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### **Help For Houston from Johnstown, PA Update**

Johnstown, PA—The Greater Johnstown/Cambria County Convention and Visitors Bureau and MJ Daniels Trucking, LLC have teamed up to send supplies to the Houston, Texas area to aid in the Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. Four to five trailers will be loaded beginning Tuesday, September 5 through Thursday, September 7.

Acceptable donation items are:

- Bottled Water
- Non Perishable Food Items—please limit to items that can be opened without a can opener
- Dry & Wet Pet Food
- Cleaning Supplies (Dawn dish soap, bleach, etc.)
- Hygiene Supplies (Toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, hand sanitizer, shampoo, etc.)
- Monetary donations (will be used to buy additional supplies to fill the trucks)

We ask that all products are boxed so they can be easily placed on pallets and shrink wrapped.

Several area businesses have offered to accept donations during their normal business hours, they include:

- Welcome Center/ Johnstown CVB—111 Roosevelt Blvd., Johnstown, PA 15906
- Brian Wess Salon—102 Chrysler Ave., Johnstown, PA 15904
- The Rehab Center of Seward—238 Rear Indiana St., Seward, PA 15954
- Cambria Alliance EMS Cresson—725 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Cresson, PA 16630
- Hope Fire Company of Northern Cambria—1023 Philadelphia Ave., Northern Cambria, PA 15714
- NovaCare Rehabilitation Richland Location—969 Eisenhower Blvd., Johnstown, PA 15904
- NovaCare Rehabilitation Ebensburg Location—615 W High St., Ebensburg, PA 15931
- Somerset Outdoor Equipment—312 S. Center Ave., Somerset, PA 15501
- Ace's in Cambria City During the Cambria City Ethnic Festival – 316 Chestnut St., Johnstown, PA 15906
- Morocco Electric Inc. – 201 South Pleasant Avenue, Somerset, PA 15501
- Old Towne Bakery & Café – 373 E Main Street, Johnstown, PA 15501
- Makin' Waves Salon (Pet Food) – 1513 Scalp Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15904
- The Richland Volunteer Fire Department (Look for the Young American box truck) 1321 Scalp Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15904

### **Trailer Loading**

One trailer will be located at the Convention & Visitors Bureau main office at 111 Roosevelt Blvd.

The remaining trailers will be loaded at the Tire Clinic, 57 Cooper Avenue. The Visitors Bureau is asking that all donations collected at the area drop-off sites be brought to The Tire Clinic which has ample space for receiving, sorting, and packing the trailers.

Supplies may be dropped off at The Tire Clinic and the Visitors Bureau Tuesday and Wednesday between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., and on Thursday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The public is also welcome to drop off items at The Tire Clinic.

**Delivery Destinations:** To date, two locations for delivery are confirmed. A third location is pending.

### **Kingdom Church**

1116 Damon St.

Rosenberg, TX 77471

Contact: Pastor Miguel Quinones, 281-818-8242

Kingdom Church is a designated supply distribution location in Fort Bend County, TX by the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management.

Johnstown will send one trailer-load of water plus up to three trailers of supplies, including non-perishable or ready to eat food; hygiene products; new undergarments; blankets; coloring books & stuffed animals for children; pet food & pet supplies; and cleaning products.

### **HCSS (Heavy Construction Systems Specialists)**

13151 West Airport Blvd.

Sugar Land, TX 77478

Contact: Tom Webb, 713-270-4000

HCSS is a construction software development company. MJ Daniels Trucking Company works with Sipple Construction who is a customer of HCSS. HCSS was contacted by MJ Daniels regarding help needed for hurricane relief. HCSS is working as a central point of cleanup in Fort Bend County.

Johnstown will send one fully loaded tractor-trailer load of water to HCSS's location in Sugar Land.

A banner courtesy of Weidlein Signs, Johnstown, PA will be available at the Welcome Center/Johnstown CVB for donors to sign well wishes to victims and will be delivered with supplies.

MJ Daniels Trucking, LLC drivers Aaron Korenoski, Tom Cote and Cody Joiner in addition to two drivers from MMI Door have offered their time and skill and will be leaving with supplies on Friday, September 8. Trucks have been supplied by Aaron Korenoski (AA Trucking), MJ Daniels Trucking, LLC, and MMI Door. Trailers have been supplied by Birk Transfer, Inc., Johnstown, PA, Jeff Cernic, Johnstown, PA, and Paris Companies, Dubois, PA.

A send-off is planned for Friday, September 8. **Friday, September 8th Departure**

Tractor trailers heading to TX will line up on Johns St. by Point Stadium prior to departure.

From 10 AM to noon, everyone is welcome to come to the Point Stadium parking lot to sign the banner that will be taken to Rosenberg and given to Kingdom Church representatives.

Trucks will depart at noon, or shortly thereafter

Route: From Johns St., left onto Main St., left onto Clinton St., left onto Washington St., right onto Roosevelt Blvd. and Broad St., Right onto Cooper Ave. (Rt. 403), to Rt. 22.

Escort through the West End will be provided by the Johnstown Police and Fire Departments.

All are welcome and encouraged to line the route to cheer the convoy off to Texas!

For additional information, visit Visit Johnstown, Pennsylvania and Johnstown/Cambria County Convention & Visitors Bureau Facebook pages or phone the Greater Johnstown/Cambria County CVB at (814) 536-7993.

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**ABOUT US:**

The Greater Johnstown/Cambria County Convention & Visitors Bureau is Cambria County's official tourism promotion agency that was established to promote travel to Cambria County; to serve as a leading advocate for programs and projects that will enhance Cambria County's tourism industry; and to promote greater recognition of travel and tourism as a leading contributor to Cambria County's economy and its quality of life. Visitor information may be obtained online at [www.visitjohnstownpa.com](http://www.visitjohnstownpa.com) or by calling 800-237-8590.