

A Letter from Erica Daughtrey re Donations for Hurricane Harvey Victims

Hi everyone,

As we all know Hurricane Harvey has devastated Houston, Texas and the surrounding areas. A dear friend and colleague Gleshia Givens recently moved to Houston to teach at risk youth for an organization called Eight Million Stories (eightmillionstories.org).

The heart breaking story here is her students were relocated from Louisiana to Houston after Katrina. The students in her program are ages 16-21. These families are now trying to regain their footprint once again after losing everything for a second time.

Gleisha has provided me with a list of immediate needs not just for her students/families but what the folks working in the shelters are requesting. You all have stepped up when asked to help pay it forward for our Bayonne residents during the holidays. I am asking for your help once again but this time to show love and support to Houston. Bayonne may be a small town but we are filled with community spirit, love and compassion.

If you are interested in making a donation of any of the below items it will be greatly appreciated. Over the coming weeks the items collected will be loaded on to trucks and driven down to Texas where Gleshia will meet them upon arrival. Donations can be dropped off at 174 Broadway (BOHOYOGA studio) between the hours of 9-5pm. Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions at all ([\(201\) 918 0033](tel:2019180033)), Deb Peveler ([\(201\) 851-2359](tel:2018512359)) or Dotty at ([\(551\) 0 200-1407](tel:55102001407))

Immediately, the following essential items are needed in large quantities:

- Packing supplies
- Storage boxes
- Packing tape
- Plastic bins

Adult and children clothing (every size)

- Socks
- hoodies/sweat pants
- shoes/sneakers
- pajamas
- jackets (fleece/rain wear)
- Undergarments

Personal Hygiene

- soap
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- lotion
- shampoo
- body wash
- baby wipes
- pampers
- baby formula

- deodorant
- razors
- comb/brushes
- listerine
- sanitary wipes
- Feminine hygiene products
- Adult diapers
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper

Miscellaneous:

- wash clothes
- sleeping bags/cots
- blankets/sheets/pillows
- sewing kits
- first aid kits
- reading glasses
- ziplock bags
- disposable gloves
- antibacterial soaps/ointment
- antidiarrheal tablets
- aspirin, Advil, Motrin, Tylenol
- toys, games, books, coloring books, crayons for children

Non-perishables

- canned food
- water
- powdered milk
- baby formula
- detergent for washing clothes