



HURRICANE HARVEY'S ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY: THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT



Donor Report - August 2018

Your Support has made a Difference

Fifty-four counties in Texas were declared a state of disaster. Rainfall was measured in feet. When it was over Hurricane Harvey, the first of three major hurricanes to strike the U.S. in a month in 2017, left children and families reeling. Save the Children, the national leader for children in emergencies, deployed quickly to meet critical needs on the ground.

Thanks to your generous support we're still in Texas, helping children, families and communities in Houston and in the Golden Triangle and Coastal Bend areas recover. More than 261,100 children and adults have directly or indirectly benefited from our work. We are the only organization supporting the restoration of child-care services, and we are reaching children in places where needs were initially overlooked as attention focused on Houston.

Over the next year our priorities include increasing children's access to education, offering our Journey of Hope resilience program and leading preparedness programs so that children, schools and communities are ready for the next disaster.

We are grateful to you for supporting our work after Hurricane Harvey and for ensuring that we can continue to work hard for Texas children and families throughout 2019.



With your support, we helped repair and re-supply this child-care center so that it could reopen, much to the delight of three-year-old Kennedy.

Photo: Ellery Lamm/Save the Children

YOUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

**38,754**

children and adults provided with essential supplies

**32,352**

children returned to their restored child-care centers

**500,000**

new books were restocked in Houston-area schools

**12,424**

caregivers received support to cope with trauma and manage stress

**463**

child-care centers received grants and technical assistance to restore services

One Year after Hurricane Harvey

Hurricane Harvey's toll on children was enormous, and many are still recovering from the emotional distress of experiencing the hurricane. Many children lost their homes, while others waited days in evacuation centers before their families could leave. Schools and child-care centers were damaged or closed for weeks, interrupting education and the daily routines that children find so comforting and secure.

In the Coastal Bend area, which took the brunt of Hurricane Harvey's landfall, many families still have not returned home or are living in mobile homes provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Some schools have yet to reopen. Neighborhoods in Houston that were already in need became worse off after historic flooding. Many families are still recovering financially and striving to regain a sense of stability for their children and themselves.

Your Generosity at Work: Meeting Needs and Building Resiliency

With your support, 261,170 children and adults from the Texas coast to the greater Houston area have directly or indirectly benefited from our relief and recovery programs. Here are highlights of the many ways you have helped us to make a difference.

Providing Essential Supplies

Our teams and partners conducted 181 distributions to provide families with essential

supplies that they lost or left behind in the rush to evacuate, reaching 38,754 children and adults. At evacuation shelters and in communities, we provided families with diapers, baby wipes and hygiene items for infants and toddlers; portable cribs and children's clothing. We also created and distributed nearly 900 kits with personal care items for moms and babies.

Restoring Child-care Services

Quality early childhood education is essential to children's development, and after Harvey, hundreds of child-care programs were damaged or destroyed. This meant that children were delayed in their return to learning and parents struggled to get back to work and rebuild their lives without child-care. As a national leader in early childhood education, we partnered with Collaborative for Children, a regional childcare network, to rebuild damaged child-care centers and improve access to services. Through grants and guidance, we have helped 463 child-care centers either restore or revive their services, benefiting 32,352 children to date.

Access to Learning

We supported the recovery of 44 independent school districts, which helped schools in the Houston area quickly rebound. This included providing schools with 500,000 new children's books. Several schools also ran our SummerBoost program to help children make up time in the classroom lost to the hurricane. These schools had previously cut their summer programs because resources were needed to support other Harvey recovery efforts.



Ensuring Children's and Caregivers' Well-being

In collaboration with local mental health providers, Save the Children is partnering with schools, child-care centers, clinics, and community centers to roll out its signature emotional support program Journey of Hope in greater Houston and along the Texas coast. The evidence-based program, developed after Hurricane Katrina, has – to date – helped nearly 8,000 Texas children and more than 12,000 caregivers cope with trauma, reduce stress and become more resilient in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

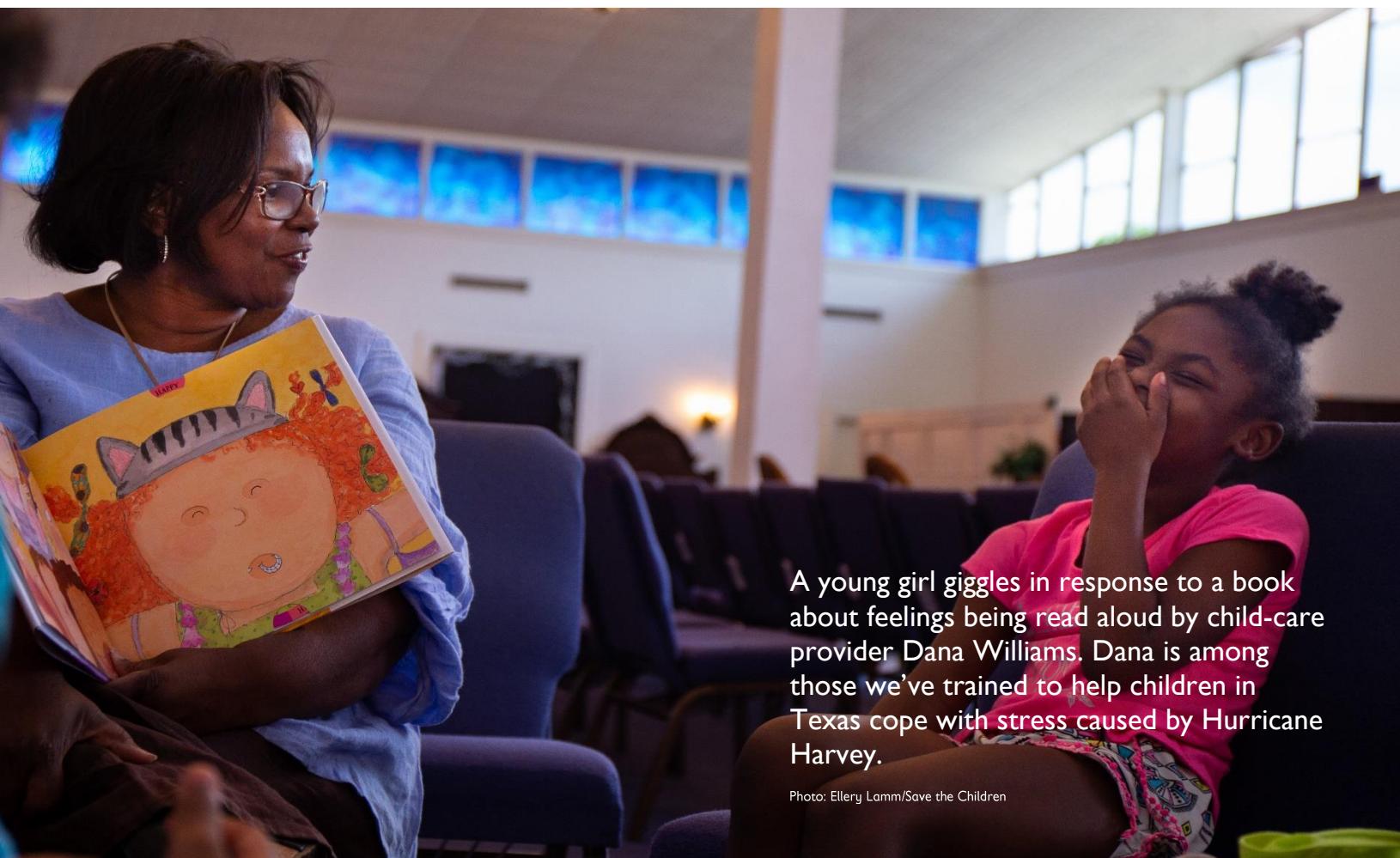
Even toddlers are not immune to the impacts of stress after a disaster, and to support them we have trained adults from more than 20 organizations in our Shelter from the Storm

program. These professional caregivers can now help buffer the youngest children from stress associated with disasters and other adverse childhood experiences.



Preparing Children and Partners for the Next Disaster

To coincide with the 2018 hurricane season, we introduced our Prep Rally program in greater Houston and in coastal communities to help prepare children for future emergencies and build their resilience skills. Nearly 200 girls and boys have taken part in Prep Rallies so far, and we're just getting started. We're also working with partners to strengthen emergency plans and train caregivers to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters.



A young girl giggles in response to a book about feelings being read aloud by child-care provider Dana Williams. Dana is among those we've trained to help children in Texas cope with stress caused by Hurricane Harvey.

Photo: Ellery Lamm/Save the Children

“If it wasn't for Save the Children asking questions of, ‘Why are they still here,’ they never would've looked into it.”

As Hurricane Harvey flooded Houston, Alexia and her 10-year-old son, DeAndre, watched the water levels rise and cover the floors in their apartment. When the bathroom ceiling caved in, Alexia knew they needed to go, but she worried about her son being stuck in a shelter without the space to be a kid.

At the shelter, Alexia brought DeAndre to our child-friendly space, where he soon made friends, played games, created art and went on field trips. Alexia says this allowed him to disconnect from the stress of the storm and gave her peace of mind knowing that he was safe and happy. Our staff stood by Alexia as she made arrangements to get out of the shelter and helped her ask the right questions to ensure they weren't forgotten.

And one year post-Harvey, DeAndre unlocks the door to their new, fully furnished apartment. He has his own room and a playground around the corner. “If it wasn't for Save the Children, we wouldn't be in an apartment. We would probably be either moved around to a different place from the shelter or we would be out on the street,” says Alexia.



Our Priorities for Year Two

Thanks to you and everyone who contributed to our Hurricane Harvey appeal, Save the Children has the funding to sustain recovery programs in Texas through 2019. Over the next year, our expert staff will be working with families, schools, communities and local partners on a number of priorities.



We will grow our Journey of Hope and introduce our Healing and Education Through the Arts (HEART) program, which uses expressive arts activities to help hurricane-affected children process and communicate feelings.

We will expand our Prep Rally program and preparedness trainings to help ensure more children and their caregivers are resilient, ready and build back stronger. These trainings include our Shelter from the Storm program to help childcare providers recognize signs that young children are experiencing stress and ways to respond.



This summer, we received a public grant to launch our afterschool education programs at 10 elementary schools in Beaumont and Port Arthur when the new school year begins. Up to 40 percent of students in these schools have not been able to return home yet and have limited access to learning outside the classroom. Many services that the schools offered before Harvey have been discontinued because key resources have gone to rebuilding. We will also be running our SummerBoost program for students from these schools in the summer of 2019.

This is a key a step in our aspiration of becoming a permanent presence in Texas communities where our early childhood development and school-age reading programs can help prepare children for success in school and in life.

Community Partners

Save the Children is grateful for the dedication and collaboration of community partners in reaching thousands of the most vulnerable children affected by this disaster. We continue to work alongside community partners to support longer-term recovery of impacted communities across Texas. Community partners have included:

- Over 30 independent school districts
- The Barbara Bush Literacy Foundation
- Collaborative for Children
- Texas Children's Hospital
- Communities in Schools
- DePelchin Children's Center
- The University of Houston
- Lamar University
- Mental Health America of Southeast Texas
- Holt House Boys and Girls Club
- The Southwest Glen Mission
- Texas Workforce Commission
- Texas Education Agency
- Education Service Centers
- Coastal Bend Long Term Recovery Group
- Rice University School of Literacy and Culture

Together with Children at Risk, an independent research and advocacy program, we are also releasing a report to highlight lessons learned from Hurricane Harvey and to share practical recommendations for how states and communities can better protect children in future disasters.

Our Grants in Action for Children

Restoring access to child care and afterschool programs after a disaster help children return to a sense of normalcy and resume learning. Here are two ways that our grants made a difference for local child-care and education programs that were struggling after Hurricane Harvey:

Texas heat can reach temperatures above 100 degrees and quickly become very dangerous. At the Johnny Mitchell Boys & Girls Club in Galveston, Harvey damaged the club's air conditioning, roof and gym. Our grant helped this provider of education and recreation opportunities to reopen and offer a safe and supervised environment to children.

"Parents come in here and thank us for helping their children with their homework and for feeding them because if it wasn't for us they don't know where they would be," said Cheryl Chapman, the center's director.

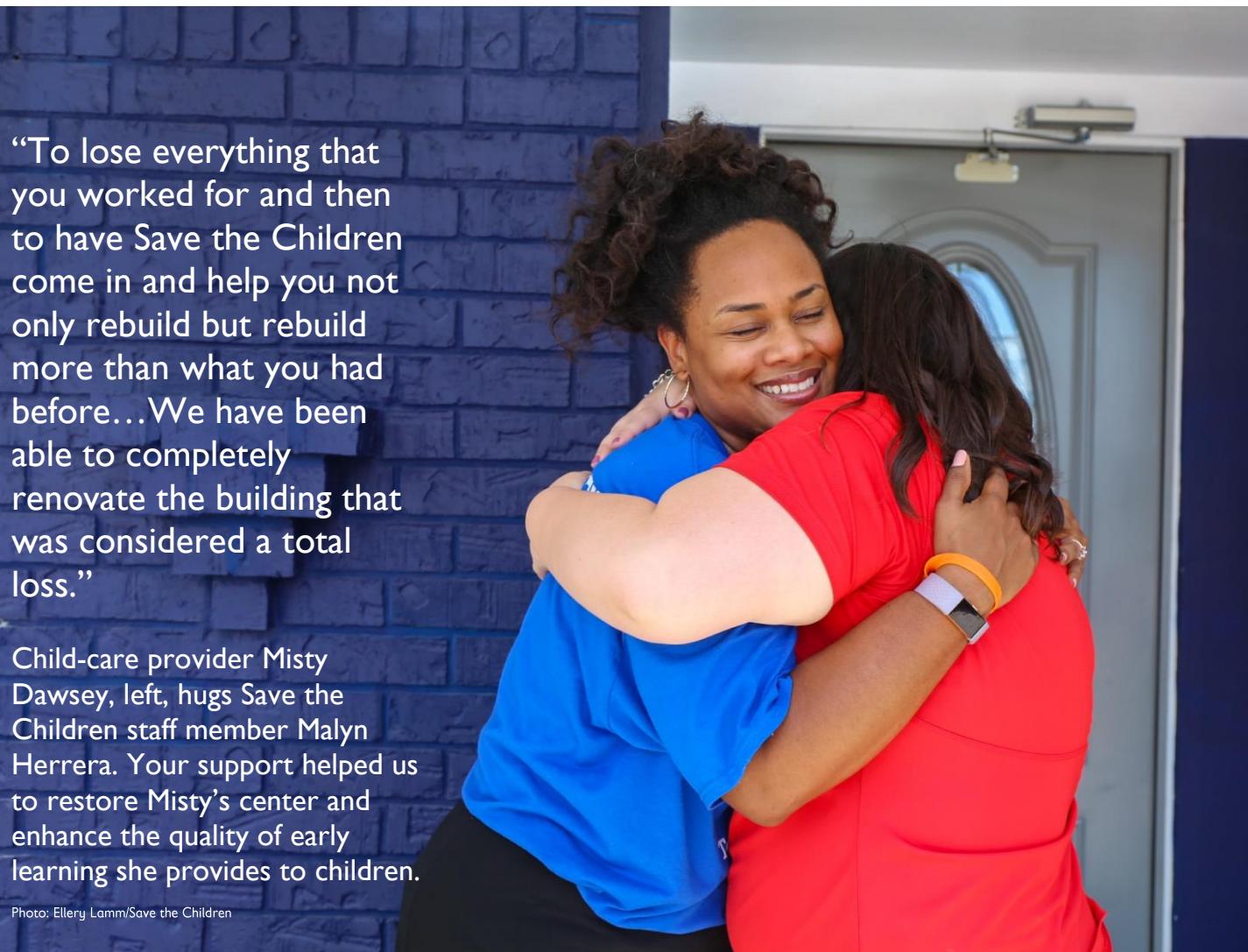
The Bertha Alyce Early Childhood School in southwest Houston enables preschool children with special needs to acquire essential skills to help them transition into traditional schools. Floods from Harvey destroyed the inclusive school's fully equipped, occupational therapy gym and all the equipment and materials.

We supported repairs to the gym, library and playground.

"To lose everything that you worked for and then to have Save the Children come in and help you not only rebuild but rebuild more than what you had before...We have been able to completely renovate the building that was considered a total loss."

Child-care provider Misty Dawsey, left, hugs Save the Children staff member Malyn Herrera. Your support helped us to restore Misty's center and enhance the quality of early learning she provides to children.

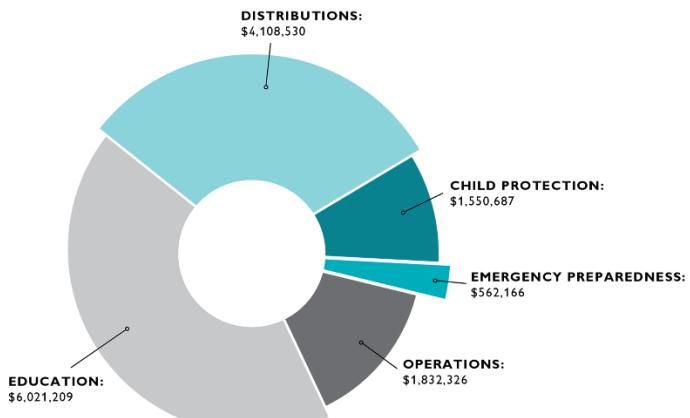
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Hurricane Harvey Financial Snapshot

Total Raised: \$28,236,207
(August 2017-July 2018)

SPEND BY SECTOR:



Total Expenses: \$14,074,918

In any major emergency like Hurricane Harvey, Save the Children is committed to addressing children's immediate needs and their long-term recovery. Over the past year in Texas, your support has helped us respond to these immediate needs and transition to programs focused on children's and families' recovery and resilience. We will be using the balance of these funds to grow and sustain this critical work in Texas in the coming year as families continue on the long road to recovery.

OUR VISION is a world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation.

OUR MISSION is to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children, and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.

OUR VALUES guide our behavior and are the principles by which we make decisions: Accountability, Collaboration, Integrity, Ambition and Creativity.

OUR 2030 AMBITION



SURVIVAL

No child dies from preventable causes before their fifth birthday.



EDUCATION

All children learn from a quality basic education



PROTECTION

Violence against children is no longer tolerated

Save the Children believes every child deserves a future. In the United States and around the world, we give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. We do whatever it takes for children – every day and in times of crisis – transforming their lives and the future we share.

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ON THE COVER: Save the Children's Kimberly Doll gets a smile from 5-month-old Daniela* at our mother-baby space in a shelter at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas. Daniela's mother, Mercedes, was staying in the shelter with her two children after flooding forced them from their home.

Photo: Susan Warner/Save the Children
* name changed to protect identity