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TZU CHI FOUNDATION TO PROVIDE HURRICANE HARVEY EMERGENCY DISASTER AID IN TEXAS

Tzu Chi Global Headquarters work with Local Chapters in Houston and Dallas to support Emergency Relief Supplies

San Dimas, Calif., Aug. 29, 2017 – With over 93,000 Hurricane Harvey victims currently without power and more than 30,000 in temporary shelters, local Tzu Chi USA chapters in Dallas and Houston are evaluating how they can best provide immediate disaster aid to the stranded and displaced. Working with other relief agencies, Tzu Chi will deliver 200 multi-purpose portable beds to two shelters, while fulfilling other requests from the largest shelter -- the George Brown Convention Center in Houston. Tzu Chi will provide first aid kits to more than 5,000 impacted residents inside shelters in the Houston Harris County and the Sugar Land areas.

Tzu Chi plans to distribute 10,000 lbs. of instant rice, 11,000 blankets and 5,000 first aid kits and financial assistance may be provided upon review in purchasing the most immediate needs of clothes, shoes, medicine, and eye glasses. Tzu Chi will also provide emotional support to survivors in Red Cross-designated and state-designated shelters. Tzu Chi volunteer doctors will be providing consultations.

“Please, everyone, join me and act as one family to deliver our love and compassion to people who are affected by Hurricane Harvey,” encouraged Dr. Han Huang, Chief Executive Officer of Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation. “Disaster can strike any one of us and we must care for and support each other during devastating times like this.”

Tzu Chi volunteers will be raising funds at shopping plazas in their local cities. Please visit www.Tzuchi.us to find fundraising locations.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

From Aug. 25 – Oct. 15, 2017, all donations marked “Disaster Relief Funds” will be

dedicated to the relief of Hurricane Harvey. The Tzu Chi Foundation depends on financial donations to be able to prepare for and provide funds, services and necessary supplies to support people affected by this record-breaking disaster.

Tzu Chi Fundraising Hotline: 1-888-9TzuChi (888-989-8244)

Online donations: www.tzuchi.us

Mobile Donation by texting HarveyRecovery to 91999.

Donate by sending check, payable to Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

Mailing address: Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, 1100 S. Valley Center Ave., San Dimas, CA 91773

About Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

Tzu Chi Foundation is a non-profit, non-governmental humanitarian organization with four missions: charity, medicine, education and humanistic culture. Tzu Chi Foundation's footprint of humanitarian aid at the forefront of poverty reduction and disaster relief has reached over 94 countries since 1966. In the United States, in 2016, Tzu Chi USA distributed over \$2.0 million in cash cards, benefiting 4,718 families impacted by 48 disasters. Between 1993 and 2016, Tzu Chi USA offered medical services to 551,176 individuals from underprivileged or underserved families across America. Its mobile food pantry travels to impoverished communities in California weekly, benefiting 20,000 families annually. From 2006 to 2016, the foundation provided character education to more than 25,000 students. And over 900 inmates have received spiritual support through books, magazines, and the more than 1,200 letters that were answered, offering guidance towards a meaningful life of helping others. To learn more about Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, please contact at (909) 447-7799 or visit: www.tzuchi.us

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