

## Harvey calls Tulane community into action

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Tulane students volunteer their time by unloading cans at a local food bank. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

**Many Tulane students, parents, alumni, faculty and staff have asked how they can help the relief effort for Houston.**

According to Katie Houck, associate director at the [Tulane University Center for Public Service](#), CPS is currently gathering information about community needs and relief efforts to support student-led relief efforts by organizations like Community Action Council for Tulane University Students, Tulane Alternative Breaks and the Undergraduate Student Government. **Interested students can see [CPS' Hurricane Harvey Relief page here](#), [sign up to help here](#), and find updates, announcements and volunteer opportunities on [CPS' Facebook page](#).**

**In the meantime, ABC 13 Eyewitness News in Texas offers the following options to help our neighbors in the Lone Star State:**

**Send a text to help right now**

**The Red Cross said they depend on financial donations to help provide immediate relief. They have already set up a way to donate to victims with a simple text. Text the word HARVEY to 90999 to make a \$10 donation. You can also visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS.**

**The United Way has also announced a way to text a donation: Text UWFLOOD to 41444 to donate to the United Way Flood Relief Fund.**

**Donations to support The Salvation Army's Hurricane Harvey relief efforts can be made at [helpsalvationarmy.org](http://helpsalvationarmy.org) or by calling 1-800-SAL-ARMY.**

**Most charities prefer monetary donations. These are more flexible and cause less of a strain on the charity, allowing them to help more.**

**FEMA Administrator Brock Long also encouraged Americans who want to help storm victims to connect with the [National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster \(NVOAD\)](#) online, which is coordinating donations and volunteers.**

**Before you quickly text a cash donation to an unknown hurricane fund because you saw a link on Twitter, make sure your contribution actually benefits Harvey relief.**

**Charity Navigator, a nonprofit organization that offers independent evaluations of charities on its website to help people “make informed giving / social investment decisions,” [offers tips on giving to disaster funds](#)**  
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**Tulane Athletics is also providing support. Read more about the ways they are helping [here](#).**

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