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Cy-Fair nonprofit sees continued need in Harvey's wake

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Cy-Fair volunteer firefighters climb back into their truck after following up on a call as Addicks Reservoir surpasses capacity due to near constant rain from Tropical Storm Harvey Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017 in ... [more](#)

Cy-Fair Helping Hands, a nonprofit organization, partners with churches, other organizations, individuals, and businesses in the mission of offering hope to the homeless and hungry in CyFair.

Members of the group provide a bag of non-perishable food and friendship to those in need. More than 400 people volunteer for the nonprofit organization each year.

After Hurricane Harvey, Cy-Fair Helping Hands provided necessities for the homeless, independent, and displaced Cy-Fair ISD students with 100 backpacks filled with school supplies. The organization also provided more than 360 Christmas gifts for students and their siblings.

"In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, Cy-Fair Helping Hands has experienced an exponential increase of clients requesting assistance with food, toiletries, diapers and other baby needs," said Patricia Hudson, Cy-Fair Helping Hands resource director. "We are assisting more displaced high school student families. While we did not do a specific Harvey-related fund drive, our donations since the hurricane hit have more than covered our expenses."

By the close of 2017, the organization provided 300 families on a monthly basis with food from its pantry.

Homeless teens have access to school supplies, school/work clothes, food, mentorship, and jobs. Cy-Fair Helping Hands also works with Cy-Fair ISD counselors to assist homeless teens and their families.

Programs and services include weekly street outreaches that provide food, water, and shelter. Additional services through the group include referral to social services and connection with shelters. Pantry items for the organization are food, toiletries, household cleaning and paper products.

"A community church makes weekly visits to deliver fresh produce from a grocery store and other churches have committed to providing financial support. Also, a girl scout troop is making compassion bags for our homeless friends," Hudson said. "A women's organization is collecting boxed cereal, and small community businesses have committed to providing jelly, rice, and ramen for each of our clients every month for an entire year."

Cy-Fair Helping Hands vision is that each individual is valued as a person created in the image of God. The group provides the basic physical needs, spiritual guidance, and mentoring needs for low-income individuals and families and the homeless in the community.

"Through connections with other agencies, we have the means to assist anyone who desires to come in off the streets and help them accomplish that successfully," Hudson said.

First and third Sundays of every month are designated for afternoon worship and meals at InTown Suites located at U.S. Highway 6 at Kieth Harrow.

Cy-Fair Helping Hands is 100 percent funded by donations from individuals, area businesses, and churches. The organization, which is staffed entirely by volunteers and has no paid employees, serves the homeless and those in need in Cy-Fair regardless of age, race, religious affiliation or marital status. There is never a charge for services.

"Cy-Fair Helping Hands is grateful to the Cy-Fair Community for supporting our ministry and allowing us to serve those in need," Hudson said. "Our work is not done; we are always looking for funds and food to fill our pantry. Our importance is evident in the growing number of individuals and families we serve."

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