

DISASTER RECOVERY CORNER

BUILD A KIT

Include enough food, water, and medical supplies for your needs in your emergency kit to last for at least 72 hours.



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B U I L D A K I T

Make sure your emergency kit is stocked with the items on the checklist below. Most of the items are inexpensive and easy to find, and any one of them could save your life. Headed to the store? Download a printable version to take with you. Once you take a look at the basic items, consider what unique needs your family might have, such as supplies for pets, or seniors.

After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Maintaining Your Kit

After assembling your kit remember to maintain it so it's ready when needed:

- Keep canned food in a cool, dry place
 - Store boxed food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers
 - Replace expired items as needed
 - Re-think your needs every year and update your kit as your family's needs change.

Kit Storage Locations

- Since you do not know where you will be when an emergency occurs, prepare supplies for home, work and vehicles.
 - Home: Keep this kit in a designated place and have it ready in case you have to leave your home quickly. Make sure all family members know where the kit is kept.
 - Work: Be prepared to shelter at work for at least 24 hours. Your work kit should include food, water and other necessities like medicines, as well as comfortable walking shoes, stored in a "grab and go" case.
 - Vehicle: In case you are stranded, keep a kit of emergency supplies in your car.



For a sample Emergency Kit: https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1390846764394-dc08e309debe561d866b05ac84daf1ee/checklist_2014.pdf

OPERATION ST. CROIX



A long term recovery mission deployment will be taking place June 9 through June 16th. Vincentians arriving on the ground will review case files from the previous deployment to St. Croix. They will be assessing the intake documents from the 1,008 families to determine those who are in most need of home assistance through a tier system, and tier 4 being the most in need will be visited during this assessment as well as home visits. We are privileged to have locals in St. Croix, and clergy, who will be working alongside our deployed Vincentians to carry out these arduous tasks. Please pray for all those that will be working on the ground to support those in need, to the clergy who are living on the ground there serving the community, and to all the survivors on the island.

Shown Above: Vincentian, Isabel Darcy of Tampa, Florida on a recovery deployment to St. Croix of the US Virgin Islands making personal visits to community members neighborhoods for assistance and aid.

OPERATION SAN JUAN



A long term recovery mission deployment is in operation in San Juan, Puerto Rico and the surrounding area. Vincentian, Maria Gonzales, arrived on the island and is supporting the local Vincentians in the area. They have been hard at work - long hours each day assessing the intake documents, making home-visits, collaborating with local VOAD member agencies, and partnering with Team Rubicon on roof and home rebuilds. These people that belong to SVDP are truly inspirational. Please pray for all those that will be working on the ground to support those in need, to the clergy who are living on the ground there serving the community, and to all the survivors on the island. To support these efforts, please donate at: www.svdpdisaster.org.

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Shown Above: Monique Brent, Volunteer Programs, Deployments Manager of Operations who works out of our office in Alexandria, Virginia (DC)

OPERATION LONESTAR

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS



Shown Above: Vincentians and the San Antonio Knights of Columbus work together at the Disaster Services Corporation, SVDP-USA centralized distribution warehouse preparing House in a Box® kits to be driven and delivered to satellite locations throughout the state. Hurricane Harvey survivors are identified and vetted through DSC's Disaster Case Management Program. This program is managed by National House in a Box® Director and Vincentian, James Butler of Dayton, Ohio.

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Please consider supporting our mission by donating your time, providing financial support, and/or becoming active in your local community on disaster preparedness and recovery as a Vincentian.

For those of you interested in volunteering, please stop by our website at www.svdpdisaster.org and click on the volunteer button at the top right corner. It will take you to a webform to complete. This information will help us gain better insight on you and be able to better pair you with what we have open and available to volunteer with. We will set up a one on one phone call shortly after the form has been completed. As a reminder, we cannot continue all these great works without your help. Please consider donating to the general disaster fund at www.svdpdisaster.org to keep our programs running so that we can in turn support those who have been impacted by disaster here in the United States. We need your help!

