"Houston Still Needs You," Volunteer Campaign

**Purpose:** To engage volunteers for Harvey relief and recovery efforts to-

- To capture and accurately count volunteer hours and donated materials that can potentially be counted towards the City's 10% the local match to be paid to receive federal disaster grants.
- To provide increased volunteer support for organizations who are providing relief and recovery activities in support of the 10%.

**What is it?** To help capture as many volunteer hours as possible, we'll form the Houston Hometown Heroes - a broad based coalition of organizations (including City departments) who are providing relief and recovery services across Houston with volunteer assistance.

**Goals**

- Assist in recruiting volunteers for NGO’s, non-profits, and City departments.
- Promote their volunteer opportunities.
- Collect and analyze volunteer data for the City and NGO’s.
- Coordinating and planning volunteer efforts in the wake of future natural disasters and other unexpected events.

**Examples of volunteer activities in Harvey affected areas:**

- Community clean ups
- Housing repair and rebuilding
- Supply distribution for disaster victims

**Recognition program**

The recognition platform includes honoring the exemplary contributions of individuals and organizations who dedicate their time and talent to volunteerism as “Houston Hometown Heroes”. There are several platforms of recognition for participants based on the number of volunteer hours worked that include Houston Hometown Hero t-shirts, yard signs, recognition from Mayor at City Council and sponsored prizes.

To volunteer, please contact Paul Green, Coordinator, Volunteer Initiatives Program

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