

Houston Flood Response: Operation Blessing To Begin Coordinating Volunteer Efforts For Flood Cleanup Starting Saturday, April 23 at 8am

Brookshire-Area Homeowners Can Request Free Volunteer Help

HOUSTON, TX (April 22, 2016) – Starting tomorrow, the humanitarian organization Operation Blessing International will begin coordinating volunteer flood cleanup efforts in and around Brookshire, TX. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help should meet at Powerhouse Church (1818 Katyland Drive, Katy, TX) at 8am on Saturday, April 23 (see important info below).

Operation Blessing also announced that local homeowners whose homes were damaged can request free volunteer help starting today (see info below).

One of the largest humanitarian organizations in America, Operation Blessing International specializes in disaster relief and logistics. The organization deployed its U.S. Disaster Relief team to Brookshire earlier this week including a convoy of disaster relief equipment from the organization's headquarters in Virginia Beach and a warehouse in Ocala, Florida. Team leaders met with local officials and will begin coordinating daily volunteer efforts (except Sundays) to clean out homes, remove sheetrock, salvage belongings, etc.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:

Operation Blessing is accepting volunteers daily (except Sunday) at 8:00am at Powerhouse Church (1818 Katyland Drive, Katy, TX). Orientation will begin at 8:30 AM and teams will be sent out from there. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, dress appropriately for work in the field, and also provide their own transportation to and from the work site. Operation Blessing will provide work assignments, management and tools.

To volunteer, please contact 757-374-0944. Volunteer groups that need overnight housing should contact Kerry Dodson at 757-226-3407. Overnight housing will be available starting this Monday at Powerhouse Church.

RESIDENTS CAN REQUEST FREE VOLUNTEER HELP:

Residents are invited come in person to fill out a work request for FREE volunteer help at Powerhouse Church (1818 Katyland Drive, Katy, TX) from 8:30am - 4:30pm daily (except Sunday), or by calling 757-274-8650. All residents must sign a work order form and a release form in person allowing volunteer teams access to your property. Volunteers will not be able to do work without a form SIGNED BY THE HOMEOWNER. Priority is given based on need (elderly, sick, disabled, etc) and is based on volunteer availability.

For more information on Operation Blessing International please log on to www.ob.org.

ABOUT OPERATION BLESSING INTERNATIONAL:

Operation Blessing International (OBI) is one of the largest charities in America, providing strategic disaster relief, medical aid, hunger relief, clean water and community development in 27 countries around the world on a daily basis. In 2014, OBI was awarded Charity Navigator's

coveted 4-star rating for sound fiscal management marking 8 years the charity has received this prestigious ranking. Forbes also ranks OBI as one of its “100 Largest Charities” with an efficiency rating of 99%. Founded in 1978, Operation Blessing International has touched the lives of more than 292 million people in more than 105 countries and 50 states, providing goods and services valued at over \$4.2 billion.

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