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### **Food Bank RGV Prepares for Hurricane Harvey**

**PHARR, TX** – Hurricane Harvey is gaining strength in the Gulf as it becomes a Category 3 Hurricane with winds exceeding 120 mph. While the storm's track may change at any moment, the Food Bank RGV (a member of Feeding America and Feeding Texas) and other food banks throughout Texas have been preparing for the storm's landfall since early this week.

The Food Bank RGV is a first responder and even though Valley is not in the potential path of Hurricane Harvey, we are coordinating relief efforts with the American Red Cross and county officials as the situation progresses.

The Feeding America Network has 21 food bank members in Texas ready to pool resources to help food banks and hundreds of agencies that will provide food, water and grocery supplies to individuals and families throughout affected areas.

Preliminary reports indicate that the Corpus Christi area will take the brunt of the storm – meaning heavy rain, tropical storm force winds, flooding, and possible tornado activity. Evacuees are urged to relocate to inland regions away from the Gulf Coast as remnants of Hurricane Harvey can create flooding days after landfall.

For immediate assistance, call 211.

Online donations for emergency food relief can be made at: [www.foodbankrgv.com](http://www.foodbankrgv.com). No physical donations are being accepted at this time.

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