

My fellow Sisters and Brothers,

We have all seen the media coverage of the recent devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey in Houston and the surrounding area. Right now, our fellow Eastern Star brothers and sisters in that area are in desperate need of aid. There is no way they woke up on the morning of August 26 knowing that their lives would be forever changed. These families will need help now and in the years to come. There are no words to express how much we grieve for what they've lost and for what will never be the same. There are thousands in desperate need of aid, medicine and basic supplies.

I have received correspondence from the General Grand Chapter this week with an appeal for assistance in the ongoing relief effort that is taking place in Texas. As your Worthy Grand Matron, I am confident that all of you will join me in helping our sisters and brothers. Helping others is one of our obligations as members of the Order.

With this said I would like to kick off a Statewide fund-raising campaign among our Chapters across the state with all proceeds going to the Grand Chapter of Texas for Disaster Relief. Your Chapter may choose to give one of the September Love-Offerings towards this effort. Donations would be strictly voluntary. All funds should go to the Grand Secretary and marked "Hurricane Disaster".

My dear friends and fellow Eastern Stars, the work of our Order is worthy of our earnest labor, we hear the call of want and the piteous wail of sorrow and into this field of labor we have now entered. Please open your hearts and wallets as we strive to help our Sisters and Brothers in their hour of need.

Fondly and Fraternally,

Your Worthy Grand Matron
Helen Lentz, WGM

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