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Undoubtedly, many of you have received inquiries about how members, lodges, Moose Legions and chapters can assist both fellow members and the general public who have been impacted by Hurricane Harvey, primarily along the Texas coast. Please see the notes below regarding suggestions for offering help. Obviously, any contribution will be appreciated, however, just make sure your contribution is being funneled through a reputable organization.

From TX/OK Territory Manager Ron Trygstad: I am receiving calls from other states wanting to know what they can do – they can send anything that is useful in your home – all types of canned foods; baby clothes; water-- lots of water; bathroom items; blankets; baby food; baby items; snack items; paper towels; bath towels and wash cloths; sodas; breakfast items and the list can go on and on. If you have something you use in your home---we need it.

A distribution center has been set-up at the VFW, 1452 Highway 361, Ingleside, TX 78362, about 2 miles from the Aransas Pass lodge.

Any gift cards should be sent to TMA Secretary Glenn Singleton, P.O. Box 276435, San Antonio, Texas 78227. . . any questions, email Territory Manager Ron Trygstad at rtrygstad@mooseintl.org.

For cash contributions, please review the statement below that was sent to all lodges and chapters yesterday via Official Communications:

The individuals and communities impacted by Hurricane Harvey will soon be looking for assistance wherever they can find it. The Moose Fraternity has always reached out to help those in need and the Moose has a long history of partnering with the Salvation Army, which is providing disaster relief onsite.

For those members organizing fundraisers or collections through their lodges or chapters, the General Governor's Office has issued a blanket dispensation throughout the month of September enabling those charitable actions to take place. The dispensation requires all net proceeds to be distributed to the Salvation Army (<http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/>) or another reputable local agency and may be listed on your quarterly Heart of the Community report due November 15th. Those lodges/chapters that hold special events or fundraisers in relation to Hurricane Harvey may also send digital photographs and brief descriptions to editorial@mooseintl.org for possible publication online or within *Moose Magazine*.

Individual members who are interested in helping during this trying time in Texas can send donations directly through <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/>.

Our thoughts are with those whose lives have been impacted by this historic storm.

Fraternally,

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