

*The Texas Gulf Coast Regional VOAD
in collaboration with JustServe and Volunteer Houston*



A dramatic, dark blue and grey stormy sky with swirling clouds and faint lightning bolts, serving as the background for the text.

Like so many stories, ours began on a dark and stormy day

April and May 2024 Rain in East Texas

River Flooding

May 2024 derecho

Power Outages

Food and Water Shortages

July 2024 Hurricane Beryl

Power Outages

A Heat Wave

Food and Water Shortages

Volunteer Shortage



Environmental Factors

Fatigue, Need for Skilled Volunteers, Short News Cycle

Inadequate Recruiting Pools

Recruit companies, civic organizations, and faith-based communities to help recruit Volunteers

Tough to Sign Up

Retooled Volunteer Houston
Created TXGCVolunteers.info

Volunteer Experience

Created tools to help VOADs onboard volunteers

Priority Placement of Volunteers

VOAD and OEMs to identify PRIORITY jobs

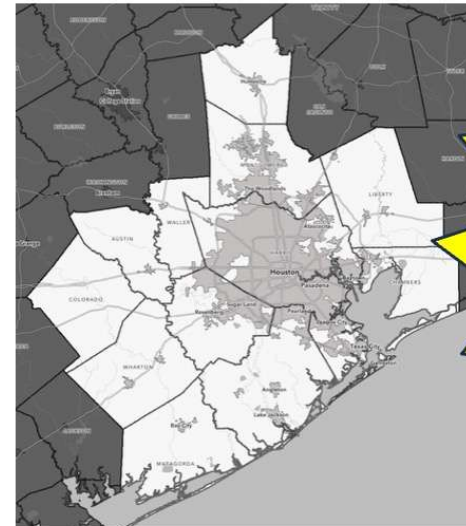


We Do Disasters!



Rank	Geography	EAL (Billions)
1	California	\$30.211
2	Texas	\$12.347
3	Florida	8.786
4	Illinois	6.410
5	Washington	4.721
6	North Carolina	4.430
7	New York	4.273
8	Pennsylvania	4.069
9	Missouri	3.938
10	Arizona	3.600
11	TGCRVOAD	\$3.356
11	Louisiana	3.348
12	Georgia	3.345

Hazards	EAL (millions)	% of Total
Flooding	\$1,581	48%
Hurricanes	690	21%
Tornadoes	604	18%
Cold Wave	235	7%
Heat Wave	122	4%



**27% of
Texas**



A Place for Everyone



Trees - Chainsaw Teams & Swampers

Floods - Muck & Gut Teams

Wind - Tarping Teams

All

County/City PODs,
Disaster Feeding,
Phone Agent (remote),
Donations,
Distribution,
Canvassing,
Resource Navigation



Why the Faith Community?



Caring for neighbors is central to every faith tradition.

Congregations are trusted in times of crisis.

Service builds stronger communities.

Working together allows us to help more families.

Every congregation can make a difference.



Why Companies?



Corporate Responsibility

Demonstrate commitment to community and social good.

Show that business success includes caring for others.

Employee Engagement

Boost morale and teamwork through shared service.

Build leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills.

Brand and Community Relations

Enhance company reputation as a trusted, caring partner.

Strengthen relationships with customers and the community.



Why Civic Groups?



Community Service

Turn your group's mission into meaningful local action.
Help neighbors before, during, and after disasters.

Member Engagement

Give members practical ways to serve together.
Build teamwork, leadership, and practical skills.

Local Connections

Use trusted relationships to reach people in need.
Strengthen partnerships with agencies and nonprofits.



Your Next Step



Join the TXGC Volunteer Network

Designate two points of contact.

Choose the level of participation that fits your company.

- I. Communicate the need to employees*
- II. Communicate the need and bring teams*
- III. Communicate the need and deploy trained teams*

Share opportunities to serve.

Respond when volunteers are needed.

Participate in training and network-building.

Help us grow a culture of service across Greater Houston



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Tier I – Individuals



Faith Community	TXGCVolunteers.info / TGCRVOAD
Provide the names of two contacts	Provide a contact for the Congregation
Establish processes to notify members of volunteer opportunities	Provide materials for Congregations to craft internal messages.
Encourage members to serve their neighbors	Provide information on how potential need for spontaneous volunteers shifts from Situational Awareness to Standby and Activation.
Promote training opportunities	Match volunteers to nonprofits and VOADs for tools, training, supervision, and liability coverage.
Estimate likely volunteer participation (planning only)	



Tier II – Teams



Faith Community	TXGCVolunteers.info / TGCRVOAD
Recruit ministry or congregational volunteer teams	Every effort will be made to assign all teams to the same site; if not possible, we'll split teams evenly between sites.
Create a process to assemble and prepare teams	NGO or VOAD will supply tools, training, supervision, and liability coverage.
Consider shirts or identifiers	
Serve alongside VOAD partners	





Tier III – Recovery Teams



Faith Community	TXGCVolunteers.info / TGCRVOAD
Build trained congregational recovery teams	The TGCRVOAD will support any organization deploying its own trained teams, including access to tools from the ToolBank and free training resources for most volunteer roles.
Develop team leaders	
Provide tools, supervision, and liability coverage	
Deploy as an organized team	
Participate in Collaboration Calls	



No one organization can help everyone.



Together, we can make sure everyone has **someone.**



Join Us BEFORE the Next Disaster!

Action Plan



Connections and Referrals

Recruiting Teams

Partnering with

United Way

Greater Houston Partnership

Houston Responds

Astros Foundation

Preparing Nonprofits to Accept Volunteers

Onboarding, Safety, On-the-job training

Liability Waivers

Background checks



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