

HFB RESPONSE TO HURRICANE IKE

We Provided the Most Essential Help

- At the height of our response, the Houston Food Bank operated at **four times our usual capacity** to provide food, water and other necessities to families and individuals affected by Hurricane Ike.
- To date, HFB has distributed more than 18.5 million pounds of disaster relief, with help from more than 7,000 volunteers and staff from other food banks across the country.
- The most long-lasting help was needed on Galveston Island and in coastal areas where thousands of homes, businesses and facilities were destroyed.
- Disaster relief was distributed by 222 Food Bank partner agencies plus partner distribution organizations, the Brazos Valley and Montgomery County Food Banks. Another 79 agencies were granted emergency certification to receive and distribute food from HFB.

The Need

- Seventeen of the 18 counties in our service area were eligible for disaster assistance from FEMA.
- Community organizations served by the Houston Food Bank were the source of basic necessities after FEMA points of distribution were closed.
- Volunteers were essential to sort, process and box disaster relief provisions. On an ongoing basis, the Food Bank receives volunteer hours that equate to 50 fulltime employees.

**Hunger doesn't need a hurricane to create misery.
Even before Hurricane Ike struck, 35,000 people
were hungry each day in the greater Houston area.**

You can still help!

- **Volunteer.** Bring your co-workers, neighbors and children to our warehouse to sort and process food throughout the year.
- **Donate money.** Make a gift online at houstonfoodbank.org, or mail a check to the address below.
- **Donate food.** Hold a food drive at your office, congregation, or in your neighborhood. Bring food to our warehouse at 3811 Eastex Freeway.

