

U.S. PROGRAMS EMERGENCY RESPONSE



THE NEED



In 2021, hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, and other major disasters affected millions of people across the U.S. resulting in more than \$1 billion of damage. The need is great as desperate families search for hope that seems out of reach. Motivated by Jesus' call to serve, we respond to the suffering of our brothers and sisters here at home, just as we do anywhere in the world.

REBUILDING HOPE

Natural disasters and emergencies deliver the heaviest blows to the most vulnerable—especially children and those already struggling to meet daily needs. World Vision equips the local church to be the hands and feet of Jesus and bear witness to the gospel through our joint response, helping bring urgent care and lasting hope. When we all work together, children and families in the U.S. can both recover and rebuild from devastating disasters.

WHEN DISASTER STRIKES

- > World Vision staff fill multiple **tractor-trailers with donated and procured emergency essentials** like food and clean water, hygiene kits, diapers, blankets, cleaning supplies, generators, and more.
- > Our **network of Pastor Ambassadors join World Vision on location**. A Pastor Ambassador—a pastor who's taken part in a World Vision disaster response previously—offers guidance and mentorship to other pastors in the affected area. They also help launch distribution hubs so churches can receive World Vision resources and provide both immediate and lasting assistance for their community.
- > We arrive quickly and stay to help communities **rebuild over the long haul**. Donated building materials, home appliances, furniture, and more equip affected families with the basics they need to get back on their feet and experience hope.

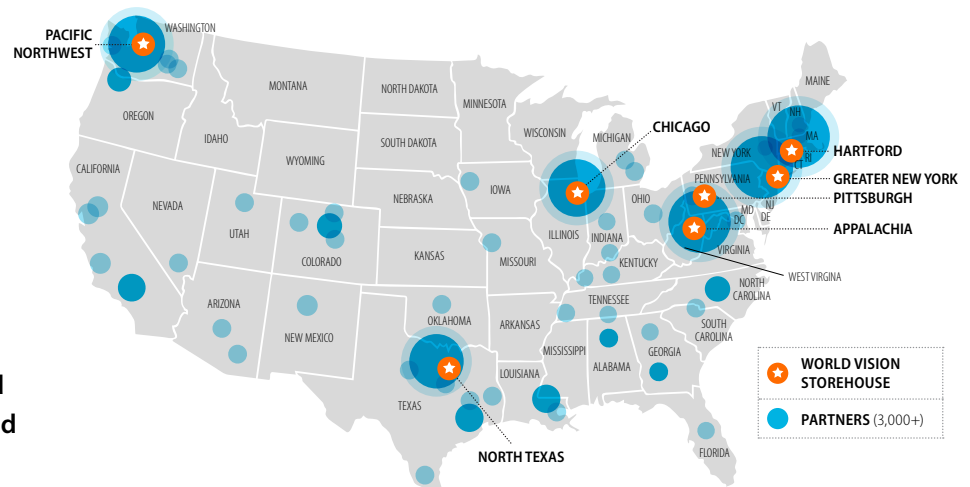


In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, World Vision reached over **15 million U.S. children and families**, supporting people with food, hygiene items, and more.

SERVING TOGETHER

We're ready to help in the wake of disaster thanks to partnerships with thousands of churches and nonprofits across the country.

In the last five years, World Vision partnered with **153 churches** across the U.S. to respond to **23 disasters**, reaching **580,811 people**.





HOW YOU CAN HELP

We focus our response efforts on three categories of assistance:



Life-saving essentials like clean water, food, blankets, heaters, and generators



Personal protective equipment like disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, bleach, and personal care items



Rebuilding supplies like roofing shingles, insulation, tiles, drywall, and home appliances

WHAT CAN YOUR DONATION DO?

\$2,500 sends a **Pastor Ambassador** to an emergency response location for five days

\$10,000 provides **10 generators**

\$25,000 sends **one truckload** packed with **relief supplies**

\$50,000 sends **five truckloads** of **clean water**

\$100,000 launches a **church response hub**, including staff and Pastor Ambassador deployment, multiple truckloads of immediate relief supplies, purchasing ongoing rebuilding materials, and more



PASTOR AMBASSADOR JERRY HAYNES

In August 2017, Hurricane Harvey ravaged the metro area surrounding Houston, the fourth largest city in the U.S. My home and community were devastated,

and it was one of the few times I felt powerless over my circumstances. Even though we are strong in faith, this made me bow to my knees like never before. We lost everything—houses and cars completely flooded, stores indefinitely closed, roads inoperable.

I serve as the executive pastor at Inner Court Outreach Ministries in Beaumont, Texas, one and a half hours outside of Houston. Because of our remote location, very few organizations provided hurricane relief except for World Vision. World Vision reached out immediately and offered emergency relief supplies like flood kits, tarps, blankets, diapers, and much more.

For over a year, World Vision stayed with our communities in Beaumont and greater Houston to help rebuild homes. They

partnered with another local church to open a warehouse in Houston, providing home-rebuilding materials to local churches so they could distribute supplies to their most vulnerable community members. I was so impressed by how World Vision listened and attended to our needs throughout their long-term response.

At my lowest time during Hurricane Harvey, another pastor sat with me to help me regroup and regain my spirit and bearings. As one of World Vision's Pastor Ambassadors, I now have the privilege of deploying alongside their staff when responding to a disaster in the U.S. I can help other pastors work through their own needs and those of their community. I've sat with pastors where we've cried together, shared about how scary and uncertain that moment is, communicated about the overwhelming burden that they feel—how as pastors we feel like we need to be like Superman all the time. While deployed, I provide prayer, guidance, and mentorship to equip church leaders with tools to provide effective and lasting community care. I truly believe in World Vision's disaster response efforts, and I'm honored to pay it forward as a Pastor Ambassador.

For more information, contact your World Vision representative or visit worldvisionphilanthropy.org/USdisasters.



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