

Hurricane Harvey – A Message from Senior Rides

Hurricane Harvey began affecting our lives on August 25th, and while it officially left Houston on September 2nd, it is a long road to normalcy.

Thankfully, both the Senior Rides and More offices (Southwest and Northwest) were not damaged. We are also grateful that our “Home” buildings, Christ Church Presbyterian and Northwest Assistance Ministries, were not damaged. However, both offices were closed for several days while they assessed damages.

Debby (Executive Director) and Sara (Northwest office Program Manager) stayed in constant communication with each other and with the Senior Rides and More Board of Directors. Senior Rides office schedulers, Carleen and Janie, worked alongside Sara to reach out to our care receivers and volunteers to see who might be in need. Every person who needed groceries or prescriptions during this time of crisis was helped. Board members, staff, and unaffected volunteers all came through for us and for our seniors. Many are now staying with friends and family. In at least two cases, we have care receivers currently staying with a Senior Rides volunteer with whom they had become friends over the years.

When the office could not reach some of our most frail of care receivers by phone, we drove to their homes to check on them. This storm has affected all of us. Even if there was no damage to property, the experience itself and seeing the devastation caused to close friends and family, has impacted us.

A silver lining to this storm is the people who have opened their hearts and are finding ways to help others. Senior Rides and More is in need of volunteers to continue and expand our mission and we look to the community for this assistance. We pray that the spirit of community engagement, and looking out for the most vulnerable of our population, continues through 2017 and beyond. Please consider volunteering for Senior Rides. We welcome your call for more information. 713-772-8181

Thank you all for your commitment and service to our organization.

The Senior Rides and More Staff and Board of Directors