

STUDENTS COLLECT DONATIONS OF FOOD AND WATER FOR HURRICANE RELIEF

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Caption: A long chain of Thornton Township students, loading packs of bottled water on a van to send to Houston for hurricane relief.

On October 15th, 2017, a group of students in Thornton Township, who had seen the devastation and horrors of Hurricane Harvey on national television, decided to aid in Thornton Township's hurricane relief effort by collecting essentials such as food and bottled water to send to Houston. Officials from Thornton Township drove the donations of food and water the students had collected, among other donations, in vans to Houston in an effort to aid in hurricane relief. Donations of food and water were collected at 6 different locations in the Thornton Township area to reach more people and collect donations of food, money and water for hurricane relief.

"All the food, water, and money donated for the hurricane relief went to the relief and did not fund this trip," said Ernst Lamothe, Thornton Township's communications director and one of the six people who drove the donations of food and water to Houston. He ensured that the donations were delivered straight to those who needed it the most; the people severely affected by Hurricane Harvey.

In Houston, people were very grateful for the donations of food and water, saying, "It's definitely appreciated. The donations and love they brought with them, helping us unload, getting items to people in the community - we're grateful."

As the students and Thornton Township began sending food and water donations to the hurricane relief effort, other south suburban jurisdictions joined in the effort. Officials from the neighbouring city of Harvey sent donations to those affected by Hurricane Harvey and also made 10 homes available to Houston families left homeless by Hurricane Harvey.

The students are glad that Houston citizens recognize the impact their communities' heartfelt donations made and hope that they can help out more. Moreover, Thornton Township students' concern and relief efforts have started to galvanize their communities, such as the nearby city of Harvey, to help the anguished communities of Houston.