

# FORT BEND RECOVERS

COVID-19 Weekly Call 4/06/2020

## Participants

1. Halley Goldstein – United Way
2. Michael Youngblood – City of Richmond
3. Avalon Sykes – Attack Poverty
4. Herman Rogers – Endeavors
5. Joe Higgs – TMO
6. Mary Vazquez – United Way
7. Roy Hayley – Attack Poverty
8. Matt Johns – Catholic Charities
9. Penny Meek – The Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation
10. Melinda Garcia – United Way
11. Vickie Bernal – Katy Christian Ministries
12. Quynh-Anh McMahn – The George Foundation
13. Patricia Flint – Endeavors
14. Jennifer Cooper – Attack Poverty
15. Julie Gaston – The Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation
16. Renee Teel – Christ Church Sugar Land
17. Loretta Jelks – On the Road Lending
18. Annie Derry – Endeavors
19. Sarah White – Second Mile Mission
20. Diana Turner – Access Health
21. Sue Levin – HGI Counseling
22. Lori Marcus – Texana Center
23. Terri Stuart – United Way
24. Andrew Van Chau – Rotary International
25. AP Vo – The Alliance
26. Alvaro Hernandez – Endeavors
27. Mike Martin – Habitat for Humanity
28. Sweldmaria – Endeavors
29. Chelsea Lucas – Katy Responds
30. Ron Peters – Katy Responds
31. Michelle Gonzalez – SVDP
32. Kelli King-Jackson – The Simmons Foundation
33. Calvin Obey – Endeavors
34. Cliff Cummings – Sugar Creek Baptist Church
35. Nancy Clippard – Houston Tool Bank
36. Vincent Mannino – Texas Agrilife Extension Services
37. Jimmy Fenwick – Sugar Land Methodist Church
38. Shauna Harris – United Way
39. Krystell Castillo – United Way
40. Renee Staley – The Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation
41. Glenn Lerich – The Fellowship Church (Katy)

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## Updates

*Mary Vazquez – United Way*

In collaboration with GHCF, United Way launched a joint fund to serve the most vulnerable who have been impacted by COVID-19. Both organizations are actively fundraising. The first round of funding will address basic needs with hopes to raise additional funds for several rounds of funding to address emerging needs.

The Texas 211 HEPLINE received 1,642 calls related to COVID-19 from Fort Bend County in the month of March. Primary requests include but are not limited to: testing site locations, utility and rent assistance, food pantries and distribution sites, and general information.

The Director of Business at Katy Mills Mall has offered nonprofits and other agencies use of their space free of charge for activities. If you are interested in using the space contact Mary and she will put you in touch with the right person.

*Diana Turner – Access Health*

In partnership with Fort Bend County, Access Health is providing COVID-19 testing to the public. To be eligible for testing, individuals must visit the website [www.fbchealth.org](http://www.fbchealth.org) to start the screening process.

Approximately 250 people have been tested since the opening of the site.

In addition to COVID-19 testing, Access Health is providing regular services except for most preventive dental care. The agency is in the process of transitioning to telehealth services.

Needed Donations: N95 and Surgical Masks

*Renee Teel – Christ Church Sugar Land*

- Fort Bend ISD is collecting supplies for their grab-and-go lunches. They need to go boxes, individual package utensils, and zip-loc sandwich bags.
- Christ Church Sugar Land - Drive through collections for FBISD Supply Drive and East Fort Bend Human Needs Food Pantry, Sunday 12-4 pm
- Sugar Creek Baptist Church food drive, on Wed from 10-12 at 1333 Southwest Freeway. Collecting nonperishable items that will be delivered to Second Mile Mission to help with their inventory.

The church is also hosting a blood drive to assist with the need. More information can be found here

<https://www.christchurchsl.org/event/methodist-blood-drive/>

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Houston Methodist Sugarland Hospital is currently in need of personal protective equipment and are accepting donations of unopened/undamaged products from individuals and businesses. Below is a list of items being requested. If you can donate, please email [donationscovid19ppe@houstonmethodist.org](mailto:donationscovid19ppe@houstonmethodist.org) and reference that you would like to donate to Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital. Houston Methodist thanks all for supporting our health care heroes during this time!

- N95 Masks: 3M model numbers: 8210, 1860, 1860S, 1870+
- Moldex N95 – all sizes
- Powered Air-Purifying Respirators (PAPRs): 3M: Versa F

## *Glen Lerich – The Fellowship Church*

In partnership with food pantries, the fellowship church is hosting a food drive to support kids in the Royal ISD area (Brookshire). Food is collected Monday – Wednesday.

Every Friday, families can pick up food boxes via their drive-through distribution site.

More information can be found at <https://thefellowship.org/event/1791769-2020-04-06-spread-hope-initiative/>

## *Matt John – Catholic Charities*

Catholic Charities received approximately 1300 calls in the last few weeks regarding basic needs. They have also seen an increase in the number of families coming through for food due to loss of employment. They are distributing food at the Mamie George Community Center every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am -12 pm

The organization will continue to focus on assisting with basic needs - food and financial assistance. Over time, they will transition to coaching and long-term case management.

## *Brandon Baca - Attack Poverty*

Attack Poverty and partner distribution sites are still rolling.

To fill transportation gaps, AP is offering rides to those that do not have access to a vehicle. There will be an East and West route. The route will stop at grocery stores and other organizations where critical services are needed/offered. The buses will not stop at COVID-19 testing sites and will follow the social distancing guidelines. Additionally, AP is working to get resources to cities on the outskirts, like Needville.

<https://attackpoverty.org/covid-19/>

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*Tom Pretti – Katy Responds*

Katy Responds is currently supporting organizations that have the infrastructure and capacity to provide resources to the community (i.e. Ameri Corps).

*Vickie Bernal – Katy Christian Ministries*

All KCM employees are working from home except for those in the food pantry. They have received 1,074 calls since the 16<sup>th</sup> of March for various services.

Food Pantry hours of operation are Monday – Wednesday from 9 am - 12pm and 1pm – 4pm.

The organization will maintain their coaching services.

*AP Vo – The Alliance*

The Alliance is receiving calls about rental assistance and questions about the SBA loan program since they work with a lot of small business owners.

They are providing financial counseling and behavioral health services (online). The resident Psychiatrist is still seeing clients in the office. Dr. Jeffrey Kottler is facilitating Self-Care Support Workshop for partners every Wed at 10 am via zoom.

*Sue Levin – HGI Counseling*

HGI is offering selfcare and support groups. They are expecting to see a rise in the number of individuals that will require behavioral health services down the road. Their call-in program is still operating; however, they have seen a decline in usage. They are also offering services to first responders and crisis counselors for school districts.

## **Self-Care/Organizational Care**

*Chelsea Lucas – Katy Responds*

Conducting weekly check-in with all employees. They talk about how they can support one another during this difficult time and pray.

*Michael Youngblood - City of Richmond*

Doing weekly Zoom calls to check in with staff

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*Vickie Bernal – KCM*

Convenes a prayer call every morning at 8:30 am and touches base with staff at the end of each day to check-in.

## **Small Business Loans Submissions**

Sugar Creek Baptist Church submitted application to bank they have relationship with.

The Fellowship submitted application for their Preschool and Church.

Katy Christian Ministries is tying up their application and plans to submit it today.

HGI applied and is now working on the payroll application.