

Calendar

**August 1, 2023
1–3 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 on best practices and big dreams in disaster preparedness and response.* All attendees will be able 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 RSVP soon.

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August 30, 2023

9:00 – noon

**MARC & Resiliency Center Tabletop Exercise
United Way of Greater Houston
50 Waugh Drive, Houston, Texas 77007**

About the Exercise

Join us for an engaging and interactive Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) and Resiliency Center tabletop exercise! This exercise will strengthen our collective recovery capabilities, increase coordination and collaboration, identify challenges and gaps, and build relationships between recovery partners.

Who Should Attend?

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, Long-Term Recovery Committee members, and local, state, and federal government representatives are invited to participate in this exercise.

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September 13, 2023

9:30 – 11:00

**General Membership Meeting
The Lonestar Convention Center
9055 Airport Rd.
Conroe, TX 77303**

Join us for our first meeting in Montgomery County.

Announcements

**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.

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OneStar Survey

Volunteer Houston is partnering with OneStar as a Community Co-Design Committee (CDC) member, a group of community members working together to co-create the organization's next strategic plan.

Nonprofit professionals across Texas are sharing their thoughts which will inform the priorities and work of OneStar over the next three to five years. Give your input using this brief and anonymous survey **by Friday, July 28th**. Please share with your peers and colleagues!

[Click here to take the survey.](#)

You can use or not use, your voice in many ways. You can educate and influence friends, family members, and others to raise awareness for causes you care about. Not using your voice is also a choice and can indicate where you stand on an issue. Using your voice in big and small ways can help to unlock the assets of others and advance causes you care about. (Psst...using your voice is one of 9 ways to be civically engaged. Read more about the Points of Light Civic Circle.)

If you have any questions or run into any issues accessing the survey, please don't hesitate to reach out to Sunjit Khamba (sunjitk@missioncapital.org) or Jordan Ely (jordane@missioncapital.org), the Mission Capital Consultants who are leading the CDC committee through this vital work.

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 that 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

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

TGCRVOAD News You Can Use is published on the first and third Monday of each month from May – October and on the first Monday of the month from November through April.

Submit material to comms.tgcrvoad@icloud.com.

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

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

Crisis Cleanup

At TGCRVOAD, we rely on **Crisis Cleanup** as our tool for managing work orders during a disaster response. We use it to help many people and families who require assistance with debris management, clean-out, mucking, gutting, or tarping services. To make the most of this technology, it's important for us to understand how it works and use it as intended.



TGCRVOAD is currently providing training courses for Crisis Cleanup. With August and September approaching, it would be beneficial for your team to refresh their knowledge on how to utilize this platform.

Virtual – Register Here

- Monday, August 7th @ 9:30 – 10:00 am
- Wednesday, August 9th @ 2:30-3:00 pm
- Thursday, August 10th @ 3:30-4:00 pm

In-person – Register Here

- Tuesday, August 15th @ 2:30 – 3:30 pm
- Friday, August 18th @ 9:30 - 10:30 am

ICS Training

The TGCRVOAD works together with Emergency Managers or the Office of Emergency Management to respond to disasters. In order to improve our communication, it is essential that we have a solid understanding of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS). FEMA provides online courses that we highly recommend taking during times of calm so that we can communicate more effectively during times of crisis.

- **ICS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System**: This course is designed for self-study and serves as an introduction to ICS. It lays the groundwork for more advanced ICS training and covers the system's history, features, principles, and organizational structure. Additionally, the course explores the relationship between ICS and NIMS.
- **IS-700 NIMS, an Introduction**: This course focuses on introducing the NIMS concept which aims to provide a uniform template for all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to collaborate efficiently during domestic incidents.
- **ICS-200 Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response**: This course is designed to help personnel operate effectively during an incident or event within the ICS. ICS-200 offers training and resources for personnel who may take on a supervisory role

Situation Briefs Published

None this period