

## APPENDIX C

### HUMANITARIAN ACTION PLAN CONTRIBUTORS

Thank you to all who shared their time, experience, and expertise to inform this report.

**Air Alliance Houston;** [airalliancehouston.org](http://airalliancehouston.org)

Air Alliance Houston is a nonprofit organization that believes everyone has a right to breathe clean air and where you live, work, learn, and play should not determine your health. We are committed to delivering clean air for a healthy future in Houston through applied research, education, and advocacy.

**The Alliance;** [thealliancetxt.org](http://thealliancetxt.org)

We work to create opportunities for refugees, immigrants, and underserved residents to achieve their goals for self-sufficiency and improve their quality of life.

**The American Red Cross;** [redcross.org/local/texas/gulf-coast/about-us/locations/houston.html](http://redcross.org/local/texas/gulf-coast/about-us/locations/houston.html)

The American Red Cross of Greater Houston provides service in the following main areas: disaster relief and preparedness education; assistance for military personnel, veterans and their families; health and safety courses; transportation of seniors and the chronically ill to critical medical appointments; and the distribution of life-saving blood products to 15 Houston area hospitals.

**BakerRipley;** [bakerripley.org](http://bakerripley.org)

At BakerRipley, we connect low-income families and individuals to opportunity so they can achieve the life they've imagined. We believe that our neighborhoods are bridges to opportunity, that people can transform communities and that everyone everywhere has something to contribute.

**Boat People SOS;** [bpsos.org/bpsos-houston](http://bpsos.org/bpsos-houston)

Boat People SOS- Houston (BPSOS), a non-profit social and legal services provider whose purpose is to empower, organize, and equip immigrant communities in their pursuit of liberty and dignity provides education, information, and direct assistance to immigrant and refugee families on potential health and legal issues prevalent in the immigrant communities.

**Bonding Against Adversity;** [bondingagainstadversity.org](http://bondingagainstadversity.org)

Bonding Against Adversity was created as a non-profit in Texas to help the economic development in the East and the Aldine Greenspoint area by providing free and low-cost community outreach programs for disadvantaged residents with an emphasis on healthy living, safe living and reducing secondary school dropout rates.

**Busy Bee Wellness Center;** [mybbwc.org/index.html](http://mybbwc.org/index.html)

Bee Busy Wellness Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center providing the highest quality of health care. All our services are offered to all our patients, without regard to ability to pay. We are committed to the health and wellness of all our patients and our community.

**Casa Juan Diego;** [cjd.org](http://cjd.org)

Casa Juan Diego was founded in 1980, following the Catholic Worker model of Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin, to serve immigrants and refugees and the poor. From one small house it has grown to ten houses.

**Catholic Charities;** [catholiccharities.org](http://catholiccharities.org)

For 75 years, Catholic Charities has provided food, clothing, shelter and a network of support services to people of all ages and from all walks of life and religious backgrounds. We also promote social justice, serving as a voice for the poor and vulnerable. Annually, we provide help and create hope for more than 85,000 people as they create better lives for themselves and their families.

**Chinese Community Center;** [ccchouston.org](http://ccchouston.org)

Established in 1979 as a Chinese language school, the Chinese Community Center (CCC) has played a leading role in welcoming newcomers to America and in creating opportunities for everyone to contribute to the Houston community. Our Center serves over 10,000 families annually.

**City of Houston: Houston Health Department;** [houstontx.gov/health/](http://houstontx.gov/health/)

The mission of the Houston Health Department is to work in partnership with the community to promote and protect the health and social well-being of Houstonians and the environment in which they live.

**City of Houston: Housing and Community Development Dept;** [houstontx.gov/housing/](http://houstontx.gov/housing/)

The City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) provides the leadership and financing to make affordable homes and neighborhood revitalization happen. From investing in neighborhood parks, multifamily communities and economic development, to providing first-time homebuyer assistance and funds to serve the homeless, elderly and disabled -- HCDD works to improve the quality of life for Houston's neighborhoods and families.

**City of Houston: Office of Emergency Management;** [houstonoem.org](http://houstonoem.org)

Our mission is to provide programs and activities to City residents and departments to help them prepare for, cope with and recover from the effects of natural and man-made disasters. We do this through all four phases of emergency management: preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.

**City of Houston: Office of New Americans and Immigrant Communities;** [houstontx.gov/na/index.html](http://houstontx.gov/na/index.html)

The Office of New Americans and Immigrant Communities reaches out to Houston's diverse community of immigrants, ex-patriates and refugees to facilitate their successful civic, economic and cultural integration as members of our community. By partnering with stakeholders and community-based organizations to offer programs, services, and signature events, the Office of New Americans seeks to build the capacity of Houston to welcome and integrate its diverse citizenry.

**Daya;** [dayahouston.org](http://dayahouston.org)

In 1996, seven women – all immigrants to the United States – founded Daya, a compassionate and culturally sensitive organization for South Asian women affected by domestic violence. The first step was establishing a volunteer helpline to support the women in their community, and with that Daya was born.

**Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services (ECHOS);** [echos-houston.org](http://echos-houston.org)

Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services (ECHOS) is a non-profit organization connecting people in need with the health, social and educational resources that can improve their lives. Our vision is a community where all people can have access to resources needed to build a healthy and productive life.

**Fe y Justicia Worker Center;** [houstonworkers.org](http://houstonworkers.org)

The Fe y Justicia Worker Center exists because we believe everyone should have a safe and healthy workplace, and we believe in working-class people's collective power to create change.

The FJWC has been the premier worker rights community organization in Houston for twelve years. We are dedicated to creating positive change with and for low-wage workers by leading research, providing services, building peer support networks, and mobilizing campaigns.

**Greater Houston Community Foundation;** [ghcf.org](http://ghcf.org)

Our business is helping donors create lasting legacies and meaningful impact. Greater Houston Community Foundation offers a variety of tools and expertise to amplify the positive impact donors and their gifts can have across the Houston area and beyond.

**Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management;** [hcohsem.org](http://hcohsem.org)

Vision and Mission: The Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HCOHSEM) will be a national model of "best practices" in emergency planning, preparation, response and recovery. HCOHSEM will help prepare, safeguard and protect the residents and property of Harris County from the effects of disasters through effective planning, preparation, response and recovery activities.

**Harris County Public Health;** [publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov](http://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov)

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) is the county health department for Harris County and provides comprehensive health services and programs to the community through a workforce of approximately 700 public health professionals – all dedicated to improving the health and well-being of Harris County residents and the communities in which they live, learn, work, worship, and play. The HCPH jurisdiction included approximately 2.3 million people and over 30 other municipalities located in Harris County (not including the city of Houston).

**Houston Area Women's Center;** [hawc.org](http://hawc.org)

The Houston Area Women's Center works to end domestic and sexual violence and supports all in building safe and healthy lives through advocacy, counseling, education, shelter and support services. Our services are free, confidential and available to everyone.

**Houston In Motion;** [houstoninmotion.org](http://houstoninmotion.org)

Houston residents are working to create a new standard for welcoming migrants to our city. We are working with organizations across Houston to connect them with critically needed volunteers and support.

**Houston Volunteer Lawyers;** [makejusticehappen.org](http://makejusticehappen.org)

Founded in 1981 by the Houston Bar Association, Houston Volunteer Lawyers has delivered free legal services to low-income residents of Harris County for 35 years by linking qualified applicants with attorneys volunteering their time on a pro bono basis. Houston Volunteer Lawyers helps low-income citizens that other programs often cannot serve, such as those who may not meet the financial criteria of other legal assistance programs and non-US citizens.

**Human Rights First;** [humanrightsfirst.org](http://humanrightsfirst.org)

Human Rights First is an independent advocacy and action organization that challenges America to live up to its ideals. We believe American leadership is essential in the global struggle for human rights, so we press the U.S. government and private companies to respect human rights and the rule of law.

**Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston (IM);** [imgf.org](http://imgf.org)

Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston brings people of diverse faith traditions together for dialogue, collaboration, and service, as a demonstration of our shared beliefs. We believe that, through service and dialogue, it is possible for very diverse people to know one another and find common ground, while still embracing our personal beliefs and cultures.

**Immigrant residents of the Houston region**

Undocumented immigrants gathered over lunch to share their experiences through Hurricane Harvey. With Antena Houston providing language through simultaneous translation, eight women generously discussed the challenges they faced through the storm and recovery.

**Kids in Need of Defense (KIND);** [supportkind.org](http://supportkind.org)

KIND staff and our pro bono attorney partners at law firms, corporations, and law schools nationwide represent unaccompanied immigrant and refugee children in their deportation proceedings. Together, we ensure that no child stands in court alone.

**Las Americas Newcomer School;** [houstonisd.org/lasamericas](http://houstonisd.org/lasamericas)

Las Americas Middle School is a newcomer campus that educates recent immigrant and refugee students who have no or very limited English language proficiency and who often have had a limited formal education in their native countries. Our goals are to help students acquire beginning English skills, provide instruction in core academic content areas, guide student's acculturation into the U.S. school system, and to accelerate the students' learning so they can be prepared for the literacy and content demands of mainstream courses.

**Living Hope Wheelchair Association;** [lhassociation.org](http://lhassociation.org)

Living Hope is an independent, non-profit organization serving people with spinal cord injuries as well as with other disabilities so that they may lead full and productive lives. Our group was founded by people with spinal cord injuries, the majority of our members are not entitled to benefits, lack medical insurance, and do not have a stable source of income. We provide services to our members and engage in community advocacy to achieve our goals.

**Lone Star Legal Aid;** [lonestarlegal.org/](http://lonestarlegal.org/)

Lone Star Legal Aid's mission is to protect and advance the civil legal rights of the millions of Texans living in poverty by providing free advocacy, legal representation, and community education that ensures equal access to justice.

**Memorial Assistance Ministries;** [maministries.org/](http://maministries.org/)

Our mission is to assure that families have the means to meet their basic needs. We offer programs enabling long-term financial self-sufficiency; assist families facing financial crisis avoid homelessness; assure children an improved school experience; facilitate client access to other support networks; and provide value to our member congregations and the community

**The Aftermath Pop Up;** [m.facebook.com/1958784817724750](https://m.facebook.com/1958784817724750)

A group of grassroots organizers who came together after Harvey to connect disenfranchised communities on the Eastside of Houston with response and recovery resources. Continuing to serve those still in crisis and with long-term recovery needs.

**Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES);** [raicetexas.org](http://raicetexas.org)

Founded in 1986 as the Refugee Aid Project by community activists in South Texas, RAICES has grown to be the largest immigration legal services provider in Texas. With offices in Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio, RAICES is a frontline organization in the roiling debate about immigration and immigrants in the world.

**Refugee Services of Texas;** [rstx.org/](http://rstx.org/)

Guided by the principles of human compassion and dignity, Refugee Services of Texas welcomes refugees, immigrants, and other displaced peoples and supports them in integrating and thriving in their new communities. RST provides services to hundreds of refugees, asylees, survivors of human trafficking, and related vulnerable populations from over 30 different countries of origin each year.

**Tahirih Justice Center;** [tahirih.org/](http://tahirih.org/)

The Tahirih Justice Center is a national non-profit committed to serving as many immigrant women and girls as possible. Our award-winning approach to ending gender-based violence provides direct services, policy advocacy, and training and education. Tahirih protects immigrant women and girls and promotes a world where they enjoy equality and live in safety and dignity.

**Texas Organizing Project (TOP);** [organizetexas.org/](http://organizetexas.org/)

The Texas Organizing Project (TOP) works to improve the lives of low-income and working class Texas families through community organizing, and civic and electoral engagement. TOP is a membership-based organization that conducts direct action organizing, grassroots lobbying and electoral organizing led by working families in Texas.

**Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid (TRLA);** [trla.org/](http://trla.org/)

TRLA provides free civil legal services to residents in 68 Southwest Texas counties. Our attorneys specialize in more than 45 practice areas, including family, employment, foreclosure, bankruptcy, subsidized housing, farmworker, civil rights, and environmental law. TRLA is funded principally by Legal Services Corporation and Texas Access to Justice Foundation (TAJF).

**United Way of Greater Houston;** [unitedwayhouston.org/](http://unitedwayhouston.org/)

At the heart of our work is ensuring the safety net by providing life-saving services to meet our neighbors' most basic needs. We support families and individuals through crises. We create a pathway to self-sufficiency and success for our neighbors and our community. And, we bring stakeholders and our community together to address the most pressing needs in our area.

**United We Dream;** [unitedwedream.org/](http://unitedwedream.org/)

We are the largest immigrant Youth-led community in the country. We empower people to develop their leadership, their organizing skills, and campaigns to fight for justice and dignity for immigrants and all people. This is achieved through immigrant youth-led campaigns at the local, state, and federal level.

**University of Houston Law Center Immigration Clinic;** [law.uh.edu/clinic/immi.asp](http://law.uh.edu/clinic/immi.asp)

The Immigration Clinic at the University of Houston Law Center specializes in handling applications for asylum on behalf of victims of torture and persecution; in representing immigrants who have been the victims of domestic violence, human trafficking and crime; and children and those fleeing civil war, genocide or political repression. Students also give presentations to outside organizations that deal with Immigrant Issues and give individual assistance to immigrants held in immigration detention centers.

**West Street Recovery;** [weststreetrecovery.org/](http://weststreetrecovery.org/)

West Street Recovery (WSR) is a horizontally organized grassroots organization which aims to use Harvey Recovery to build community power. Our driving principle is to work together with community members, not for them, or on their behalf. Our work is rooted in an understanding that certain communities were disproportionately impacted by Harvey because they lack access to resources and power, and that the same actors and forces which produced these inequities cannot be expected to adequately support communities in recovery. We believe that the communities who were most harmed by Harvey are the people who best understand what can protect them in the future.

**YMCA International Services;** [ymcahouston.org/locations/ymca-international](http://ymcahouston.org/locations/ymca-international)

YMCA International's Refugee Resettlement program assists refugees who are forcibly displaced from their native countries due to persecution based on their race, religion, ethnicity, political opinion or their belonging to a particular social group. Our Refugee Employment Department works with employers in the Houston area to fill staffing needs from our qualified pool of refugee candidates. The Trafficked Persons Assistance Program works to identify and assist foreign and domestic victims of human trafficking. Immigration legal services provide counseling or representation to individuals seeking immigration assistance, including family reunification visas, adjustment of status and naturalization applications.