



# Hurricane Harvey

## ONE MONTH DONOR UPDATE

On August 25, Hurricane Harvey slammed Texas and southwestern Louisiana in the United States. With strong winds and torrential rains, Harvey lingered for several days, causing the worst flooding in American history and the evacuation of tens of thousands of people who had to leave everything behind.

In support of the American Red Cross, your donation has made a significant contribution to a massive relief operation to help affected people. Thanks to your compassion and solidarity, the victims of Harvey were able to find safe refuge in several Red Cross emergency shelters during the worst of the disaster. Individuals and families received meals, warm blankets, clothing, first aid and moral support. Today, more than a month after Harvey made landfall, the Red Cross is still by their side to help them overcome this difficult ordeal.

Hurricane Harvey left deep scars not only in communities but also in the hearts of affected people. The return to a normal life will take months or even years. But thanks to your contribution, people have hope and the vision of returning home or rebuilding what was lost. With you by their side, they will have the strength to piece their lives back together.

***“Every door I knocked on was closed, but it was the Red Cross’ that was open. We can now rebuild.”***

Kimberly Clayborn and her family lost everything in the floods caused by Hurricane Harvey. Home and furniture completely destroyed, vehicle lost, memories gone – the family found themselves distraught and with nothing to cling to. With your support, they received vital financial assistance to help them through this difficult moment.

# Your donation has helped to heal the pain and loss



*"My wife and I are glad to be here. The kids are safe," – Rene.*

Like thousands of other families, Luisa, Rene and their three young children were able to find comfort at a shelter in Victoria, Texas.

From the moment the hurricane made landfall, your donation provided immediate help. More than 15 emergency shelters in Texas were opened to take in thousands of people forced from their homes. Inside the shelters, your support has provided evacuees with food, beds, blankets, comfort kits, diapers and other basic essentials. Red Cross volunteers and workers have also provided much-needed emotional support to those who have seen their lives turned upside down.

In flooded communities, Red Cross teams have also supported people who have returned home and confronted the devastation: mud-covered houses; ruined furniture, appliances and vehicles; and piles of household debris strewn on the streets. With your support, the Red Cross has been able to provide food, water, clean-up kits and essential household items to help families in the early stages of their recovery.

## Together, here's what we have accomplished.

Red Cross volunteers and workers have worked day and night turning your donation into help and hope for thousands of people impacted by Hurricane Harvey.



**1+ million** relief items distributed to affected individuals and families



**3.1 million** meals and snacks served with partners



**413,000+** overnight shelter stays provided



**274,000+** severely affected households received emergency financial assistance



**98,000+** health and emotional support consultations with hurricane victims

The Canadian Red Cross thanks you for your compassion towards those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Your generosity has helped thousands of families confront and overcome this difficult moment in their lives.

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