PORT ARTHUR AND AUSTIN CHURCHES UNITE FOR “LOVE PORT ARTHUR” DEPLOYMENT

Austin, TX – Over 1,000 volunteers from churches throughout the Greater Port Arthur and Austin Areas will combine efforts for “Love Port Arthur” deployment, on Saturday, September 30th, in Port Arthur, Texas. The Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) will be organizing church volunteers to go door to door to flood impacted areas in Port Arthur to ensure every family has the opportunity to complete an online Survivor Assistance form in order to receive possible short and long term assistance as its made available.

At Thomas Jefferson Middle School (2200 Jefferson Drive, Port Arthur), ADRN will have hundreds of volunteers ready to receive survivors that completed the online Survivor Assistance form and scheduled an appointment to control traffic flow from 10AM-5PM. There will also be onsite trained emotional and spiritual care teams, kids fun zone, and two large circus tents that will house eight semi’s worth of sorted clothing, goods and disaster supplies for survivors that completed the online form.

“To get a blessing, you’ve got to be a blessing, and right now there’s a great number of folks who need a blessing in Port Arthur,” said Port Arthur Mayor Derrick Freeman. “Love Port Arthur’ will be a huge effort to help thousands of people who feel forgotten in the aftermath of this terrible storm,” Mayor Freeman said.

The Austin Disaster Relief Network is asking every family impacted by Hurricane Harvey in the Port Arthur, Port Neches, Nederland and Groves area to:

1. Complete online Survivor Assistance form at www.loveportarthur.com before Saturday, Sept. 30th
2. Schedule an Appointment online to prior to arriving at Thomas Jefferson Middle School on Saturday, Sept. 30th
3. All survivors must bring a valid photo ID, their FEMA # and the most recent utility bill showing proof of residency along with the Survivor Assistance form confirmation email

Those applying may have the opportunity to receive future assistance such as:

- Muck-Out/Clean Up
- Mold Spray
- Rebuild and Repair
- Financial Assistance
- Emergency Transportation
- Emergency Housing

The “Love Port Arthur” deployment is being coordinated by the Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN), which has been at the forefront of providing relief efforts, supplies and emotional/spiritual care to thousands of people affected by Harvey. “Port Arthur is one of those ‘shadow communities’ that tend to be forgotten when attention is focused on bigger cities,” said Daniel Geraci, ADRN Founder and Executive Director.

“Love Port Arthur” will conclude with a City-wide Prayer Gathering Saturday evening from 6PM-7PM, presented by Port Arthur and Greater Austin pastors at Memorial Stadium. Doors open at 5:30PM.

For more information and to fill out a Survivor Assistance Form, go to www.loveportarthur.com. For assistance or questions, call ADRN’s SURVIVOR Hotline # at 409.300.3707 (Monday-Saturday, 10AM-6PM).

ABOUT ADRN
Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization comprised of more than 175 greater Austin churches and thousands of trained volunteers. ADRN’s network enables church members to organize, prepare and respond quickly in the event of a disaster, large or small. ADRN network churches, volunteers, business partners, local agencies and community organizations provide in-kind and monetary donations and additional volunteer assistance that enable ADRN to fund the rebuild/repair of survivor homes and provide immediate assistance to those in crisis. Since 2009, ADRN has brought emotional, physical and spiritual relief to more than 22,000 individuals, sponsored more than 2,700 families and given more than $4.7 million in disaster relief funds. Learn more at ADRN.org.

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