

HELPING LGBTQ HOUSTON REBUILD

As the 5th largest LGBT center in the nation and more than 35,000 clients in core programming, the Montrose Center learned very quickly of staff and community members who lost everything to Hurricane Harvey.

Center staff began calling to check on clients one day after the storm and opened its doors as a response center three days after the storm hit. The experience and strength of the Center as a community hub enabled us to provide immediate response to the most vulnerable members of our community.

Thanks to the generosity of the national LGBT community and its allies, the Center has been able to gather resources both in the LGBTQ Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief fund, through volunteer power, and donations.

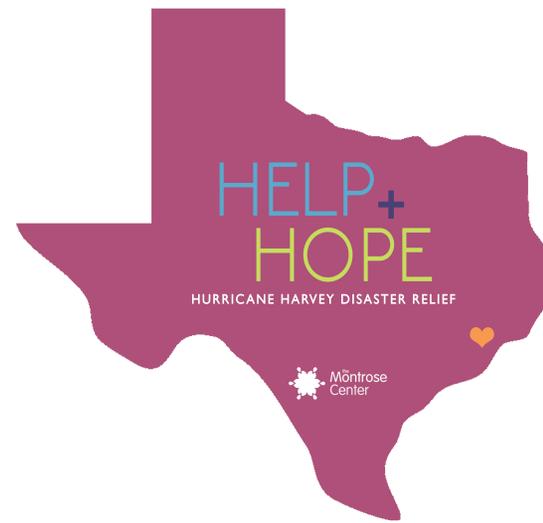
“Nine days after the floods began, 32-year-old Brandon Williams was at the Center on Monday receiving aid for the first time since evacuating his home last week. He doesn’t know a lot of people in Houston (he moved here recently from St. Louis), and he doesn’t know of any other city services that could help him.

‘You just feel kind of discarded,’ said Williams. ‘I’ve been basically homeless. It’s embarrassing to say.’

But he said he heard from acquaintances that the Montrose Center was helping people get basic supplies and find services.”

Case managers at the Montrose Center are helping people just like Brandon with immediate needs like food and shelter but have also begun to support people with direct financial assistance as they begin to put their lives back together in the coming year.

- Quote from BuzzFeed News



\$50,000

distributed in direct assistance so far



4,813

basic needs goods delivered



216

clients requested case management services



\$750,000

raised in a fund for the LGBTQ community



50+

homes cleaned & households moved



\$30,000

in staff time meeting needs of impacted clients

“ We are in awe of the tremendous support we received from celebrities and LGBTQ networks across the nation. It is an honor to be trusted with the funds to help the community rebuild. ”

Executive Director
Ann J. Robison, PhD



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