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Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
Quarterly Meeting  
October 26, 2017 Harvey Heroes

## Timeline

- Classes were scheduled to begin August 28, 2017
- Hurricane Harvey was predicted to come ashore around Corpus Christie
- Students were invited to move in to the dorms early to avoid the rain we thought was coming.
- It came ashore and then wandered back out into the Gulf
- It made landfall in the Beaumont/Houston area on August 29th
- Harvey brought record rains—as much as 50 inches in 24 hours
- Then upriver, they released water from the dams, making a bad situation worse

**More than 500  
students stayed  
in the LU  
residence halls  
throughout the  
storm.**



**The City of Beaumont lost its water supply  
and drinking water as well as bathroom  
facilities became an issue.**





**Having it rain  
for so many  
days, LU  
students were  
bored and had  
time on their  
hands.**



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**Some of the local  
students had  
already started to  
volunteer with  
their church or  
community  
groups.**



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## So was born...HARVEY HEROES

Students could be given 3 hours of internship credit IF they did all of the following:

- Attend or watch the orientation
- Volunteer for at least 40 hours
- Keep a log with signatures verifying their participation
- Read a book and two short articles on the benefit of volunteering
- Attend a debriefing session



**Students not living in Beaumont could also participate as long as it was related to Hurricane Harvey.**



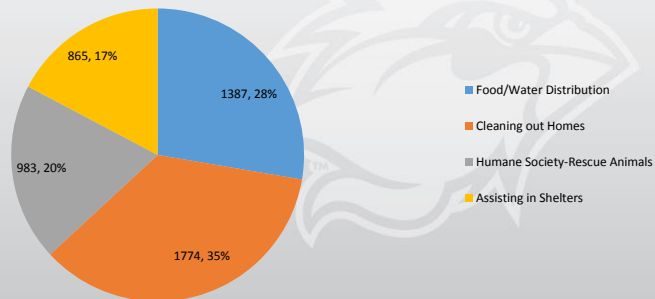
## The Numbers

- Student volunteers who initially signed up for the internship: 294
- Student volunteers who submitted some hours but did not complete 40 hours: 26
- Student volunteers who completed the internship (submitted at least 40 hours): 112
- Scope
  - Salvation Army/Red Cross- Distribution and Shelter
  - Humane Society-Rescue Animals
  - Habitat Humanity/Local Churches and Homes - Pulling up Carpet, cutting sheetrock
  - Schools - Distribution and Shelter
  - SETX Food Bank/Red Cross/Meals on Wheels/HEB - food and water distribution



## More than 5,000 hours of volunteer work completed by Lamar University students through Harvey Heroes.

Hours Spent Volunteering by Cause  
N=5009



## Questions?

