

# A Message Regarding Houston

As we think about the families impacted by Hurricane Harvey, many of us are asking ourselves what we can do to help. Here's advice from Millersville's Dr. Duane Hagelgans from our Center for Disaster Research & Education:

"While all of us want to get in our cars, trucks and vans and drive to Texas; that is not the best way to assist at this time. Texas does not need individual people showing up. Instead, they prefer that people join organizations, like the American Red Cross, and other groups that already have coordinated efforts there. We can also make donations to agencies that are designed to assist in these emergency situations."

If you want to make a monetary donation, the Federal Emergency Management Agency recommends checking with the [National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster](#) for a list of trusted disaster-relief organizations in Texas.

Houston and neighboring communities face months, probably years, of clean up so the University will be looking for ways to assist that might include sending volunteer work groups to affected areas over winter and spring Breaks. As we keep the residents of Texas in our thoughts and prayers, we'll keep you informed of opportunities to serve those devastated by this tremendous storm.

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