



Hurricane Harvey

DONOR UPDATE: SIX MONTHS ON

Six months ago, thousands of families in Texas and Louisiana were upended by the destruction brought on by Hurricane Harvey. Homes flooded by torrential rains, others buried under a mass of mud, unsalvageable furniture, household appliances and vehicles, whole neighbourhoods overrun with debris — the hurricane disrupted people's lives not only in the immediate aftermath, but also in the months that followed.

The outpouring of generosity that you were a part of enabled the Red Cross to be by the victims' sides and support them on the long road to recovery. Through your donation, you helped ensure more than 60,000 families who lost everything or whose homes were among the hardest-hit could receive financial assistance to help meet their ongoing needs. You also helped affected families return home or move into a new place.

And when the time came to help communities get back on their feet, your generosity pitched in again by supporting local organizations that provide specialized family support services and assistance with home repair and reconstruction. Thanks to this collective effort, thousands of families were able to regain a sense of safety and stability.

Thank you once more for your compassion and your generosity. Your support made, and continues to make, it possible for our neighbours to receive much-needed help as they recover from this terrible storm.



"The Red Cross is my support group."

Kristy Bell has three young children. This single mother found herself without a home after Hurricane Harvey hit. She is one of the 575,000 households that received emergency financial assistance.

How your support is bringing back hope



“At first it was like a black wall where I couldn’t see... I didn’t see hope.”

Ethel Minniefield has lived in Port Arthur, Texas for 51 years. She and her husband John, who has a serious illness, experienced Hurricane Harvey up close.

Up to their chests in water, the couple was rescued by a helicopter and transported to a Red Cross emergency shelter. Once there, a nurse ensured that John was given oxygen, which helps him to breathe.

“They gave us food, blankets and clothes. The smiles on their faces, that was the real thing.”

Ethel and John lost a great deal in the storm. Yet, thanks to generous donors like yourself, they could count on immediate assistance from the Red Cross. Today, Ethel is ready to return home: “Now I can see where the black wall is getting brighter and brighter.”

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+ Red Cross employees and volunteers deployed to support victims



435,000+ overnight stays in emergency shelters run by the Red Cross and its partners



4.5 million+ meals and snacks served in collaboration with partners



1.6 million+ relief items distributed



575,000+ payments providing financial aid to severely impacted households



127,000+ health consultations (physical and mental)

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

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