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On Friday, August 25th, Hurricane Harvey began to unleash catastrophic wind and water on the Texas Gulf Coast and inland to Central Texas. Declared a federal disaster area by Friday evening, the staggering rainfall is not over, yet, and has already forced hundreds of evacuations and thousands of high-water rescues as Texans became trapped in stalled cars or their homes, after deep floodwaters rose.

Approximately 4,000 National and State Guard members have been activated to help with the response. The U.S. Coast Guard and local boat owners have also been performing rescues. More than 250 Texas highways have been closed, and well over 300,000 have lost power. The hard hit city of Houston had received more than 50,000 9-1-1 calls by Sunday afternoon.

“This is a landmark event. We have not seen an event like this,” FEMA director Brock Long said in a Monday briefing. “You could not draw this forecast up. You could not dream this forecast up.”

Once the rains stop and the floodwaters recede, Texans will return to their homes, only to find them in ruin. Financial support from across the country is desperately needed to help Texans rebuild their lives. After a disaster, Legal Aid helps put lives back together by providing:

- Assistance with securing FEMA and other benefits available to disaster survivors
- Assistance with life, medical and property insurance claims
- Help with home repair contracts and contractors
- Help with replacement of wills and other important legal documents destroyed in the disaster
- Assistance in consumer protection matters, remedies and procedures
- Help with mortgage/foreclosure and landlord/tenant problems

You can help and your help will make a huge difference in assisting victims of the flood to regain their homes, their financial stability and their lives. Please make a donation today to the [Hurricane Harvey Legal Aid Fund](#).

Texans touched by this disaster need your help now more than ever.

With our sincere thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard L. Tate".

Richard L. Tate
Chair, Board of Directors