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MLF Ministry Responds to the Hurricane Harvey Crisis

With the ongoing humanitarian crisis in the South Texas area, your Mobile Loaves & Fishes ministry leapt into action to provide assistance to those affected by Hurricane Harvey's storms and flooding.

FOOD - On Thursday, August 31st, a team of MLF volunteers prepared and boxed 500 meals that were delivered to Catholic Charities Archdiocese of San Antonio. The following day the meals were loaded on trucks and provided for hurricane relief efforts in Corpus Christi. For the San Antonio area, MLF meal teams will be preparing additional meals for Haven for Hope and the Casa de Raices Refugee Location Center to assist with the influx of refugees. These "extra" meals will be continued for the foreseeable future to augment the local hurricane relief efforts.

CLOTHING – The continuing generosity of St. Francis of Assisi parishioners has filled the MLF clothing storage bins with sufficient supplies for our delivery teams to serve our locations. As a result of this ample clothing stock, we have been able to provide materials for hurricane victims. Again, Catholic Charities agreed to accept our donation. On Saturday September 2, five Antonian High School students and their moms from the Young Men's Service League worked with MLF to sort clothing for people displaced by Hurricane Harvey. While the boys worked on a variety of projects for MLF, their moms loaded 18 industrial sized trash bags of clothing, sorted items by men/women/boys/girls/infants, assembled 4 boxes of donated shoes, packed a bag of plush toys for children, and included a box of diapers. All the bags and boxes were labeled to indicate that they came for Catholic Charities and the St. Francis of Assisi Mobile Loaves & Fishes ministry.

The Core Team expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the MLF volunteers, the financial support, and other donations that our ministry receives from the SFA parish and its members. It is your long-term sponsorship that enables us to be the "hands of Christ" and fulfill our mission *"to provide food, clothing, and dignity to our brothers and sisters in need."*