

#### Update 8/31/17

SGSO has a team in Houston as we speak, and is putting a plan in place. They have taken warehouse space in north Houston and will use that to base supplies out of in the coming months. They are buying up stocks of drywall and insulation supplies wherever they can find them, and shipping them to Houston to store. They have also bought 17 generators and will be lending them to various households until power is fully restored.

SGSO is sending their first team to Houston this Monday, Sep 4, to begin the first cleanup work. Tasks will likely include mucking out flooded houses, ripping out wet carpet, and tearing down wet sheetrock and insulation. It is important for these tasks to be done as soon as possible to prevent mold and rot, therefore hopefully saving the base structures of the houses. This will be the first of many teams to shuttle in and out of Houston over the coming months.

Additionally, a second recon team will be going to Rockport in a few days, and we can assume that a similar plan will be developed for that area.

SGSO and many other agencies are asking that you NOT donate used clothes for Harvey victims. The reason is that it takes an enormous amount of volunteer time to sort a warehouse full of clothes into male, female, adult, child, and then guess at sizes as well.

SGSO welcomes new clothing. Please be sure the size tag is still in place to allow for efficient sorting.