

DISASTER RECOVERY CORNER

NOVEMBER 8, 2018

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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

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CANDLES



BATTERIES

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FIRST AID KIT



MATCHES



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CEO UPDATE

ELIZABETH DISCO-SHEARER



This week I had the opportunity to spend time with staff from two of our long running Disaster Case Management Teams. Disaster Services Corp. SVDP, USA has been working in both Northern and Southern Louisiana to help the survivors of the 2016 floods. When disasters hit the news, everyone is focused on the immediate response to victims, but the long-term work takes years. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is there when the disaster starts to aid families and we are there long after many voluntary groups have left the area. Disaster Case Management helps families navigate the long road to recovery. As I talked to our Disaster Case Managers in Shreveport and Baton Rouge, I was surprised to hear the enthusiasm in their voices, that they displayed, after two long years of providing services. This great team of employees embodies daily the charm of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. To learn more about our Disaster Case Management Programs go to www.svdpdisaster.org.

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.svdpdisaster.org/blog/surviving-and-thriving-hearing-compassion-and-finding-god-midst-chaos%E2%80%A6>



HYGIENE KIT DRIVE

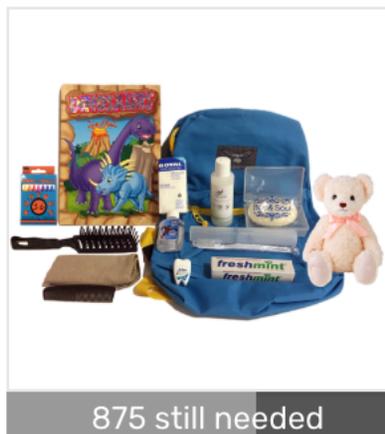
We are fundraising for hygiene kits. It is our goal to have more than 10,000 kits readily available for an immediate deployment. The Disaster Services Corp., St. Vincent de Paul USA is calling for your help to purchase hygiene kits for disaster victims!

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.

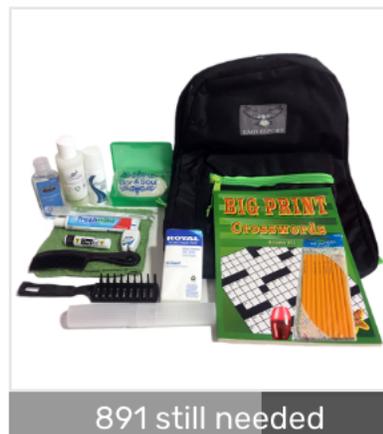
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To support our efforts please visit:
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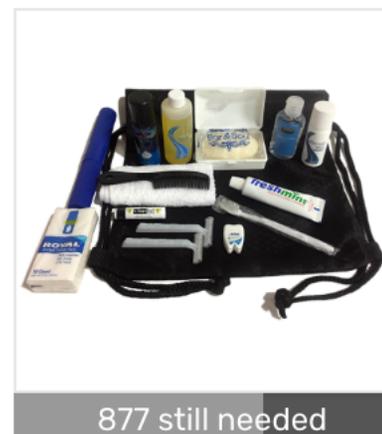
875 still needed

Child's Hygiene Kit
\$ 15.00



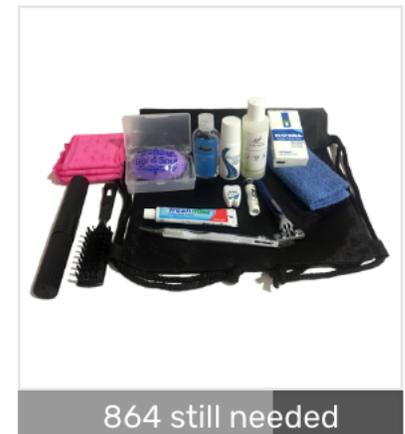
891 still needed

Youth Hygiene Kit
\$ 12.00



877 still needed

Men's Hygiene Kit
\$ 8.00



864 still needed

Women's Hygiene Kit
\$ 8.50

JOSEPH HARE

DISASTER CASE MANAGER



Joseph Hare has been a servant to his fellow man since he was a 8 yrs old, when he helped to give out non-perishables with his church, St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, in Newport News, VA. Since those formative years, Joseph has served humanity in Virginia, Alabama, Ohio, Texas, Japan, and Haiti. Whether it may be as a paid profession, or through his 31 years of Independent Holistic Ministerial Evangelism, helping all people groups achieve self-betterment is seen by Joseph as a fulfillment of his Divine calling. Aside from accomplishing his Lay Ministry Credentials in 1992, he has earned a Bachelors in Business Administration, Masters in Organizational / Human Resource Management, and Masters in HealthCare Administration, graduating as a Golden Key International Honour Society inductee. Above all of this, Joseph is most proud to be the Dad of his two amazing sons, Josiah Sankofa (20) and Michah Mashiyach (17). Joseph's professional profile includes 3 decades of operations and organizational management, two decades of entrepreneurial endeavors, volunteering as a community advocate, advisory council member for public schools, mentor for troubled youth, community development adviser, preacher, teacher, lecturer, seminar presenter, and life coach for whomever may call on him. Joseph attributes his passion for selfless service to his Mother, who, after raising him and his 13 siblings, always tirelessly worked at helping those around her improve their domestic service through teaching cooking, advising on child rearing, and giving hands on lessons in gardening (which she loved and did up to her last breath in Oct. 2016. Joseph's Mother remains his most potent source of motivation when life isn't a bed of roses. Joseph says it is his great pleasure to serve S.V.D.P. D.S. as a part of the brilliant team headed out of the Liberty, TX office. It is his hope to add enough Light and Love to as many people's lives as possible, so to make every significant moment of his life an honor to Yahweh God... his Creator and Sustainer.

YANIEL PEREZ
DATA ANALYST SUPERVISOR

I am the Data Analyst Supervisor. A fun fact about myself I am an identical twin, single and without children. I attended the University of Matanzas “Camila Cienfuegos” in Mantanzas, Cuba where I earned a Bachelor’s in Mechanical Engineering.

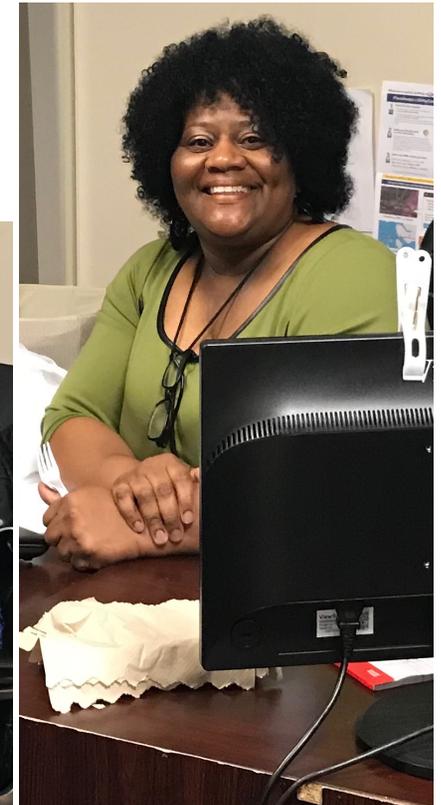
Some of my hobbies include traveling, working out, going to the movies and hanging out with friends.

The things I enjoy about my role is helping people, creating and using quantitative data and working in the Excel program.



BATON ROUGE, LA OPERATIONAL VISIT

Elizabeth Disco-Shearer, CEO of Disaster Services Corp., SVDP-USA, made her way to the Baton Rouge DCMP program office for a visit and review. See below images from her time there with the Disaster Case Management program staff, Judy Johnson-White, and Ms. Janice Briggs.



PUERTO RICO, DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT

The Disaster Case Management Program is in full swing in Puerto Rico. The Disaster Services Corp., SVDP-USA is managing a long term recovery program there on the ground. Anthony Plucchino led training with the Vincentians and program staff that were recently hired on. Please continue to keep our Puerto Rican family in prayer as they navigate the challenging efforts ahead in assisting their community recover.



VINCENTIANS ACTIVE IN DISASTER RECOVERY

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.svdpdisaster.org/civcrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=1>



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



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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/civcrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=1>



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Monique Brent, mbrent@svdpcdisaster.org
Manager, Volunteer Resources and Deployments

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