

ST LUKE'S LOOKS AT HURRICANE HARVEY

On August 25, 2017 Hurricane Harvey made landfall on the coast of Texas. This catastrophic storm left a trail of destruction from southern Texas all the way to Louisiana. In Houston, Harvey's impact came mainly in the form of widespread flooding across the city. While the damage was great, in its aftermath we have found that our hearts have grown larger and our hands continue to reach out to serve one another. **AND, BECAUSE THE RECOVERY WORK IS NOT DONE, NEITHER ARE WE.**

YEAR ONE HIGHLIGHTS

- St. Luke's, along with Chapelwood, St. Paul's, and Westbury UMCs formed the Restoration Team to increase capacity to more quickly recover from Harvey
- Provisioned and ran a distribution center for other churches and organizations
- Created a Disaster Relief Guide as a resource to equip other churches and organizations
- Hosted hundreds of Red Cross first responders
- Trained and put into place a team of members ready to respond to future disasters in Houston

YEAR TWO PLAN

- Double hands on volunteer support
- Host legal clinics quarterly to provide advice for persons impacted by Harvey
- Host *Houston Responds* Disaster Summit
- Continue to provide financial assistance and host out of town teams
- Check back with all persons impacted by storm
- Train a relief team to help another church as we were helped by Broadmoor UMC, Baton Rouge

BY THE NUMBERS

\$467,111.64 Donated
\$1,004,000.00 Restoration Team grants received for supplies and case management

753 Days worked by local volunteers

1,542 Days worked by out of town volunteers

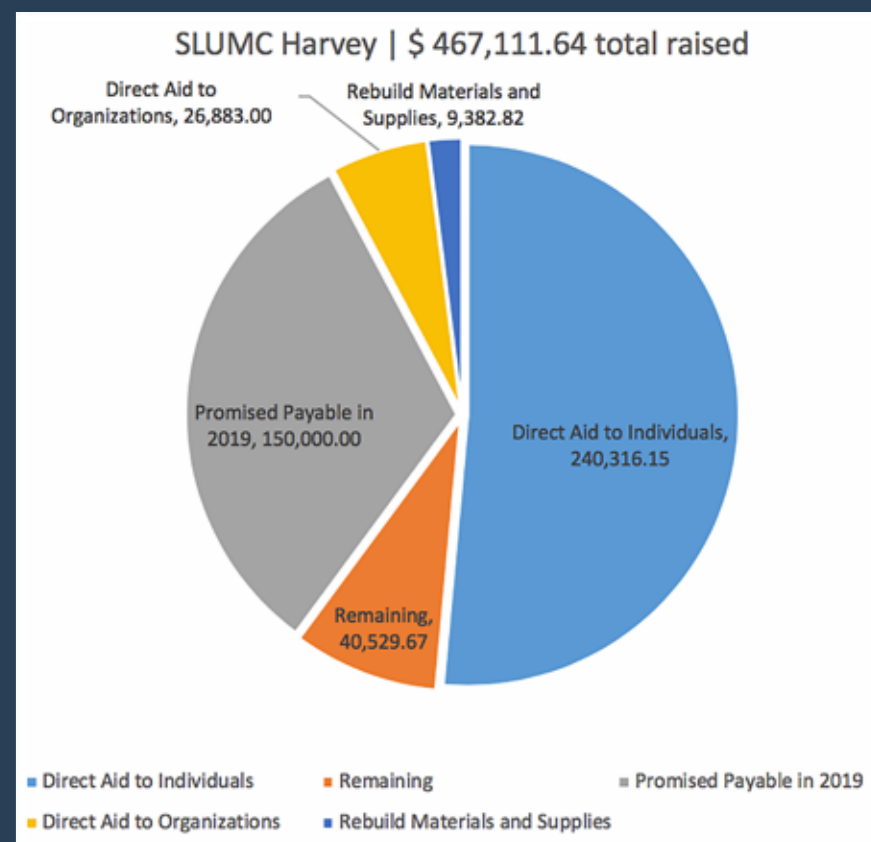
128 Homes mucked

92 Homes made functional

4,500 Calls made to check on members and friends

23 Mission teams hosted

184 Families assisted financially



To join us in rebuilding, visit StLukesMethodist.org/houston-flood-relief

WE GIVE OURSELVES AWAY IN GENEROSITY AND SERVICE



As donations arrived, the Blanton Building housed supplies for mucking teams and became a distribution center.



As many as 500 packages arrived daily from our Amazon wish list.



St. Luke's is so grateful for the volunteers that showed up.



Truck loads of supplies came from churches in Florida and Louisiana.



Hundreds of Red Cross workers called St. Luke's home.



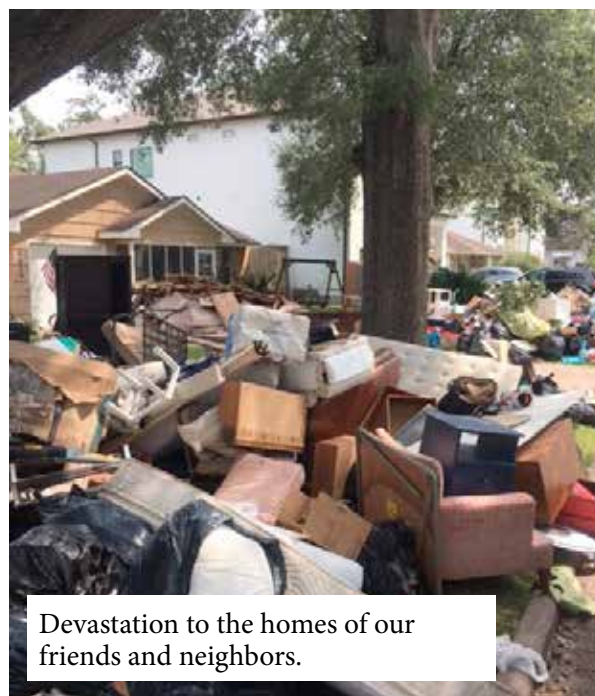
Cleaning flooded houses... lots of flooded houses.



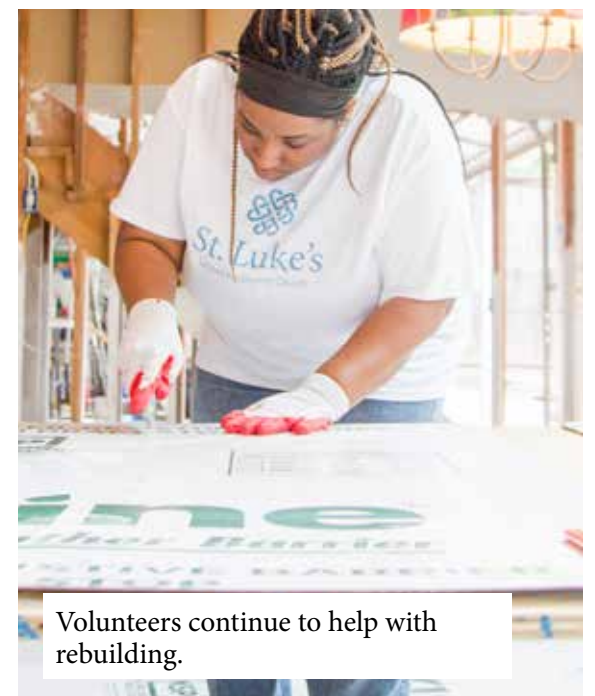
Daily hot meals and clothing were available at our Gethsemane Campus.



Volunteers helped home owners clean and pack what could be saved.



Devastation to the homes of our friends and neighbors.



Volunteers continue to help with rebuilding.