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Special Message to Leadership Florida Members,

Hurricane Harvey, a natural disaster of epic proportion, has impacted the state of Texas in what has been recorded as catastrophic damage with short and long term impacts. These impacts will affect the great state of Texas for months and even years to come. Many of you have reached out inquiring how you can best help with their recovery efforts.

Cash is always the best way to help those affected by a disaster. Below are a few qualified organizations that would welcome your help. If you are interested in volunteering, please read the information provided on each website before self-deploying. It is important to make sure you are well-informed on how your efforts can and will be most helpful.

- Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (<https://txvoad.communityos.org/cms/home>) by selecting one of their member agencies
- OneStar Foundation, which is the official disaster donations agency for Texas (<http://onestarfoundation.org/>)
- Or any disaster relief organization you know and trust like the American Red Cross or the Salvation Army

We know Texans will greatly appreciate the caring and giving spirit of Floridians' support, especially since we know all too well, how difficult it is to recover from major disasters of this kind.

Thank you in advance for supporting Texas in their time of great need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Kigel".

Beth Kigel
Chair
Leadership Florida Board of Directors, Class XXIX

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Spencer".

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