MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

TOGETHER WE MAKE A BIGGER IMPACT

This year we partnered with organizations and agencies to rebuild homes and lives.

Through our collective efforts, we were able to assist thousands of individuals with the resources they needed to overcome the effects of Hurricane Harvey.

Meaning both children and adults living in East Harris County will have more opportunities to receive education, economic stability and social support, leading to better experiences that impact their health and wellbeing.

Our mission to a better, healthier quality of life is possible. We acknowledge that to better someone's life, we must start at the community level.
WHAT WE DO

EHCEC seeks to transform East Harris County by working in coordination with other agents of change. If we work together WE CAN . . .

Connect Communities
Connecting families and individuals to life changing resources and opportunities

Empower People
Train leaders who are committed to make a positive impact on the community.

Transform Lives
Teaching individuals the necessary skills to obtain employment and provide for their families.
MISSION

EHCEC exists to improve the quality of life through innovative, sustainable programs and services that empowers men, women, and youth to achieve their full potential.

VISION

To make East Harris County the best place to live, learn, work and play.
To be a good steward of all resources. To be a resource hub for our community. To highlight issues and advocate for community concerns.

PROMISE
Neighbors & Friends,

Everything we do at East Harris County Empowerment Council (EHCEC) is focused around supporting our community. To that end, 2019 was another successful year of improvement, investment and impact. We improved the quality of life for many of our neighbors. We invested resources back into our communities to support individuals and families. We made an impact by empowering people and our partners to thrive!

The year began by engaging the community through the East Harris County Recovery Project. This initiative was created to assist those still recovering from Hurricane Harvey. Through a variety of activities and strategic partnerships, we continued to be a resource hub for East Harris County. We also hosted more than 30 engagement events throughout the year and advocated relentlessly on behalf of East Harris County. While it is impossible to put all of our achievements, the following pages highlight some of our energy and efforts.

Since 2008, we have prided ourselves on being individuals with ideas determined to make an impact! Your support enables us to continue to do just that. Know that you are making a difference in the lives of those we need it most. We are so thankful to our investors, partners, donors and friends who make this work possible. With your continued support, we will continue to transform lives, connect communities and empower people!

In community,

Terence Narcisse, MBA
Executive Director, EHCEC
Established in 2008, East Harris County Empowerment Council (EHCEC) is committed to improving the quality of life through innovative, sustainable programs and services that empower men, women, and youth in East Harris County to achieve their full potential.
THIS IS WHAT WE’RE DOING
2019 HIGHLIGHTS

2,700 HOUSEHOLDS were supported in East Harris County.

Together We Helped 3,283 CHILDREN (UNDER 18) in East Harris County in 2019.

542 VOLUNTEER HOURS to support Community Initiatives.

1ST BANKERS ROUNDTABLE

Our partners at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency hosted the FIRST EVER Bankers Roundtable for East Harris County #opportunity #needs #investment.

We Gave Students 2,500 BACKPACKS INCLUDING SCHOOL SUPPLIES across 11 Schools, 4 School Districts in support of quality education.

We Collected 2,652 Surveys across our service area to bring assistance to East Harris County.

EHCEC sent winners and their families to Disney.

Families received food assistance for Thanksgiving through our collaboration with Veritex Community Bank.

WE CONNECTED FAMILIES to financial assistance, home repairs, legal assistance, and more for the Harvey Recovery Tour through the help of different agencies.

450
Our Service Area

5 Zip Codes
77532, 77530, 77044, 77015, 77029, 77547, 77049
FINANCIALS

Total Expenses $573,953
Total Revenue $697,136
Total In-Kind $150,761.62

Review 2019 990

- 2% Fundraising
- 12% Management & General
- 86% Programs
UNFORGETTABLE CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE
Teaching Kids Financial Literacy

Each year for the holiday season, EHCEC gives teens in our community the opportunity to apply for an Unforgettable Christmas Experience. Fifteen well-deserving students get a chance to go for an outing; they were each surprised each with an Amazon Fire tablet. Additionally, the students were taken to basketball game at The University of Houston Fertitta Center.

“I WILL NEVER FORGET THIS CHRISTMAS!”
- 2019 Unforgettable Christmas Experience Teen

We Surprised TEENS
In support of skill development that connects teens to a life changing experience.
PREPARING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACKS
Prepping Kids for School
EHCEC invests in helping close the gap between individuals and opportunities yearly. Together for the 2019-2020 school year, we supported 2,500 students who needed backpacks filled with school supplies. We are working tirelessly to give students living in East Harris County a better quality of life.

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HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS
Opportunities for Families

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CONNECTING PEOPLE TO RESOURCES

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INITIATE PROGRAMS TO HELP STUDENTS

SCHOOL SUMMIT

Offered STEM Programs

EHCEC collaborated with community partners with free or low-cost school-based programs to offer selected campuses across the 4 school districts in our service area STEM programs that enhance our students relationship with nature and the outdoors. The school representatives were very excited to implement these programs on their campuses as they hadn't heard of opportunities like this before.
HARVEY RECOVERY TOUR

Direct Service Initiative

The Harvey Recovery Tour was created to help repair our community and give a lend hand to as many of our neighbors as possible. Together, we were able to help 450 families with financial assistance, home repairs, legal assistance, and more.

Our community also received direct service from some of our partner agencies like the American Red Cross, Project Recovery Harris, Inspire Church, and more during our 4 Harvey Recovery Tours.

PARTNERS

- All Hands & Hearts
- American Red Cross
- Project Recovery Harris
- Catholic Charities
- Inspire Church
- United Health Partners
- Workforce
- Harris County Public Health
- Houston Food Bank
- Walgreens
- Shell FCU
- Judge Lina Hidalgo
- Lone Star Legal Aid
- Career & Recovery Resources, Inc.
- Endeavors
- Huffman ISD; Human Resources & Communications
- Crosby Huffman Chamber of Commerce
- US Congresswoman: Sylvia Garcia
- GLO for Harris County (Texas)
- United Community Credit Union
- Mind, Body, Medicine (Institute of Spiritual Healing)
- Houston Volunteer Lawyers
- HAAM (Humble Area Assistance Ministries)
RECOVERY PROJECT

On August 17, 2017, Hurricane Harvey hit much of Texas and Louisiana, making landfall a category 4, which lasted until September 2, 2017, causing $125 billion in damages.

In January 2019, EHCEC began the community canvassing initiative through our community engagement specialists, Crystal Mendez and Gabriela Martinez, who set out on foot to canvas 2,652 homes in our community.

The Canvassing Initiative helped EHCEC see data on a community level to develop strategic plans that meet our neighbors’ needs. According to the community data collected, nearly 95% of our neighbors were affected by Hurricane Harvey in our service areas: Galena Park, North Shore, Channelview, Crosby, and Sheldon. In response to that, EHCEC gathered with several leading organizations to bring assistance to East Harris County.

KEY FINDINGS

- Together, Christian Tabernacle and East Harris County Empowerment Council were able to provide assistance to more than 20% of those affected by Harvey.
- Residents in unincorporated East Harris County experience a variety of health conditions and are relying on government provided assistance in order to receive affordable health care.
- A variety of non disaster-related needs are being left unmet due to a lack of knowledge of the available community based resources by those in need.

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ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY

Seven outstanding individuals, companies, and organizations received awards at our New Orleans Dinner July 20, 2019. Together we are making a difference in East Harris County for the communities of Channelview, Crosby, Galena Park, North Shore, Jacinto City and Sheldon.

Together we are making a difference.

Non-Profit of the Year - Good 360, Community Impact Award - The Simmons Foundation, Corporation of the Year - Walmart at 522, Community Partner of the Year - The Rhodes School, EHCEC Founder’s Award - Jennifer Ledwith, Christ In the Community Award - Inspire Church.
ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Charlotte Jackson

“We never have problems. Instead we have opportunities to stretch our faith and build relationships. When I found myself with three children, no steady income and a less than dependable car, I knew it was time to let go and let God direct my path.

I understood that I would not always be physically present for my children, so I asked God to let me be there for those who entered my life and to please put strong adults in my children’s lives. And now as my own children have grown into adults, I realize how many people played an integral part in helping them succeed.

Community organizations such as EHCEC do more than provide physical resources for the community. Many of the children who have benefited from the programs will share that along the way, the caring volunteers wore multiple hats and helped in many ways. Nothing makes me happier than when I see a young adult who remembers when I served as a chaperone on a trip or was there to assist their family during one of the many Hurricane Harvey Relief Distributions.

As we are of service, we are teaching others to serve. I am truly honored to have been named the 2019 Volunteer of the Year.”

- Charlotte Jackson (Left), Judge Lucia Bates (Right).
It is my pleasure share my experiences in working with The East Harris County Empowerment Council to provide outreach, education and resources in collaboration on our EHC2 Leadership Development Program.

EHCEC is a truly an inclusive and pioneering community development organization that is influencing and transforming East Harris County neighbors and neighborhoods. I have seen firsthand how EHCEC’s action oriented services; make it the go-to leadership organization in the community that provides direct resources, education and connection within the region to secure East Harris County as a place of opportunity for everyone. Terence and his team are constantly innovating to create newer and better programs and services that are responsive, impactful and relevant.

Texas Children’s Hospital has worked closely with the Council on promoting community leadership initiatives including group listening sessions as well as outreach and education about other topics related to leadership development. I enthusiastically support EHC’s commitment to better health, wealth, growth, development and empowerment in the East Harris County community.

Cassie A. Jones, MBA-ESS  
Community Initiatives Coordinator  
Texas Children’s Hospital Section of Public Health Pediatrics | Baylor College of Medicine
SURATHA ELANGO, MD, MSHP

EHCEC is committed to realizing East Harris County’s full potential! They have consistently demonstrated an energy, creativity, and persistence to elevate the region within the broader Harris County, bring needed resources in times of need, and facilitate collaboration between a variety of players. We are grateful for their efforts in helping recruit and support an outstanding class of committed community resident leaders to participate in a capacity building effort to further their own advocacy skills. Their efforts truly have the long-view in mind.

Suratha Elango, MD, MSHP
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Join us and help bring opportunities to East Harris County.

Your time, talent and financial resources are valuable assets that can make a difference in East Harris County. We extend our hands and invite you to join the movement to transform lives.

Email us at info@eastharriscounty.org for more information on how you can help your community.

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