Last year, Hurricane Harvey damaged or destroyed more than 200,000 homes across Texas, half of which had no flood insurance. More than 30,000 residents had to relocate to shelters during the storm. To help Texans rebuild, United Way created the national Hurricane Harvey Recovery Fund.

In the midst of the hurricane, United Way Worldwide helped United Way of Greater Houston prepare for the storm by offering technology, finance, and program support. The Recovery Fund raised more than $55 million and has helped families across Texas begin to rebuild. Hurricane relief funds have been allocated to front-line disaster relief, including immediate shelter and assistance needs and long-term recovery efforts, including return-to-work programs, flood recovery and clean-up programs. Many partners generously supported immediate needs by donating food, water and clothes, and long-term needs with donations that will continue to help Texas rebuild.

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Hurricane Harvey brought more than 51 inches of rain and winds as high as 130 miles per hour when it made landfall. More than 122,331 people had to be rescued or evacuated throughout the state and more than 738,000 registered for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the aftermath.

Despite the severe damage, United Way Worldwide and our Texas offices continued to support the communities most affected. United Way of Mid & South Jefferson County donated more than 150,000 pounds of supplies to hurricane victims—despite losing their own offices to Harvey. United Way of Greater Houston continued to raise money and vital supplies, even as their own office was under water. Generous donations to the national fund allowed United Way to help residents clean their homes, repair damage and receive vital assistance support to get back on their feet.

MEET DERRICK.

Derrick Fraser's home was damaged by Hurricane Harvey. Derrick suffers from diabetes and other chronic conditions that worsened after the flood. United Way of Greater Baytown & Chambers County helped clean and gut his home as part of their short-term crisis recovery support in the community.

Over the course of the three-month project, Mr. Fraser, who was previously on oxygen, receiving dialysis and barely able to walk, made an incredible recovery and is now home.

His home is safe to live in and his health has improved enough that he is no longer on oxygen and can receive at-home dialysis.

YOUR DONATION SUPPORTS RECOVERY

While Harvey has passed, the damage remains. Communities will be rebuilding for decades to come. United Ways across Texas are leveraging funds to meet pressing needs faced by their communities as well as for long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts. We are investing in utility and rent/mortgage assistance for families who had lost income due to the storm, flood recovery clean-up and repairs, return-to-work programs, case management, and organizing and managing volunteer efforts to assist those affected by the storm rebuild stronger, together.

THE PATH TO REBUILDING

United Way appreciates every donor who supports our critical work around the world. Without your support, both in time and generosity, we would not be able to help communities rebuild after crises and disasters. We know that our work is made possible by you - and we look forward to sharing how your support is changing the lives of communities most in need.