



# Hurricane Harvey

## DONOR UPDATE: ONE YEAR ON

**In late August of 2017, Hurricane Harvey made landfall. The result was devastating.** Powerful winds and historic rainfall inflicted immense damage on communities across Texas and southwest Louisiana. Tens of thousands of people were forced to evacuate, as homes and livelihoods were swallowed by rising floodwaters.

Immediately, the Red Cross was there to provide evacuees safe shelter and a place to rest their heads. Essential items like personal hygiene supplies, diapers and clean-up kits were distributed. Trained American Red Cross mental health workers were on hand in shelters to provide vital emotional support and to help people cope with Harvey's aftermath. These are just a few ways that your support has touched those in need.

Thanks to your generosity, assistance has continued for those whose homes and livelihoods were damaged. Once the emergency was over, the Red Cross turned its focus to planning and delivering programs to help people recover and address community needs.

One year after Hurricane Harvey's destructive path through Texas and Louisiana, the Red Cross continues to provide recovery support with financial assistance for severely affected households and grants to non-profit community-based organizations.

Again, thank you for supporting our neighbours to the South. Your helping hand continues to be felt today.

“My husband and I are extremely grateful for the help we recently received from Red Cross. We were down to literally pennies and had no idea where food would come next.”

– Camille, from Kingwood, Texas

# What your support has meant for Samantha and her family



Photo credit: Scott Dalton, American Red Cross

Samantha and her family live in a rural area west of Houston, in a home that has been in her family for generations. During Harvey, the house was badly damaged by flooding from a nearby creek. As part of the repairs, the structure had to be elevated two feet. The porch and interior of the home also needed major fixes.

In the aftermath of the storm, the family struggled to find the funds needed for the long list of repairs.

“At the time things were real slow for us because of the flooding and my husband—the hours were cut back on his job,” she said.

**“We didn’t have extra money to buy materials and stuff, so that money, it helped a lot and I am truly grateful for it.”**

The Browns used the financial assistance they received from the Red Cross to buy sheetrock for their home. “Everybody was nice; they went above and beyond, because I didn’t expect this much help,” Samantha said.

The Canadian Red Cross would like to thank the generous Canadians, businesses and governments that contributed \$1.9 million to support American Red Cross emergency and recovery efforts.

## HOW YOUR CONTRIBUTION HAS HELPED:



**9,500**

American Red Cross disaster workers deployed



**4.5 million**

meals and snacks served with partners



**1.6 million**

disaster relief items distributed



**575,000+**

households received emergency financial assistance



**20,000+**

severely impacted households received additional recovery financial assistance



**414,800**

overnight shelter stays provided with partners

Thank you for your generous support to those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

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