

DISASTER RECOVERY CORNER

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CEO UPDATE ELIZABETH DISCO-SHEARER



Disaster Services Corporation SVDP-USA provides Disaster Case Management to families impacted by disasters across the United States and American Territories. We work with survivors on individual recovery plans to help rebuild their lives, but we are also working with survivors on preparedness for the next disaster.

Each year thousands of disaster survivors fall into situational poverty because they failed to purchase Flood Insurance. FEMA states that: “Floods are the nation’s most common and costly natural disaster and cause millions of dollars in damage every year. Floods cost America, on average, \$8.2 billion each year (according to 2015 data). Recovering from just one inch of water inside your building can cost about \$27,000. Learn about The BIG Cost of Floods.”

Most homeowners and renters’ insurance do not cover floods. Check with your insurance agent on coverage for your property. Even if you do not live in an area prone to floods, you may need flood insurance. There are also some very good resources to access information on flood insurance at www.fema.gov and www.floodsmart.gov.

In closing, I want to thank all the donors that are supporting the work that we do in natural and man-made disasters across the United States and American Territories. The work challenging, but it is so rewarding to see the many lives that we can help rebuild because of the contributions that we receive for our mission. www.svdpcdisaster.org.

VINCENTIANS ACTIVE IN DISASTER RECOVERY

Quincy FI was an impoverished area prior to hurricane Michael. The storm exacerbated the situation by destroying crops, houses, trees, and employment. High winds took roofs off, brought trees down on houses, barns, small buildings and power lines. The electrical failure cost people their food when refrigerators and freezers shut down. Rain entering through damaged roofs destroyed interior walls and contents of houses and trailers. Few had insurance on their homes or continence. Insurance is the first thing to go when food and clothing are a struggle to provide. The tomato crops were destroyed leaving the farmers in dire straits and the migrant pickers out of work. We helped sign people up for FEMA assistance, and distributed the food we received from Catholic Charities and other sources. We also distributed diapers and baby wipes, Clorox wipes, hygiene kits, MREs, Laundry detergent, water, and \$25 gift cards for Walmart. Diane Clark was our team leader and did a wonderful job of keeping everything organized and moving forward in spite of a small crew and overwhelming demand. Everyone on the crew performed admirable, sometimes under intense pressure. It was a privilege to be a part of the effort. God Bless them all.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve

Vincentian, Hugh Grant



SURVIVING AND THRIVING BY HEARING WITH
COMPASSION AND FINDING GOD IN THE MIDST
OF THE CHAOS...

VINCENTIAN, JEANNE HARPER

When in the chaos, pray: "...Lord, What a relief it is to know that storm control isn't my job! Please remind me to stop, to relinquish, to attend to you, the Director of my actions, the Source of all wisdom, energy and strength, the Protector and Provider as I embrace the day that you have gifted me. Amen." Faith Clarke writes in her blog Comfort in the Midst of Chaos.

So let us think about this --- in the middle of the chaotic disasters, in order to survive and thrive, we must truly give up work "to FIX what is". We can only create a warm, loving, practical, compassionate, inviting atmosphere and environment for ourselves, as volunteers as well as for those we serve, the victims. In doing this, we create an "oasis" from the storms of life, in which we can survive and thrive!

In this "oasis" environment, as we work with those affected by the disaster, we need to keep in mind what Debra K. Farrington writes in Reflections on Hearing with the Heart: A Gentle Guide to Discerning God's will for your Life: "hearing with compassion and knowing God's will" is done with our heart... the center of the whole human being...emotions, feelings, moods, passions, thought, understanding and wisdom...a place where real knowledge and conversion take place" ...even in the midst of disaster chaos!

To continue reading our guest blog visit:

<https://www.svdpcdisaster.org/blog/surviving-and-thriving-hearing-compassion-and-finding-god-midst-chaos%E2%80%A6>



HYGIENE KIT DRIVE

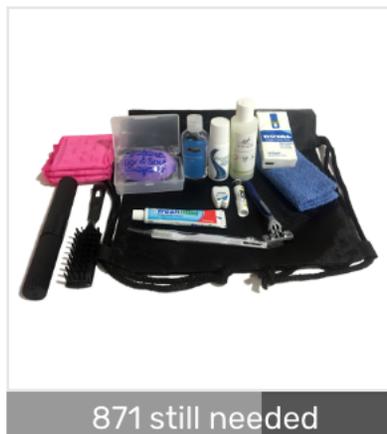
We are fundraising for hygiene kits. It is our goal to have more than 10,000 kits readily available for an immediate deployment. The Disaster Services Corp., St. Vincent de Paul USA is calling for your help to purchase hygiene kits for disaster victims!

Personal hygiene kits are always in need to keep up with the disasters in the U.S. alone! Through this campaign, we would like to raise 10,000 kits for disaster victims. These hygiene kits have been customized for Disaster Services Corp., St Vincent de Paul USA and include items for specific age groups (e.g., a backpack and stuffed animal for kids).

All kits purchased here will be shipped to a designated SVdP Disaster Services location for distribution to people in need. Click here to learn more or donate. Please note: You will need to create an account to complete your donation.

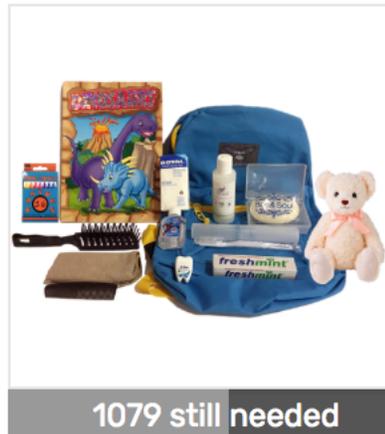
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To support our efforts please visit:
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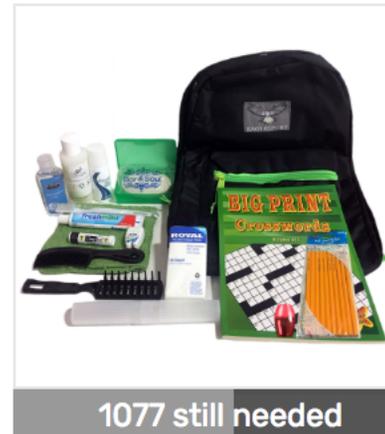
871 still needed

Women's Hygiene Kit
\$ 8.50



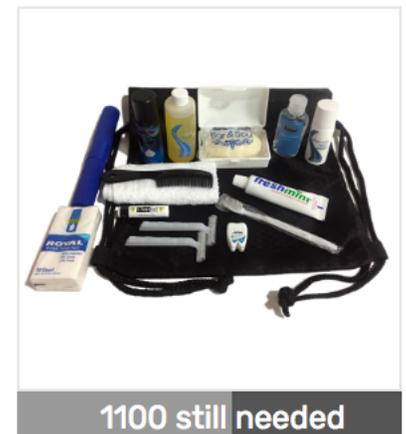
1079 still needed

Child's Hygiene Kit
\$ 15.00



1077 still needed

Youth Hygiene Kit
\$ 12.00



1100 still needed

Men's Hygiene Kit
\$ 8.00

LATISHE THOMAS

DISASTER CASE MANAGER

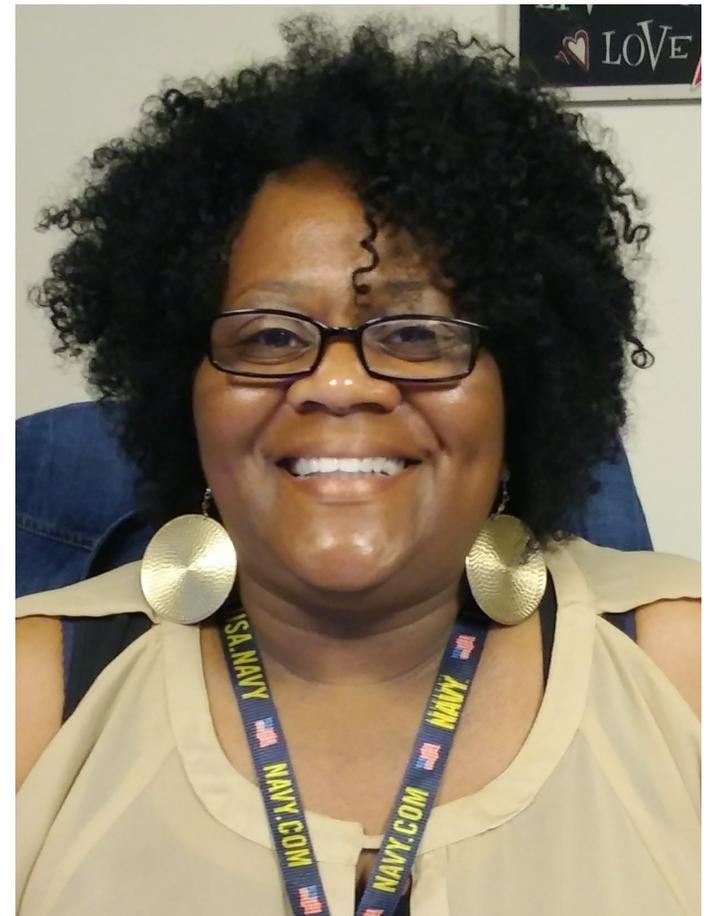


My name is LaTishe Thomas and I have a Bachelor degree in Criminal Justice. I have 10 plus years of experience in case management in multiple facets. I have 5 plus years of experience working for Fema as a Disaster Reservist. , I have very strong background combined with over ten years work experience in Execution and Implementation. My former positions as a Disaster Reservist in disaster 4357 (Hurricane Sandy), disaster 4030 (Tropical Storm Lee), and disaster 1791 (Hurricane Ike) allowed me to further develop and strengthen my Technical, Clerical, Case Management and Customer Service skills. Throughout my career I have demonstrated for my employers an exceptional facility for meeting organizational objectives and demands. I believe that I could make a significant and valuable contribution.

JANICE BRIGGS
DISASTER CASE MANAGER
TEAM SUPERVISOR

My name is Janice Briggs and I have worked in the Disaster Recovery Field for over a decade. I also have prior experience in leadership. My passion is to guide others who work Disasters to become Greater Advocates for the people they serve.

I have a Master's degree in Psychology. Some of my hobbies include sewing, going to football games, dancing, and doing craft. What motivates me in my role as a supervisor is that I can provide guidance to my staff and in return they help their clients meet their recovery goals. My motivation also entails a team of experienced DCM's who are passionate about what they do for their clients.



CREATING CALM

AUTHORED BY BRANDY R. CRANE, LBSW

DISASTER CASE MANAGER

HURRICANE HARVEY

I am Brandy R. Crane, LBSW, Disaster Case Manager for Jefferson County, TX. Additionally, I am a Hurricane Harvey survivor living in Orange, TX. Recently I attended this year's National Association of Social Workers (NASW-TX) Conference in Arlington, TX. There were many sessions offered that discussed the effects trauma and natural disasters on individuals and communities, which is applicable to the work we do. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to share information from one of the sessions. "Not everyone with trauma history has Post Traumatic Stress, but no one goes unaffected by the experience of trauma."

While we may have known this to be true on some level, it was brought home through our experiences of Hurricane Harvey. Not everyone experienced flooding, but our communities were impacted in ways we could not have imagined.

This session, entitled "Creating Calm", gives social workers and case managers the tools to help our clients through their trauma. The main concepts have been consolidated to the following:

- Trauma Jumbles Everything Up: It needs to be processed so the mind can make sense of it, and return to a comfortable baseline.
- Trauma Is A Liar!: Erroneous beliefs get set up as a result of trauma. Healing is about cleansing, and making sense of this confusion.
- Stages Of Healing:

- 1.Expression: The trauma must be given expression and venting, and avoidance challenged.
- 2.Reevaluation: We can't change the past, but we can change our perception and interpretation of the past.
- 3.Acceptance: That which we cannot accept torments us. The final stage of grief is release, acceptance.
- 4.The trauma survivor needs to understand and have buy in.

The last stage is most applicable to the work that we do at St. Vincent de Paul. By giving our clients the opportunity to reclaim their lives and property from the storm we are giving them their BUY IN. We are helping them through their recovery process and empowering them to make decisions for themselves and their families so that they can move forward and help their communities to heal.

More information from this session is available at https://drive.google.com/open?id=1kd_0YkmLWJza8pJfAl0JHjUpBZ-Uzb9k
Nixon, T. (2018, October 12). "Creating Calm": A Path for Teaching Clients How to Manage Anxiety and Process Trauma. Lecture presented at 2018 NASW-TX Conference in Arlington Convention Center, Arlington, TX.

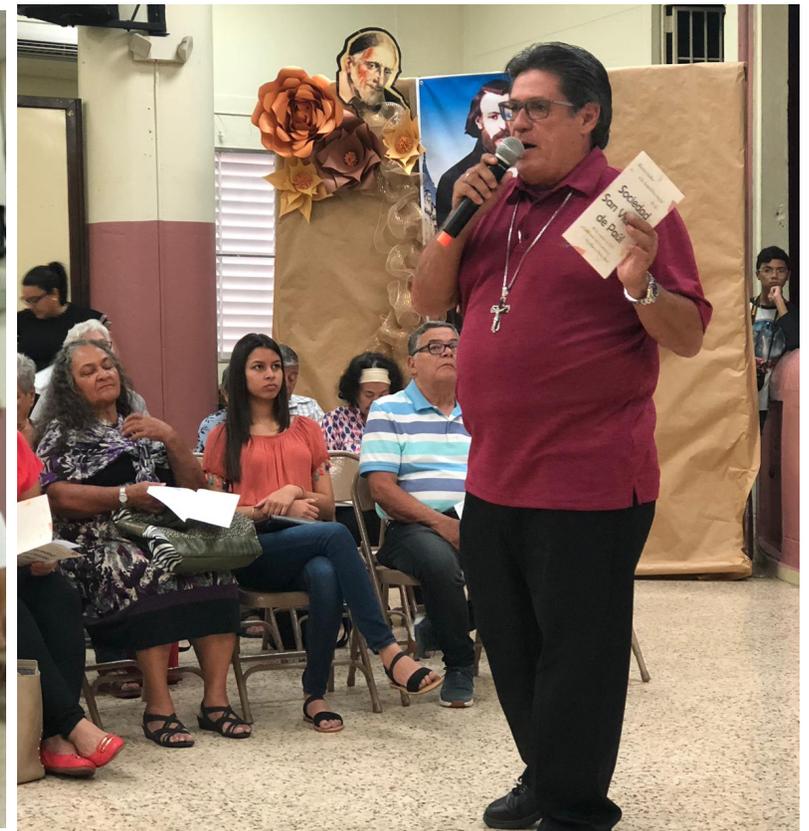
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Scenes from our House in a Box operation in Beaumont, Texas. To learn more about our House in a Box Program see our website at: <https://www.svdpcdisaster.org/house-box-program> and donate here: <https://www.svdpcdisaster.org/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=1>



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SVDP in Puerto Rico celebrates their 160th anniversary this week. Please keep Puerto Rico in your prayers as the long term recovery will take several years. To support the long term recovery program on the ground please donate at: <https://www.svdpcdisaster.org/civcrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=1>



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Quincy, Florida Parish Recovery Center Operations. Over 82 families were served.



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Hello Vincentians, We were very busy yesterday and served about 2500 people by my best estimate. We ended up running out of food. Those receiving are very grateful and those serving were happy to be able too. A perfect combination. St Rita's also served on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Come on out and share your joy. Please sign up on saintrita.org under the volunteer banner. Blessed be the LORD.

-Stephen Elliott of Santa Rosa Beach, Florida



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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.

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Manager, Volunteer Resources and Deployments

For those of you interested in volunteering, please stop by our website at www.svdpcdisaster.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.svdpcdisaster.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.

