

Congratulations!

Hometown Hero!

Avalon Sykes from Attack Poverty was recently named the Texas Emergency Management Hometown Hero at the Texas Emergency Management Conference in Fort Worth. The award, sponsored by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), honors individuals or groups who have shown exceptional leadership and service in assisting fellow residents during times of emergency, disaster, or crisis. Congratulations to Avalon Sykes for this well-deserved recognition.

CenterPoint Energy Emerging Leaders Institute

We would like to congratulate Paige LoBue, East Harris County Empowerment Council and Vice-Chair of the TGCRVOAD, for graduating from the CenterPoint Energy Emerging Leaders Institute's inaugural class. This program aims to develop promising leaders from diverse communities and strengthen our area's nonprofit leadership base.

Calendar

July 12, 2023
9:30 – 11:00 AM

General Membership Meeting at Fort Bend EOC
307 Fort St, Richmond, TX 77469

We will discuss Hurricane Readiness, a timely topic, as we enter the peak of Hurricane season for the Upper Texas Gulf Coast in August and September. A special shout out to the Ft. Bend Office of Emergency Management, who will be hosting us and will give a tour of their new and advanced facility right after the TGCRVOAD Meeting.

General Membership Meeting Tentative Agenda

Situation Brief

Business – Welcome, Approval of Minutes, Executive Committee Report, New Members

Ft. Bend Members Spotlight

Ft. Bend OEM & LTRC Spotlight

How the VOAD Works

Preparation for Hurricane Season:

- HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response
- Crisis Cleanup
- Connective Survey
- Canvassing
- What is “Safe, Sanitary, & Functional?”
- Communications
 - Alert Media
 - Situation Briefs
 - SITREPs
 - Coordination Calls
- Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC)

August 1, 2023
1 PM – 3 PM

Neighborhood Canvassing. Volunteer Houston, the Points of Light Global Network, and the TGCRVOAD are hosting a Listen and Learn session on August 1st. The event will be in-person in midtown Houston.

Neighborhood canvassing is used in sales, law enforcement investigations, political campaigns, and - you called it - disaster preparedness and response. *This session may include experts from all areas, but the conversation will focus specifically on best practices and big dreams in disaster preparedness and response.*

All attendees will have an opportunity to share their successes and suggestions for improvement. Snacks and beverages will be offered.

ABOUT THE LISTEN & LEARN SERIES

Listening and learning are critical skills. We consider them superpowers that support all of the elements in the Points of Light Civic Circle. Mastering these skills will help you truly understand the root causes of issues you care about, consider multiple viewpoints and learn what's already being done before you take action.

Stay informed, think critically, and educate yourself before acting. The more informed you are, the better the decisions you can make about how to best work within your community. Before acting on an issue, it is essential to truly understand it. We need to stay informed, think critically, and educate ourselves before jumping into action.

Space is limited so please [RSVP](#) soon.

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Announcements

Positions Open!

With the passing of the amended Bylaws the following positions are currently open. The 4Cs don't come easy and we'd love to have your organization represented! Remember the Primary *and Alternate* Representatives from each Member are eligible. These four chairs will serve on the Executive Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS Chair – responsible for the website, newsletter, situational awareness, internal communications, and external Communication Support

EDUCATION and TRAINING Chair - bi-monthly programs, tabletop exercises, online training

INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, & COMMUNITY RESOURCES Chair - membership directory, resources by county, gap analysis

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OPERATIONAL COLLABORATION Chair - support enhancement of Functions in Disaster; interface with the LTRCs

Contact chair.tgcrvoad@icloud.com for more information!

Consensus of Engagement

On May 10th the General Membership adopted a revised version of the Consensus of Engagement.

Members should [download the Consensus of Engagement](#), sign it, scan it, and email it to sonya.meyers@hopedrtx.org.

New Members

Application Pending

[Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, ELCA](#)

Situation Briefs Published

None this period