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>>> GIVE DONATIONS (MONEY/MATERIALS):

WHERE TO DONATE MONEY:

- **BCM/D Disaster Relief** - as we prepare to deploy and provide survivors with assistance: <https://bcmd.org/give>.
- **Texas Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Ministry** - to aid their mission and to assist survivors: www.texasbaptistmen.org/Give-Now
- **National North American Mission Board SEND Relief** - to help survivors and mobilize teams and crews: <https://www.namb.net>

WHERE TO DONATE MATERIALS:

In addition to financial donations, the BCM/D has set up three collection centers for material donations, which will be delivered to Fredonia Hill Baptist Church in Nacogdoches, Texas, a partner SBC church who now is regularly bringing supplies into the areas devastated by the storm.

Beginning Sept. 9, the following items can be donated on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at these three collection sites:

- **Skycroft Conference Center**, 9621 Frostown Rd, Middletown, MD 21769
- **Calvary Missionary Baptist Church**, 35 Sylmar Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911
- **Baptist Mission Resource Center**, 10255 Old Columbia Rd, Columbia, MD 21046

Here are some items your family can bring:

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| • Adult diapers | • Hand sanitizer | • Snacks (individual-ly wrapped) |
| • Baby wipes | • Large trash bags | • Thin bed mats |
| • Children's diapers | • Paper towels | • Toilet paper |
| • Dog and cat food | • Peanut butter & jelly | • Toiletries |
| • Female products | • Sandwich baggies | • Water (gallons/bottles) |
| • First aid items | • Sleeping bags | |
| • Gatorade | | |

PLEASE DO NOT DONATE CLOTHES!

>>> PREPARE TO DEPLOY:

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