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THE RESTORATION TEAM

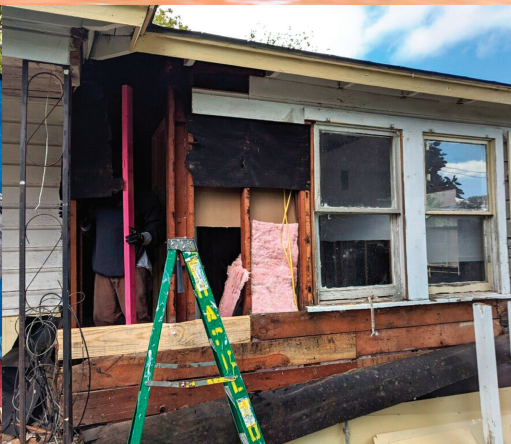
HELPING FAMILIES COME HOME

Preparation

Response

Relief

Restoration



WHO ARE WE?

OUR MISSION

The Restoration Team (TRT) is a network of congregations in Houston dedicated to assisting families whose homes were damaged in hurricanes, floods or other natural disasters. We support the families in their recovery. We help coordinate the volunteer response with the needs of the families, primarily focusing on bringing the damaged home to a functional living condition.

OUR STORY

After Hurricane Harvey devastated Houston in August 2017, residents rose up to show grit and compassion in helping their neighbors. In September 2017, four congregations – Chapelwood UMC, St. Luke’s UMC, St. Paul’s UMC and Westbury UMC – combined to work on a recovery strategy involving the resources of our congregations, hosting out-of-town volunteers and contributing to the long-term recovery efforts of our city.

Along with many other area organizations, we helped muck out, gut, clean and sanitize homes. But, then we asked, “Who is going to finish the job?” We became part of a citywide coalition joined under the umbrella organization *Houston Responds*. Our membership in the *Harris County Long Term Relief Committee*, allowed us to foster great relationships to ensure holistic support to client families. Within a year, we were awarded a grant from the *Greater Houston Community Foundation* and additional funding from the *American Red Cross* to help cover operating expenses and hire a full-time staff bolstered by *AmeriCorps* volunteers. We have been blazing new trails ever since!

Ivan’s house, where he lives with his mother and brother, needed repair after Harvey TRT volunteers built a wheelchair ramp leveled the foundation and replaced the sewer lines. The outside looks brand new!





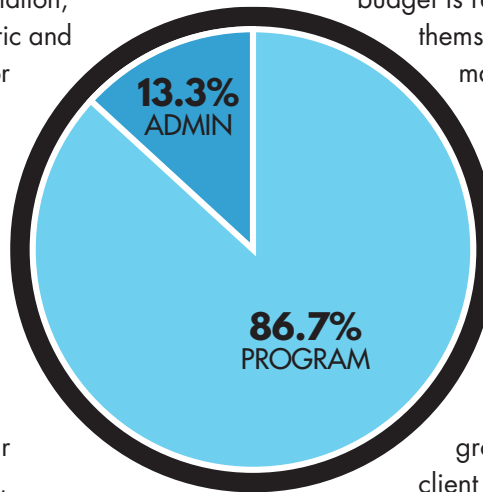
WHERE DO OUR FUNDS GO?

The average home cost to repair is approximately \$17,000 per home using a mix of volunteers and contract labor. There is no such thing as a typical project. They can include any combination of muck and gutting, mold remediation, insulation, drywall, electric and plumbing upgrades, floor replacement, trim, paint, cabinets, bathrooms, kitchens and exterior siding.

Donations are carefully allocated, with a maximum dedicated to materials and specialty crafts. Our operating model is lean,

relying on a talented staff and dedicated volunteers, several who come in groups from all over the country.

Almost 90 percent of our operating budget is reserved for the projects themselves. In addition to material costs, we provide or rent necessary specialized equipment for each individual project site. We also provide room, board and a stipend for our *AmeriCorps* volunteers while housing and feeding out-of-town groups while they work on client homes.



Nancy's struggle after Harvey lasted more than two years. During that time, she had no interior walls and had to use a five-gallon bucket outside to wash dishes. TRT repaired her roof, replaced siding, and completely updated the home interior with new flooring, walls, kitchen cabinetry and new bathroom upgrade. Our volunteers spent almost 3,400 hours of love and hard work to make it happen.



WHO ARE OUR PARTNERS?

The Restoration team is blessed to have grown dramatically with the help of community partners and Houston congregations of many denominations. Our performance has created positive recognition and a desire to be our partner. We work on jobsites year-round so we are always needing volunteers and financial donations.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

4B Disaster Response Network
 AmeriCorps
 AmeriCorps NCCC
 Avenue CDC
 Catholic Charities
 CrowdSource Rescue
 Empower CDC
 Fair Haven Food Pantry
 Fifth Ward CRC
 Greater Houston
 Community Foundation
 Harris County Long-Term
 Recovery Committee
 Hope Disaster Recovery
 Houston Responds
 Houston ToolBank
 Katy Responds
 Magnificat Houses
 The Mission of Yahweh
 SBP
 SERJobs
 Texas Congregational Disaster Readiness
 Texas Gulf Coast Regional VOAD
 American Red Cross
 The Get Together
 United Way of Greater Houston
 Week of Compassion
 West Street Recovery

CHURCH PARTNERS

Bayou City Fellowship
 Chapelwood UMC
 Christ Memorial Lutheran
 Fair Haven UMC
 Grace Anglican
 Grace Presbyterian
 Iglesia Generaciones
 John Knox Presbyterian
 Lakewood Church
 Memorial Drive UMC
 Pines Presbyterian
 Spring Branch Presbyterian
 St. Cecilia Catholic Church
 St. Luke's UMC
 St. John Vianney Catholic Church
 St. Mark Houston
 St. Mark's UMC
 St. Paul's UMC
 St. Peter United
 St. Timothy's Anglican
 Westminster UMC
 Woodlands Church





565+
FAMILIES SERVED



22
CHURCH PARTNERS



25+
COMMUNITY PARTNERS



100,000+
VOLUNTEER HOURS



3,000+
INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERS



\$8.5 M
VALUE INVESTED IN MILLIONS IN HOUSTON
(Labor & Materials)

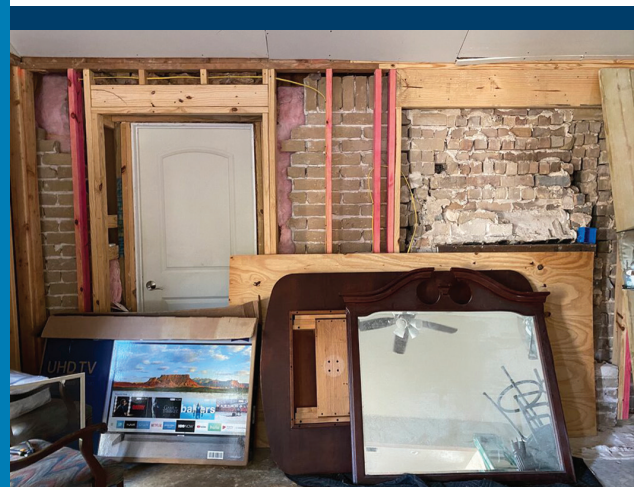


\$1 M
ANNUAL BUDGET IN MILLIONS

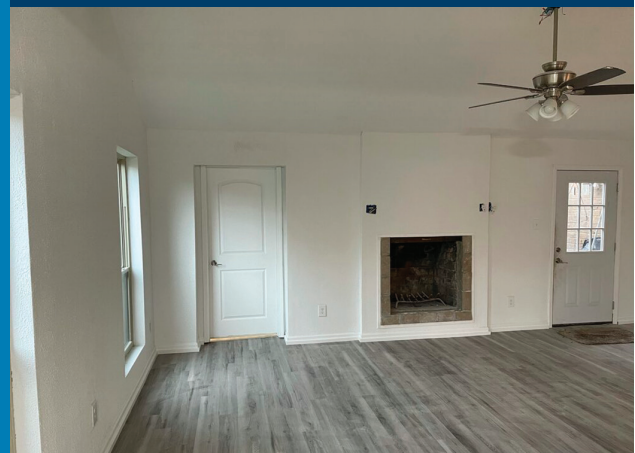
As of March 1, 2023

WHAT HAVE WE ACCOMPLISHED?

Since establishing as a 501(C) 3 non-profit corporation in 2018, we have been extremely busy fulfilling our mission. The weather and other events have thrown numerous obstacles at our city. We are still completing some Harvey restorations but, in the meantime, Tropical Storm Imelda came along with its own water damage. Hurricanes Laura and Delta hit neighboring Lake Charles, LA hard, requiring our donations of supplies. And we were called to respond after the Watson Valve Company explosion and winter storm Uri. We persevered through all these catastrophic events while being hampered by the COVID 19 pandemic.



39 volunteers working more than 1,000 hours to restore Ray's home after Imelda. We installed new insulation, drywall, floors, bathrooms, cabinets, countertops and even a new brick fireplace facade!



TESTIMONIALS

“ I couldn't wait to get back in my house. It looks so much nicer than before the flood. I am very thankful for the Restoration Team's help. Everyone was so nice and wonderful. I feel safe again. ”
– KARLA

“ I had to sit on my roof during Harvey and the water was so high, my feet got wet even there. The Restoration Team got volunteers from all over the country. I couldn't believe the results. It was incredible. ”
– MELVIN

FOR WE ARE GOD'S HANDIWORK,
CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS TO
DO GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD
PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR US TO DO.
– EPHESIANS 2:10



THANKS for volunteering and donating to The Restoration Team. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead an organization that is dedicated to helping people in need. In order to continue our work, we rely heavily on contributions from individuals, partner organizations and community foundations. Our goal for TRT is to shine God's light on all we come in contact with, and be in the Church of the living GOD through hand, feet and passion of our staff, volunteers and financial supporters.

– TREVOR BARNETT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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