

CELEBRATING THE POWER OF



*Transforming lives.
Connecting communities.
Empowering people.*



East Harris County
Empowerment Council

YEAR IN REVIEW
FISCAL YEAR 2018



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OUR HISTORY

Established in 2008, East Harris County Empowerment Council (EHCEC) is committed to improving the quality of life through innovative, sustainable programs and services that empowers men, women, and youth to achieve their full potential.

Through a strong network of invested individuals, community partners, and caring corporations, we are dedicated to educational enrichment, economic development, and health and wellness of the eastern, unincorporated communities of **Channelview, Crosby, Galena Park, North Shore and Sheldon.**

MISSION

The East Harris County Empowerment Council (EHCEC) exists to improve the quality of life through innovative, sustainable programs and services that empower men, women and youth to achieve their full potential.

VISION

To make East Harris County the best place to live, learn, work and play.

CORE VALUES

Inclusive

We value the input of all.

Innovative

We think, act and behave differently.

Collaborative

We are team players who value partnership.

Dependable

We are reliable and accessible.

Accountable

We operate in integrity and are good stewards of our resources.

WORDS FROM OUR FOUNDER

TERENCE NARCISSE

Dear Friends of EHCEC,

2018 was a year of service and celebration for East Harris County Empowerment Council (EHCEC). We experienced the POWER of 10 as we celebrated ten years of serving the communities of East Harris County.

Year 10 brought us a new office space and community room that allows us to have a greater impact on those we serve. In year ten, we received the largest gift in our history. The American Red Cross granted EHCEC \$214,640, making it possible to attain much needed leadership and support staff. In year 10, we exemplified our devotion to youth through our annual STEM camp, complimentary attendance to Houston Texans and Rockets games, holiday shopping sprees and more. In our 10th year of service, we continued our commitment to those affected by Hurricane Harvey. While many seem to have forgotten, the impact of Hurricane Harvey is still being felt by many families in East Harris County. We were fortunate to be able to provide these families with furniture, appliances and monetary assistance to aid in their recovery.

Yes, 2018 was year of transforming lives, connecting communities and empowering people! We could not have survived ten years without your support. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to every contributor, volunteer and supporter who generously gave from their hearts. EHCEC will continue its mission to improve the quality of life through innovative, sustainable programs and services that empower men, women and youth to achieve their full potential.

The future is bright and we invite you to continue with us on this journey of making East Harris County the best place to live, work and play.

With gratitude,



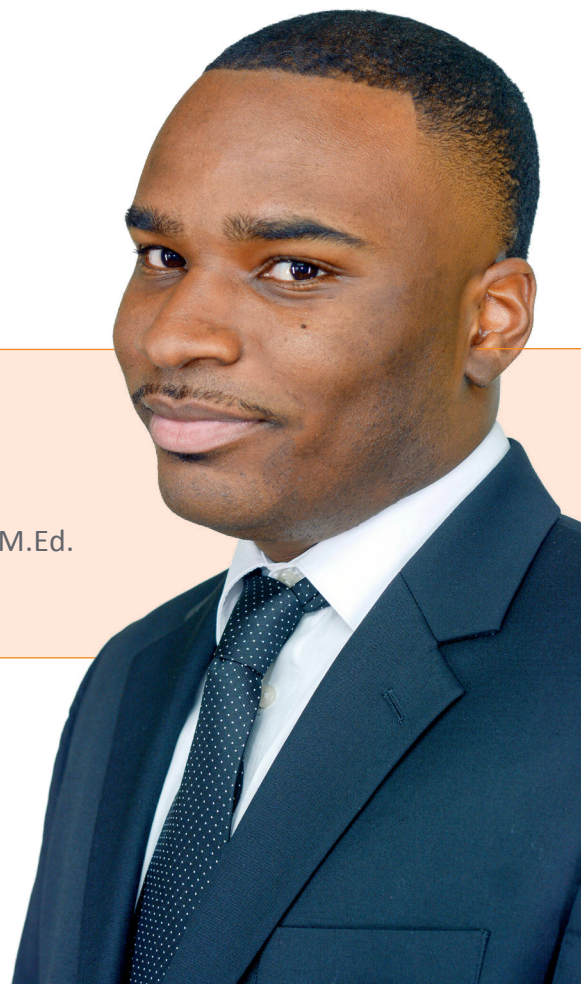
Terence Narcisse, MBA
Founder and Executive Director
East Harris County Empowerment Council

EAST HARRIS COUNTY EMPOWERMENT COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Secretary

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2018 PARTNERS

NATIONAL PARTNERS



CORPORATE & COMMUNITY INVESTORS



REGIONAL PARTNERS

Channelview ISD

Crosby ISD

Galena Park ISD

Houston Baptist University

Mt. Rose Church of God in Christ

North Channel Chamber of Commerce

The Rhodes School

San Jacinto College

Sheldon ISD

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

BY THE NUMBERS



5,000

volunteer hours logged



\$7,000

donated in support of families
and community initiatives



2,500

families assisted
post-Hurricane Harvey



3,000

children impacted

OUR FINANCIALS (FY18)

Total
revenue..... **\$262,162**

Total
expenses..... **\$217,835**

Total In-kind
Donations..... **\$487,399**

THE SOLUTION

OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT

2018 was a year of great impact for EHCEC. We continued our mission of helping the community reach their full potential through a mix of empowering programs and uplifting events.

EHCEC is grateful to the Red Cross for the largest gift in our 10 year history, The Red Cross granted EHCEC \$214,640 in support of Hurricane Harvey recovery for East Harris County families. "This grant will be used to continue the East Harris County Recovery Project until September 2019. This investment will allow us to serve the communities of Channelview, Crosby, Galena Park, North Shore and Sheldon without interruption. Our work isn't complete until everyone in our community comes home," says EHCEC Founder and Executive Director, Terence Narcisse.

EHCEC is grateful to have partners like the Red Cross who support our vision of making East Harris County the best place to live, work and play!



American Red Cross awards EHCEC largest grant in its ten year history.

Left to Right: Tonya Eaglin (EHCEC), Terence Narcisse (EHCEC), Juan Rodriguez (Catholic Charities), Valene Cora (Catholic Charities)

THE RECOVERY PROJECT

The Recovery Project to help our neighbors recover. While the rain and water may subside, the experience of Harvey will linger for years. We ask you to partner with us to meet the immediate and long term needs of our neighbors.

SMART & HEALTHY KIDS DAY

Smart & Healthy Kids Day is a fun, educational, healthy, family back to school event catering to low-income East Harris County students and families.

SUMMER STEM PREP ACADEMY

Summer STEM PREP Academy is a program designed to expose, prepare, and encourage disadvantaged youth for careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

CHILDREN'S TREE PROJECT

Children's Tree Project is a Christmas event that provides toys for under-served children of East Harris County.

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Hope for the Holidays provides families of public school children with food baskets for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

COMMUNITY RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT

EAST HARRIS COUNTY RECOVERY PROJECT

**“We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give.”**

WINSTON CHURCHILL



East Harris County Empowerment Council has always answered the call of the community, but when Hurricane Harvey dropped over 1 trillion gallons of water across Harris County over a four-day period, the call became a cry for help we had never experienced. Schools, homes, places of worship, all suffered significant water damage. Many were destroyed. Our way of life would never be the same.

Many residents were evacuated from their homes and placed in local shelters, leaving everything they had worked so hard for floating in floodwaters. In response to this unprecedented tragedy, East Harris County Empowerment Council initiated The Recovery Project. Helping families rebuild their lives was a priority.

Married for 51 years, Lewis and Annie Crocket lost everything in their East Harris County home. During Hurricane Harvey, the fast rising water forced the family to call for help. They were rescued by boat and evacuated from their home. “Starting over was not easy,” says Annie Crocket, “but EHCEC was there to help us rebuild our lives. They provided us with food, furniture, and even appliances.” Today, the Crockets are back in their home and grateful to EHCEC for their support.

To date, EHCEC has assisted over 2500 families affected by Hurricane Harvey. With the help of amazing community partners like World Vision, Good 360, and the American Red Cross, The Recovery Project is still helping families obtain housing, furniture, appliances, clothing, and financial resources. EHCEC will not rest until every family in East Harris County has been restored.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

AUSTRALIA EDINBOROUGH

It brings me pleasure to unify with like minded individuals to make a difference in the community, let alone the world. I especially appreciate the work of EHCEC because I was a recipient of community assistance as a child.

Many injustices go unnoticed and ignored due to fear, uncomfortable territory, lack of support, and resources. EHCEC has helped me understand these disparities through education and direct involvement in community outreach. Volunteering has helped keep me grounded, opened my perspective, allowed me to meet new people, and most importantly serve others. Thank you for recognizing a gift that so many overlooked and took for granted. I will forever cherish the honor of being the 2018 Volunteer of the Year.

If you'd like to join our volunteer team of Energizers and make a difference in East Harris County, visit www.ehcec.org/volunteer to learn more.



DONOR TESTIMONIAL

PATRINA PELTON-SMITH

I chose to donate both time and money to East Harris County Empowerment Council (EHCEC) because it is impacting the community through direct and indirect services. EHCEC is one of the few non-profits located in the community it serves, with a focus on employing staff who also live in the region. This is important because larger non-profits will often target a specific zip code, area, or region based upon census data, but not actually know or understand the needs of that population.

Additionally, I chair a board that is a community partner to EHCEC. Without their support, United Health Partners would be unable to provide comprehensive medical services to the under-insured and uninsured population in East Harris County. EHCEC is truly impacting the community through its programs, services, and collaborations. They remain true to their mission and vision. EHCEC is making changes daily that will positively impact East Harris County.



THE CELEBRATION

POWER OF 10

In June 2018, East Harris County Empowerment Council celebrated ten years of service to the community. Over the past decade, EHCEC has remained committed to addressing the needs of Channelview, Crosby, Galena Park, North Shore and Sheldon. The celebration event was graciously sponsored by Turner Chevrolet, Bestway Oilfield, Catholic Charities and Kroger.

"We've grown so much over the past ten years. The partnerships we've formed have been instrumental in transforming lives," says EHCEC Founder and Executive Director, Terence Narcisse.

The past decade has been one of hard work and dedication focused on empowerment. Whether escorting youth to their first professional ball game, taking families on a shopping spree, or exposing youth to careers in science, technology, engineering and math, EHCEC is devoted to preparing youth for the future. Making sure no one is left behind, EHCEC helps parents gain the skills needed to obtain employment, making it possible to provide for their families. We have worked to make healthcare accessible to those who cannot afford it and to establish a food pantry.

This is the POWER of 10. Ten years of transforming lives. Ten years of connecting communities. Ten years of empowering people. With the help of the community, we can continue to make East Harris County the best place to live, work and play for generations to come.



TURNER
CHEVROLET
Crosby, Texas

Presenting Sponsor:



POWER OF 10 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Australia Edinborough

Volunteer of the Year Award

Patrina Pelton-Smith

Community Impact Award

Sara Selber

Lifetime Empowerment Award

Mr. & Mrs. Warren Dangerfield, Sr.

Founder's Award

Burlington Stores, Inc.

Corporation of the Year Award

St. John the Divine

Christ in the Community Award

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

Christ in the Community Award

World Vision, Inc.

Non-Profit of the Year Award

THE ROAD TO THE POWER OF 10

2008

Formed in Barrett Station, and was originally named the Barrett Station Council.

2009

Granted 501(c)3 status and established as a non-profit organization.

2010

Received first grant from the United Way in support of "Smart & Healthy Kids Day."

2011

Officially renamed the East Harris County Empowerment Council to encompass the organization's growth in size and scope.

2012

Received grant from Youth Service America to help establish the Society of St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church.

2013

Held first major fundraising gala, with over 200 guests in attendance generating \$15,000 in gifts.

2014

Hosted first Men's Conference aimed at empowering men and changing the way they think about family, finances, and career.

2015

Named in the top 10% of organizations who received funds from the Combined Federal Workers Campaign. Received \$18,000.

2016

Presented the Magic of Motown Gala at the DoubleTree in Downtown Houston. 250 guests raised \$24,000 in support of East Harris County.

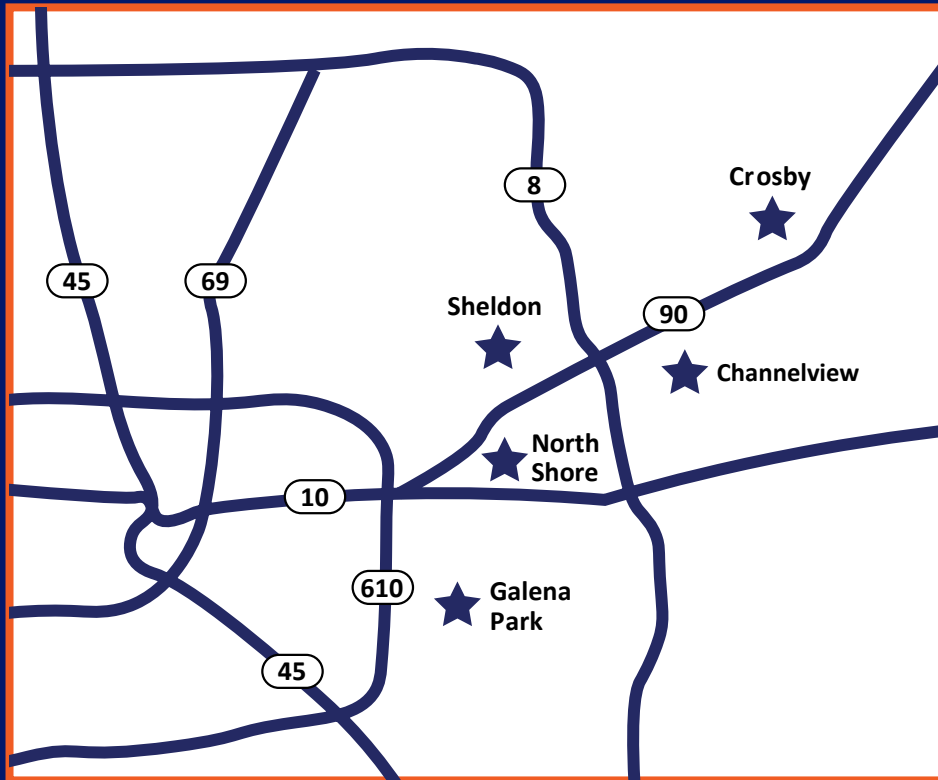
2017

Provided \$6 million in Hurricane Harvey relief to community members.

2018

Celebrated 10 Years of serving the community. Received the largest grant in the organization's history. Established the first official operational office space and community room in partnership with Catholic Charities.

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