



# 2017 Hurricane Harvey Outreach

FIFTH WARD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION

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“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is,  
‘What are you doing for others?’ ” – **Martin  
Luther King, Jr.**

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5<sup>TH</sup> WARD, A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, PLAY, WORSHIP AND HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR!

The Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporations prides itself in improving the quality of life for the traditionally underrepresented and underserved in 5<sup>th</sup> Ward, a community with great potential. Given the economic disparities in the community, the recent tragedies of Hurricane Harvey have enhanced the vulnerabilities of many families living in the area. Our goal is to not just help them recover, but recover better ensuring that access to relief efforts and resources are equitable and assessable.



# About FWCRC

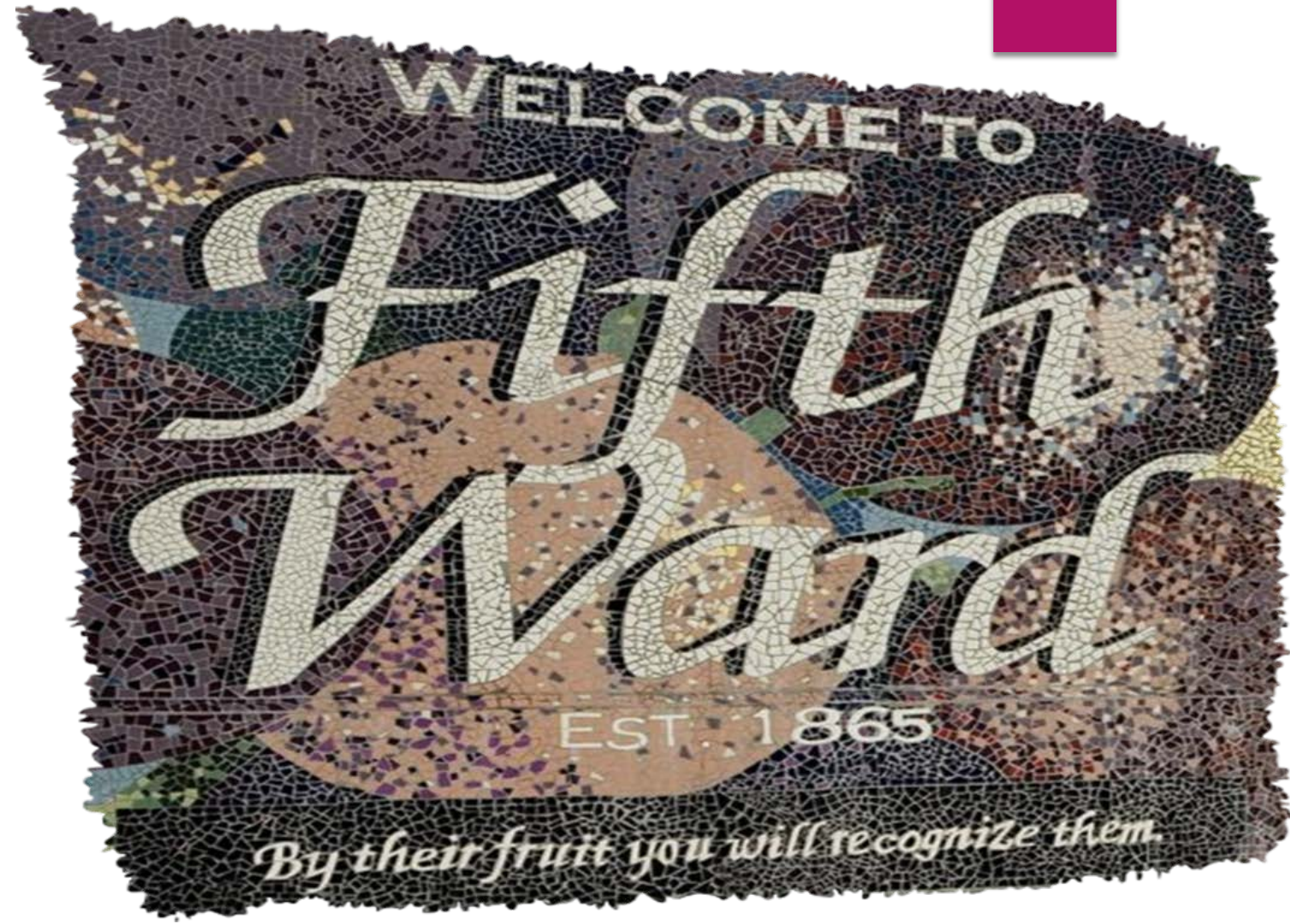
Organized in 1989, Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation (FWCRC), a NeighborWorks Charter Affiliate, is a catalytic organization dedicated to the collaborative fostering of holistic community development. As a steward of Houston's Historic 5<sup>th</sup> Ward and comprehensive community developer, FWCRC seeks to enhance quality of life for individuals and families, eliminate blight, attract investment and resources, encourage commercial and business development, coordinate government and public service, and offer a sense of destination and creative place-making. The finished product is a healthy and vibrant community for residents and visitors alike.





# The Community

Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation's recovery efforts are already underway to help 5<sup>th</sup> Ward residents recover from the Harvey storms and flooding, including meeting basic needs, providing emergency financial assistance, restoring homes, and handling case management and construction management services for our clients. In addition to our targeted service area of the Greater Fifth Ward, we have extended our recovery efforts to bordering 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Communities to include Kashmere Gardens, Trinity Gardens, Homestead Area and limited parts of Settegast and Pleasantville. The demographic make-up of each of these areas are largely African American and low-to-moderate-income families.





Our recovery efforts commenced immediately following the storm as we began to receive and distribute donated supplies and materials. These efforts quickly expanded in response to the need to assist families with clean-out, muck and gut, and emergency needs. For the first two weeks, we deployed volunteers with required materials and supplies daily to assist families and have since transitioned to deploying an average 130 volunteers on Friday and Saturday. As of Oct. 2, 62 homes and families have already been served with complete clean-out, muck/gut, furniture moving and additional supplies to remediate possible mold and other toxins caused by the water damage. This work is in addition to the countless families who were served as a part of our distribution of dry goods, personal items, non-perishables and "go-boxes" equipped with mucking tools, contractors trash bags, mask, gloves and cleaning supplies. In some instances, we have moved beyond the point where cleanout is environmentally-friendly

We continue to be a hub for area community groups, faith-based groups, and elected officials to coordinate, warehouse, and distribute donated supplies. We have on-site a 40 ft. storage container and an offsite warehouse with 3500 sq. ft. for additional supplies

## Recovery Efforts





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Fifth Ward CRC, has used social media SMS messaging and word of mouth to attract volunteer groups, individuals and funds to support the work that we are doing related to recovery. The Human, Intellectual and Financial Capital keeps us going. However with each passing day the needs grow even greater. We are realigning our ourselves for a marathon recovery. We are proud to say that in last 30 days, thousands of people have walked through our doors, onto the streets and into the homes of what used to be unknown territory. The storm has since changed this and now we are neighbors helping neighbors. Six weeks after the storm we raised 1000 new friends(volunteers), raised approximately \$465,000, served countless individuals and raised 62 families from leftovers of rising hurricane water in their home. Data regarding the actual number of homes affected remains a guess, but we are certain of the vulnerabilities many of our families already had. That being said....life after the storm has to be better!



# Our Plan and the Cost Per Quarter

Donate  
Today!

Description	Number of units for Quarterly		Unit Cost	Total
Home Restoration/Major	12 homes		\$ 25,000	\$ 300,000
Home Repair - Minor	12 homes		\$8,000	\$96,000
Unmet Needs/Emergency Financial Assistance	clients 100 served/Avg.		\$ 1,500	\$ 150,000
Project management	1 FTE		\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Housing Counselor	1 FTE		\$ 11,250	\$ 11,250
Home Inspections/Evaluations	50 homes inspected		\$ 250	\$ 12,500
General/Admin/ Overhead/Service Delivery Cost	15%			\$ 87,713
Other	10% Contingency			\$ 58,475
Total				\$ 730,938

# Getting Help Made Simple...

## Here's how

TEXT your name and address to the Fifth Ward  
Community Redevelopment Corporation  
for **FREE** assistance at (936) 213-0459 or  
email [Fwdisasterassistance@gmail.com](mailto:Fwdisasterassistance@gmail.com)

For Most Services you must live in or have a pre-  
disaster address in  
the following zip codes - 77020, 77026 or 77028





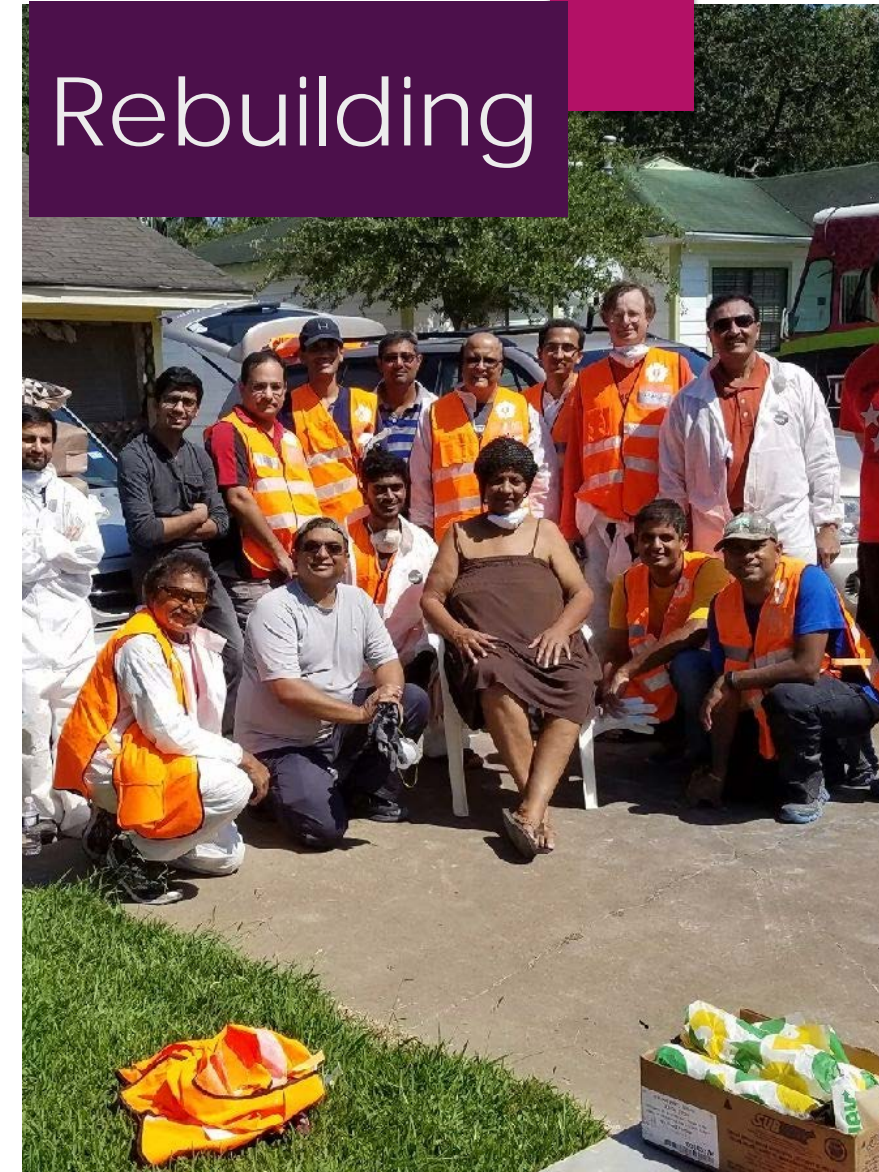
In the coming 90 days, we will focus on home repair and restoration assistance, building on our ongoing canvassing and mucking work. FWCRC will hire 2.5 full-time staff to meet ongoing demands of recovery. Counselors, administrative, and project/operations managers are already designing project and client management systems. Additional skilled personnel will be contracted for home assessments and inspections and construction services to manage the volume. We have the organizational experience and capacity to do owner-occupied home rehabilitation, and have managed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Social Service Block Grant (SSBG) Funds for owner-occupied home rehabilitation and recovery programs in the past.

Recognizing families' financial strains and vulnerabilities, Fifth Ward CRC is making Emergency Financial Assistance available to clients to mitigate income loss from disaster, minimize foreclosures resulting from increased living expenses, and assist with utilities or unmet expenses.

Lastly, Fifth Ward CRC is hosting a long-term recovery resource center staffed with housing counselors, volunteer legal services, and computer kiosks for residents to use in filing claims, printing and scanning documents, and staying connected electronically during their transition. Full operations are planned for October 20, 2017.

The population served by FWCRC will target low-to-moderate-income families with a majority of the request for assistance coming from African Americans and particularly seniors and the disabled.. Our services are not exclusive to a particular ethnicity or economic class but we have established criteria that prioritize assistance based on need.

# Rebuilding





# We Are #5thWardStrong

Uniquely, Fifth Ward CRC serves an area in which strong ties and a commitment to its' residents prevails as result of our accomplishments over the last 28 years. Sixty percent of our staff are from, live in or have extended relationships in the community and these ties eliminate many of the barriers that strangers encounter when working with families during challenging times. We are a trusted and respected service provider in and for the community. Similarly we have groomed sub-contractors from the local community to build trades and their businesses doing work in the community they call home. This re-investment in our community is critical when there is economic leakages resulting from limited retail and commercial opportunities available.

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