Immigration services • Comprehensive family health and education • Leadership & Civic Engagement • Youth programs • Senior programs • Special populations <p>Most of the programs are offered at our community centers, which are centrally located in six neighborhoods.</p>	
<p>Reach Out America</p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>Reach Out America has partnered with many Companies, Religious Organizations, Government Agencies and NGO'S over the past 16 years. The success of our projects and programs has depended largely on these collaborative efforts. A great big "Thank You" to all who have joined with the efforts of ROA and others like us who collectively reach out to assist those who are often desperate for help. "Help Us Help Them" has been our request throughout the years in requesting assistance providing Humanitarian Aid to those in need.</p> <p><u>"STYLIN...THE FASHION BOUTIQUE"</u>: In The aftermath of Disasters people throughout the U.S. search through their closets for clothing to donate, often without thinking that the apparel needs to be cleaned first. Most of the time these "goodwill offerings" end up in Black Garbage Bags for the sake of easy delivery to disaster sites and are added to the already high mound of clothes waiting for an already distraught recipient to try and extricate something suitable to wear. This is a humiliating experience for those in need and a sad end for well-intentioned clothing donations.</p> <p>"STYLIN" will turn these donations that most nonprofit Organizations are loathe to accept because of the amount of work involved in preparing them for distribution into a very valuable donation. "New Condition" 53' Trailers are needed to be transformed into the traveling "Fashion Boutiques" which will be outfitted with organized clothes racks lining both sides. Only clothes that have been freshly cleaned will be accepted. Carpet on the floor and a nice entry for accepting these donations will complete the transformation. When the trailers are full of clothes, the trailer will then travel to the disaster site and be reopened to allow those in need to search with dignity for suitable clothing.</p>	<p>Houston Phone: 281 857 1234 E-mail: reachoutamerica@aol.com</p>
<p>Save the Children</p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>Save the Children is the leading independent organization creating lasting change in the lives of children in need in the United States and around the world. Recognized for our commitment to accountability, innovation and collaboration, our work takes us into the heart of communities, where we help children and families help themselves. We work with other organizations, governments, non-profits and a variety of local partners while maintaining our own independence without political agenda or religious orientation.</p> <p>When disaster strikes around the world, Save the Children is there to save lives with food, medical care and education and remains to help communities rebuild through long-term recovery programs. As quickly and as effectively as Save the Children responds to tsunamis and civil conflict, it works to resolve the ongoing struggles children face every day — poverty, hunger, illiteracy and disease —</p>	<p>Carole Billingsley 713-213-6560 cbillingsley@savechildren.org,</p> <p>Jessy Burton 713-259-9001 jbarton@savechildren.org.</p>

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	<p>and replaces them with hope for the future.</p> <p><u>Disaster Relief:</u> Since 2005 in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Save the Children has emerged as the national leader for children in times of disaster. Through our preparedness, response and recovery programs, we put the unmet needs of children and their caregivers first. http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGlpI4E/b.7495333/k.761B/Domestic_Disaster_Support.htm</p> <p><u>Improving Disaster Preparedness:</u> Save the Children has learned that simple, low-cost and no-cost improvements to the design and location of emergency evacuation shelters, local assistance centers and other locations where children and families congregate before, during and after incidents can dramatically improve the safety and well-being of children and adults who live in them. Although these sites are intended to be temporary, addressing and improving residents' quality of life is important. Below are best practices that address children's unique needs and promote child safety and well-being while in temporary locations.</p>	
<p><u>The Salvation Army</u></p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>Dedicated to Doing The Most Good, The Salvation Army Greater Houston Area Command serves Harris, Fort Bend and Montgomery counties through various programs and services intended to meet human needs without discrimination. Across the Unites States over 33 million Americans rely on the services provided by The Salvation Army.</p> <p>We are an international 501(c) (3) Christian nonprofit organization with a mission to serve those less fortunate, and with a strong commitment to our communities. The Salvation Army of Greater Houston utilizes 88.4 cents of every dollar donated in direct services for our residents. Among the programs and services we provide at our 17 area locations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Disaster Relief · Emergency Response · Youth Programs · Senior Programs · Rehabilitation · Counseling · Financial Assistance · Housing · Christmas Assistance <p>While every disaster is unique and creates its own special needs, the core of The Salvation Army's disaster program consists of several basic services. And while these services address many of the typical needs of a disaster survivor, Salvation Army disaster relief is also flexible. Our services are adapted to the specific needs of individuals and communities and scalable according to the magnitude of the disaster.</p>	<p>Monica Santillan Corporate Relations and Volunteer Projects Manager Monica_Santillan@uss.salvationarmy.org</p>
<p><u>United Way of Greater Houston</u></p> <p>**Member of Gulf Coast VOAD</p>	<p>United Way of Greater Houston is committed to bringing together stakeholders and resources to tackle our community's toughest issues. That's why, in late 2009, United Way of Greater Houston convened a group of nonprofit organizations to create a regional natural disaster preparedness plan.</p> <p>Members of the Together in Planning group gathered at the United Way Center on July 26 to discuss disaster planning progress, gaps in services and ways to address those gaps. While the Together in Planning group's efforts are closely aligned with government-led disaster planning efforts, Together in Planning devotes significant focus to long-term disaster response, which is largely handled by the nonprofit community. Together in Planning will also work with local governments in the 13-county service area to coordinate response efforts and create smooth transitions between government and nonprofit response services.</p> <p>For more information, visit: http://unitedwayhouston.org/?NewsID=495</p> <p>United Way of Greater Houston also maintains 2-1-1 Texas/United Way HELPLINE which answered a record 922,700 calls for help in 2011, a 15% increase over the previous year's call volume. Basic needs, like food, utilities and health care, topped the list of requests in 2011, followed by rent assistance</p>	<p>Community and Agency Relations 713-685-2455 E-mail: mvazquez@unitedwayhouston.org</p> <p>David Jobe Director, 2-1-1 Texas/United Way Help Djobe@unitedwayhouston.org 713 685-2309</p>

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	and help finding shelter.	
<p>Greater Houston Emergency Planning Committee</p>	<p>The Greater Houston Local Emergency Planning Committee promotes emergency planning, preparedness, and public awareness to protect the Houston community from the potential impact of hazardous chemical substances and related disasters. The Committee is involved in the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Effectively administer the core requirements of EPCRA. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase the public’s chemical safety and general hazardous materials awareness and knowledge. <input type="checkbox"/> Be a source of accurate and timely information for local hazardous materials/chemical incidents. <input type="checkbox"/> Develop and maintain key partnerships with federal, state, and local public and private entities. <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in on-going emergency response and HAZMAT related training. <p>Increase awareness in the community about the presence of hazardous chemicals and releases in the environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Be the vital link between citizens, government, and industry. <input type="checkbox"/> Assist communities with the development of emergency action plans for HAZMAT incidents. <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain/Administer Tier II information. <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in public/private entity drills and exercises. <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with HAZMAT related training. <p>Initiatives/Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> HAZMAT Technician classes <input type="checkbox"/> Risk Management Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Response: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Community Awareness (Shelter-in-Place) <input type="checkbox"/> Exercises/Drills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> State Hurricane/Evacuation <input type="checkbox"/> U. S. Coast Guard <input type="checkbox"/> Other Harris County LEPCs <input type="checkbox"/> Partnerships/Collaboratives 	<p>Nick J. Guillen GHLEPC Administrator nicholas.guillen@houston.tx.gov 713-884-3786</p>
<p>Greater Houston Partnership</p>	<p>The principal objective of the Greater Houston Partnership, which traces its roots back to Houston's original Chamber of Commerce founded in 1840, is to build regional economic prosperity. The Partnership facilitates relocations and expansions in the Houston area; international outreach initiatives such as business development missions outside the U.S. and receiving foreign trade delegations; and strategic planning. The 10-county Houston region encompasses Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, San Jacinto and Waller counties.</p> <p>GHP’s mission is creating economic prosperity and does so in a number of ways including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobbying for legislation that favor’s the region’s business community • Facilitating relocation and expansion projects in the region. • Through international outreach initiatives, such as business development missions outside the U.S. and receiving foreign trade delegations. • Strategic planning. <p>Formed in 2008 as a result of Hurricane Ike, the Disaster Planning and Recovery Task Force promotes comprehensive regional recovery, damage and needs assessment, restoration, disaster-avoidance planning and private-sector preparedness. The Task Force defines priorities and concrete actions for recovery; identifies opportunities to rebuild better; and establishes plans to avoid, mitigate and optimize reaction to future disaster — both natural and man-made. The overall mission of the Task Force is to build a stronger and smarter Houston region that is more resilient and can withstand challenges for a rapid recovery.</p> <p>In October 2009, the Greater Houston Partnership co-hosted the Pandemic Influenza Summit: Maintaining Business Continuity through Influenza Epidemics with the University of Texas Health Science Center, City of Houston Department</p>	<p>Lisa Guaqueta Public Policy Analyst lguaqueta@houston.org 713-844-3629</p> <p>Lilyanne McClean Senior Vice President, Public Policy Phone: 713-844-3624 Fax: 713-844-0224 Email: lmcclean@houston.org</p>

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	<p>of Health and Human Services, Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services and Devon Energy. The one-day forum was designed to educate members of the potential impact of a pandemic influenza on business operations and the importance of developing business continuity plans.</p> <p>Pandemic Influenza Summit: Maintaining Business Continuity through Influenza Epidemics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan for the impact of a pandemic on your business: Ensure that communications are culturally and linguistically appropriate. 	
Hospitals/Medical Organizations		
<p>Harris County Hospital District (HCHD)</p>	<p>Harris County Hospital District is regarded as one of the best public health systems for its provision of quality patient care and medical treatment. Our dedicated team of professionals is highly experienced in treating adults and children with all types of needs – from routine care to life-saving procedures. National accreditations and third-party certifications of excellence attest to Harris County Hospital District's commitment to quality healthcare and the sophistication of our medical and surgical services.</p> <p>Ben Taub and LBJ Hospitals are designated as Level I and Level III Trauma Centers, respectively, by the Texas Department of State Health Services for meeting or exceeding American College of Surgeons' essential criteria for Level I and Level III trauma care</p> <p>Mission: We improve our community's health by delivering high-quality healthcare to Harris County residents..</p> <p>Community Outreach Services: Healthcare for the Homeless; HIV testing; and Pregnancy testing.</p>	<p>Julie Young Manager, Ask your Nurse julie_young@hchd.tmc.edu</p> <p>Carolyn Oddo Vice President/Associate Administrator carolyn_oddo@hchd.tmc.edu 713-634-1438</p>
<p>Houston Northwest Medical Center</p>	<p>We believe that patient care is an art based in science and that it is creative within the limits of a prescribed medical plan of care and the patient's wishes. We believe that patient care is a service to individuals, to families and, therefore, to society, which is planned to assist persons at various levels of wellness in the performance of those activities contributing to health. The overall goal of patient care is to assist the patient in overcoming their health related limitations, in progressing toward optimal health, and/or level of functioning or to a dignified death.</p> <p>We believe that each patient and family have individual needs and expectations which serve as the basis for patient care and that the scope of care must reflect these as well as the degree of limitation being experienced at any given point in a continuum. We believe that each person is a unique human being, a member of a family and a community, and possesses an identity of their own which must be preserved and respected.</p> <p>We believe that the patient is an active participant of the health care team. We believe and support the patient's right to be a decision maker in his care. We believe the patient has a right to refuse.</p> <p>We believe that patient care is best delivered in an atmosphere which allows staff accountability for patient care decisions. We believe that professional staff should participate in decisions that affect their practice. Patient care is planned in collaboration with a team of health care professionals and administered by individuals prepared at levels of knowledge and skill appropriate to their delegated responsibilities and based on the patient's assessed needs.</p> <p>We believe that continuing education is an integral part of each individual's responsibility to himself and to his position, and that he should avail himself of these opportunities.</p> <p>We believe that within patient care there must exist planned resources (both fiscal and supportive) and an atmosphere conducive to the meaningful learning of all persons. To that end, we support the process of continued growth and development in our professional lives.</p> <p>We believe that the health care environment is fluid and continually changing. This environment creates the challenge of providing health care that is innovative, creative, compassionate, and cost effective.</p> <p>Caring for the community extends far beyond the walls of the hospital. Houston</p>	<p>Dawn Wang Infection Control Coordinator dawn.wang@tenethealth.com 281-440-2333</p>

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	<p>Northwest Medical Center is dedicated to improving the health and growth of the community through education and community outreach programs.</p> <p>-H1N1 flu information -Support Groups -Hispanic Women and Heart Disease</p>	
<p>Harris County Medical Society</p>	<p>The mission of the Harris County Medical Society is to be the leading advocate for our member physicians, their patients and our community, in promoting the highest standards of ethical medical practice, access to quality medical care, medical education, research, and community health.</p> <p>Community Health Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Health Clinics (includes lists for primary care, immunizations, pediatrics, pre-natal & dental services) • Community Health Resource Links • Disaster Resource Center • Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center • HCMS Physician Alert System • Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services • Houston Department of Health and Human Services • H1N1 Flu Resources • Immunization Registry and Schedules • The John P. McGovern Museum of Health & Medical Science (The Health Museum) • Medical Bridges • Texas Department of State Health Services 	<p>Douglas Abel VP, Public Affairs & Communications doug_abel@hcms.org 713-524-4267</p>
<p>HCC--Coleman College for Health Sciences</p>	<p>Our vision is to be the preeminent health sciences community college in the nation, preparing students for today's health science careers, and a lifetime of learning. Founded in 2004, Coleman College confers associate degrees and certificates in 20 health science fields in a state-of-the-art academic environment. A member institution of the Texas Medical Center, Coleman College provides its students unsurpassed access to world-renown health science resources and as a campus of the Houston Community College System, offers affordable, rewarding futures.</p>	<p>Dr. Diana Castillo College Operations Officer diana.castillo@hccs.edu 713-718-7212</p>
<p>Texas Medical Center</p>	<p>As the largest medical complex in the world, the Texas Medical Center is an internationally recognized community of healing, learning and discovery. The Texas Medical Center in Houston is home to many of the nation's best hospitals, physicians, researchers, educational institutions and health care providers. Recognized by U.S. News & World Report's Annual Survey of American's Best Hospitals, the member institutions of the Texas Medical Center are known throughout the world for the quality of patient care, teaching, research and prevention of illness and injury. The Mission of the Texas Medical Center organization is to promote the highest quality health status for all people by assisting institutions of the Texas Medical Center to achieve individual and collective goals of the highest possible standards of patient and preventive care, of research and education, and of local, national and international community well-being.</p>	<p>Edgar L. Tucker Senior Vice President etucker@texasmedicalcenter.org 713-791-8806</p>
<p>Bay Star Ambulance Service</p>	<p>Bay Star Ambulance Service is the largest family owned & operated ambulance service in Harris County. We are currently celebrating 10 years and we are proud to have the largest, cleanest fleet of ambulances. We have equipped our units to handle the most unique transports, from bariatric, neonatal, pediatric and critical care. We have the most well trained and professional staff available. Our management team is dedicated to the care we provide to our customers by continuing education seminars for our medics and a response time the will embarrass other services. Bay Star Ambulance Service contracts service with Houston's largest hospital systems. As the most trusted name, we are proud to be number one in Houston. We are proud to be Bay Star!</p>	<p>Eric Stricklin Chief Operating Officer estricklin@baystarems.com 832-628-0310</p>
<p>Harris County Healthcare Alliance</p>	<p>The Harris County Healthcare Alliance is a coalition whose formation in 2006 was inspired by the dedicated work of several prior taskforces and in part by the way the Greater Houston healthcare community pulled together after Hurricane Katrina to meet the needs of a sudden influx of underserved residents. That collective experience gave us a vision for how things could work if we all put our minds to it, and the drive to have a more collaborative approach to meeting the healthcare needs of our residents every day. Our membership has grown to</p>	<p>Olivia Dear Executive Director (Interim) 713-368-3285</p>

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	<p>more than 50 safety net providers and other partner organizations including the Greater Houston Partnership, One Voice, and Gateway to Care. We are proudly incubating new ideas in our community such as the TexHealth Harris County 3-Share Plan to enroll employees of small businesses into health coverage and the Greater Houston Health Information Exchange to enable the secure and meaningful exchange of information regarding patients and their care. We regularly facilitate partnerships among safety net providers every day, such as our contract with the Houston Fire Department program to link non-emergent 9-1-1 callers to alternate transportation services and medical homes using funds from the City of Houston’s Contractor Responsibility Fund, and the creation of Partners for Community Health, a network of community clinics working together to increase their primary care capacity in a sustainable fashion. We invite you to consider joining the Alliance and its Member organizations in meeting our community’s healthcare challenges together.</p> <p>Initiatives</p> <p>Community Clinics Funders' Collaborative In 2009, the Harris County Healthcare Alliance launched a three year, \$12 million dollar campaign to expand and strengthen the primary care safety net system of Harris County. To date, the Alliance has raised over \$9 million from the following organizations in support of a number of initiatives to be funded under this umbrella program:</p> <p>TexHealth Harris County 3-Share Plan TexHealth Harris County 3-Share Plan is an affordable health benefits plan sponsored by the Harris County Healthcare Alliance and designed to help low income employees afford healthcare coverage by subsidizing eligible employees' portions of the monthly premiums. It is available through small employers (defined as those with 2 to 50 employees) who have not offered group health insurance in the past 12 months.</p> <p>Greater Houston Healthconnect The Harris County Healthcare Alliance and the Center for Houston's Future partnered to launch a non-profit corporation, the Greater Houston Healthconnect or GHH, to facilitate electronic health information exchange for the greater Houston community. The GHH is governed by a community-based board of regional healthcare, business and civic sector representatives initially recruited by the Alliance and the Center. A health information exchange will allow patients' health data to be electronically transmitted between and among authorized users such as the patient, doctors, hospitals, and other healthcare providers, in accordance with all privacy and security protections and regulations.</p> <p>Houston Fire Department TeleHealth Nurse Triage Program The TeleHealth Nurse Triage Program is a collaborative effort launched in June of 2008 by the City of Houston Fire Department and Harris County Healthcare Alliance. Through contractual relationships with Harris County RIDES and participating community clinics the program seeks to: 1) connect callers with medical homes, 2) decrease inappropriate ambulance dispatches, and 3) improve ambulance response times.</p> <p>Reporting In support of the Alliance goal to raise awareness of the healthcare system and its impact on our community's health, the Harris County Healthcare Alliance produces several annual reports that track and analyze data that pertains to some of our community's more pressing issues.</p>	
<p>Tomball Regional Medical Center</p>	<p>Mission: Tomball Regional Medical Center is dedicated to providing high-quality health care to our service area in an ethical, compassionate, cost-efficient manner. The ultimate purpose of our organization is to improve the health status and quality of life for all citizens of our region through delivery of professional care with warmth. Customers will prefer Tomball Regional Medical Center because of our technology and expertise in providing health care services. Employees and the medical staff will be proud to work for Tomball Regional Medical Center because we offer fulfilling work and provide an opportunity for individuals to reach their full potential. The community will prefer us because of our sensitivity, involvement and contribution to society.</p>	<p>Robb White Director, Emergency Services rwhite@tomballhospital.org 281.401.7695</p> <p>Toni Carnie Emergency Management Coordinator tcarnie@tomballhospital.org 281.401.7695</p>

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<p>Clear Lake Regional Hospital</p>	<p>Clear Lake Regional Medical Center was founded in 1972. We are committed to the care and improvement of human life. From caring for fragile newborns to complex cardiovascular patients, we ensure Bay Area residents receive the highest quality medical care right in their own community. Above all else, we are committed to the care and improvement of human life. In recognition of this commitment, we will strive to deliver high quality, cost-effective health care in the communities we serve. We are backed by the resources and research of Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), one of the largest health care organizations in the nation.</p>	<p>Chris Brown EPO christopher.brown@hcahealthcare.com 281-338-3477</p>
<p>Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center</p>	<p>Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital has been caring for the community since 1983. We offer a broad spectrum of medical services in northwest Houston, including a weight loss surgery program, pediatric services, a women's health center, and comprehensive cancer program. Our medical staff and caregivers are ready to care for your family's health needs.</p> <p>Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital is dedicated to providing quality health care services to the diverse Cy-Fair population. We offer translation services and individualized care to help ensure that our patients are completely satisfied with their visit.</p> <p>With the hurricane season now upon us, Cy-Fair Hospital wants to remind you to be prepared. Make sure to take time to create a disaster plan with your family and collect the supplies you would need during a storm.</p> <p>We also want to remind you that Cy-Fair Hospital will be here for you in the event of a serious storm. Be sure to visit this page for updates and urgent information in the event of a developing storm.</p> <p>Preparing for a Coming Storm The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) recommends the following to prepare for hurricane season:[...]</p> <p>Disaster Supply Kits You should also prepare a Disaster Supply Kit.[...]</p> <p>Hurricane Preparedness Tips, tricks, tools, and resources to help prepare you for Hurricane Season:</p> <p>2010 Hurricane Season Begins Hurricane Tool Kit (FOX) Hurricane Tool Kit (KTRK) Hurricane Tool Kit (KHOU) Start of Hurricane Season: Be Prepared Planning is important if you have special medical needs Are you financially prepared for hurricane season? Evacuation special needs registry is an annual 'must' Serious fun: Red Cross unveils new online tool for storm readiness</p>	<p>Jan Terry Director Ancillary Services jan.terry@tenethealth.com 281-897-3192</p>