

Rising Together: Finding Hope and Help After the Floods

As the floodwaters finally recede across South Texas and the Hill Country, the full scale of the devastation is now in view. Standing in front of waterlogged homes and debris-filled yards, it is completely natural to look around and ask: *Why me? Why us? Or, why again?*

If you are feeling overwhelmed right now, please hear this: this flood does not define who you are, and you are not alone in this. The mud and the loss are real, but so is the strength of this community.

The Power of Connection

In times like these, leaning on our neighbors is just as important as the physical cleanup. That support might come from your local church organizing, a work crew or simply a neighbor checking in on you. And remember, your community extends far beyond city limits. There are people thousands of miles away—listening on the radio or following along on the internet—who are holding South Texas in their hearts and stepping up to help.

Through all of this, staying connected to your spiritual side is vital for both your own well-being and your neighbor's. Whether you find comfort in prayer, a quiet moment of reflection, or a shared conversation, that spiritual anchor will help sustain you through the difficult days ahead.

You Don't Have to Rebuild Alone

You do not have to carry the entire burden of recovery. There are dozens of organizations on the ground right now ready to assist you with the heavy lifting, both physical and logistical. Whether you need a hot meal, help navigating insurance paperwork, or crews to muck out a home, the resources below are here for you.

Flood Recovery Resource Directory

Local & Long-Term Community Recovery

- **Kerr Together / Kerr County Long-Term Recovery** | Phone: 830-315-1002 | Email: admin@kerrtogether.com | Website: kerrtogether.com
- **ConnectiveTX** | Phone: 713-333-2200 | Email: info@connectivetx.org | Website: connectivetx.org
- **Before During After (Michael Rojas)** | Services: Small Business and Community Support | Email: Michael.Rojas@beforeduringafter.com | Website: beforeduringafter.com
- **Community Foundation of Texas Hill Country / Kerr Community Foundation** | Website: communityfoundation.net
- **United Way** | Phone: 211 | Website: unitedway.org

Physical Cleanup & Disaster Response Teams

- **Minuteman Disaster Response** | Phone: 214-585-2411 | Email: info@minutemanresponse.org | Website: minutemanresponse.org
- **All Hands & Hearts** | Phone: 508-758-8211 | Email: info@allhandsandhearts.org | Website: allhandsandhearts.org

- **United Rescue Alliance** | **Phone:** 325-310-4883 | **Email:** info@unitedrescuealliance.org | **Website:** unitedrescuealliance.org
- **Texans on Mission** (*formerly Texas Baptist Men*) | **Website:** texansonmission.org
- **Team Rubicon** | **Website:** teamrubiconusa.org
- **Divine Tactics Mission** | (*Contact details pending*)

Relief, Logistics & Technology

- **American Red Cross (Kerrville Branch)** | **Phone:** 830-285-8814
- **World Central Kitchen** | **Phone:** 202-391-7401 | **Website:** wck.org
- **Disaster Tech Lab** | **Phone:** +31 6 83058075 | **Email:** contact@disastertechlab.org | **Website:** disastertechlab.org
- **ConversaCorps** | **Email:** contact@conversacorps.org | **Website:** conversacorps.org
- **ECHO HeliOps (Echo Flight Crew / Flight Five)** | **Phone:** 1-833-AIR-FAST (Peer Support) or 803-526-7620 | **Email:** info@echoflightcrew.org | **Website:** echoflightcrew.org
- **Good360** | **Email:** jack@good360.org | **Website:** good360.org
- **Greater Good Charities** | **Email:** GGCDisasters@greatergood.org
- **ToolBank USA** | **Website:** toolbank.org

Health, Spiritual Care & Emotional Support

- **The Center for Health Care Services (CHCS)** | **Phone:** 210-261-2427 | **Email:** ExternalRelations@chcsbc.org | **Website:** chcsbc.org
- **Endeavors** | **Phone:** 210-431-6466 | **Website:** endeavors.org
- **Crisis Response Ministry (Ozzie Carrasco)** | **Phone:** 915-258-2926 | **Email:** Ocarrascoz@crmtx.org
- **Southwestern Texas Synod (ELCA)** | **Phone:** 830-379-9900 | **Email:** info@swtsynod.org | **Website:** swtsynod.org
- **St. Peter's Episcopal Church (Kerrville)** | **Phone:** 830-257-8162 | **Email:** office@stpeterskerrville.com | **Website:** stpeterskerrville.com

Animal & Pet Assistance

- **HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response (Jeanne Hooke)** | **Phone:** 713-213-1112 | **Email:** jeannehooke@yahoo.com
- **Humane World for Animals (Disaster Services)** | **Phone:** 704-418-9873

As you take these next steps toward rebuilding, remember to breathe, pray, and reach out to the resources when you need a hand. We will recover from this, and we will do it together.

Stay strong,

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