



MEMORANDUM

TO: OPEIU Local Unions, Guilds and Directly Affiliated Groups

FROM: Richard Lanigan
President

DATE: August 29, 2017

RE: Help for OPEIU Families in Texas Affected by Hurricane Harvey

OPEIU local unions and their members have always been there to help their sisters and brothers in need. From the devastation in Louisiana caused by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, to the destruction caused by Hurricane Sandy in 2012 in New York and New Jersey, we are proud to say that OPEIU local unions came forward and did all they could to help those affected.

Now our sisters and brothers in Texas need our help. Hurricane Harvey is probably the largest natural disaster ever faced in Texas. The resulting downpours have caused untold damage in Houston, Galveston Island, Corpus Christi, Beaumont-Port Arthur, parts of central Texas and many areas in between. And, as we all know, things could get much worse over the days ahead as heavy rains continue to fall.

You've all been extremely generous in the past and we're asking you to be equally generous now to help our OPEIU members in Texas. We know we won't be able to fully compensate them for everything they've lost, but we can provide them with some relief and, hopefully, the strength to meet the challenges that lie

ahead. This message of solidarity will let them know that their union stands strongly behind them in these most difficult times.

We are asking OPEIU local unions and members to make a small contribution to the OPEIU Relief Fund. Please be as generous as you can. We appreciate if you could also help solicit contributions from your members for this worthy cause.

Checks can be sent as follows:

Mary Mahoney
Secretary-Treasurer
OPEIU – Hurricane Relief Fund
80 Eighth Avenue, 6th Floor
New York, NY 10011

We are in the process of identifying those OPEIU members affected by Hurricane Harvey. If you are aware of any OPEIU members or family affected, please let us know their names and circumstances. You may email this information to frontdesk@opeiu.org.

Updates will be posted on the OPEIU website at www.opeiu.org. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

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