



AGC Chapter Executives Comment To AGC Chapters Affected By Hurricane Harvey

During the immediate days following Hurricane Harvey hitting the Texas Coast and the subsequent flooding, AGC of America sent a note to all AGC Chapter Executives expressing their support of the AGC family through the AGC Charities, Inc. – the charitable arm of AGC. AGC of America reached out to all 92 chartered chapters to promote donations to the AGC Charities to help member firms' employees, their families and communities.

Below are some of the responses from AGC Chapter Executives.

From **Jerry Nevlud, President & CEO of AGC Houston**

Let me begin by thanking all of you who reached out to me over the past few days to ask how my family and members of our staff were faring during this incredible storm. For the most part everyone is doing well; uncertainty still surrounds two of our staffers, with one trying to get back home to see if it is flooded; the other still waiting to see if a rising river will cause damage to her home. Just a few short hours ago the rising of a reservoir near my home peaked with one foot to spare from my house. Hopefully no surprises!

Thank you to AGC Charities for its kind gesture and to all of you who have already forwarded that information to your membership; thank you as well to all my ELC colleagues who have offered direct support from your individual chapter. I have reached out to our Chapter leaders to begin discussing where to begin. As of now everyone is still trying to ensure the well-being and safety of their employees and their families. While more and more freeways and thoroughfares are now passable, getting to them through flooded neighborhood streets is still a problem. Therefore the AGC Houston office is currently closed and will reopen on Tuesday, September 5.

The Greater Houston region took a beating – the devastation is hard to imagine in some areas - but Amy's region in and around Corpus Christi, Jennifer in the Golden Triangle in southeast Texas and Ken's area of eastern Louisiana will all need help as we move forward. We are blessed to have some incredibly generous citizens in this part of the world, and while a long haul, we will all be back. Your offers of help will not go unheeded.

I look forward to seeing those of you who will be in DC for the NCLC in late September. By then, Harvey will be thirty days in the rearview! For the record, there are a whole lot of Houstonians just waiting to get back to our 100 degree, 100 percent humidity, normal day in Houston.

Thank you all,

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Jerry Nevlud

From **Ken Naquin, President, Louisiana AGC**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We here in Louisiana are very grateful that AGC is thinking of us at this time. However, damage and destruction in Louisiana is at a minimum compared to our neighbors in southeast Texas. I ask that you and AGC Charities concentrate efforts to assist those in Texas. I have recently relayed that message to Steve Sandherr.

South Texas Chapter in Corpus Christi, AGC of Southeast Texas in Beaumont and AGC Houston were all directly hit. I do not know the situation in Waco, Austin, San Antonio or the Rio Valley. Let's focus on helping our AGC family in Texas.

Again, thanks for the kind thoughts.

Ken Naquin

From **Mike Gibson, AGC of Kansas**

Second that emotion (from Ken Naquin). I grew up in Houston, currently my mom's house is flooded in SW Houston (Meyerland) and my sister's house flooded in NW Houston (Cypress) and I will be heading down tomorrow to help my mom tomorrow as the interstates clear, right now all major access roads are under water so I am waiting to head out of Wichita to head to Houston. Let's keep our prayers and faith focused for the millions being impacted by this, I am seeing water in places that I never thought I would see all across the City (think of water for two hour drive in any direction, very hard to comprehend unless you know how large Houston Metro is, but its reality and very serious).

It will be interesting to see Ken Simonson's report at the NCLC on the impact on building materials and other construction items because of Harvey, gas has increased nearly 20 cents in the last 48 hours in the region and that's just the beginning of this disaster along the Gulf Coast.

Thanks Ken,

Mike Gibson

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From **Phil Thoden, Austin AGC**

AGC Colleagues -

Thank you for the many expressions of support - here on execnet (AGC of America Intramail for Chapter Executives) and through other channels of communication - from the extended AGC community.

I can't speak any with first-hand experience about the devastation in Houston and along the Gulf Coast. Austin is about 150 miles west of Houston, and we did not have anywhere near the amount of rainfall and wind here. A few trees fell around town, but that was about the extent of damage. I think the same goes for San Antonio.

Meanwhile, Houston and the coastal communities are in terrible shape as the images and reports from there attest. The AGC Chapters in Corpus Christi, Houston and Beaumont have been closed so far this week, but fortunately I have not heard of any critical damage to those properties or the homes of AGC staff. Our colleagues there and their communities are not free from hardship, however, as the path back to "normality" for them is long and steep.

Thank you for your thoughts and support

Sincerely,

Phil Thoden

From **Perry Vaughn, Rio Grande Valley Chapter**

Dear friends,

As a follow up on Phil's comments on the chapters on the Texas Gulf Coast.

While I don't want wish to serve as a spokesman for all four chapters (Rio Grande Valley, South Texas: Corpus Christi, Houston and South East Texas: Beaumont)...I will offer the following;

Rio Grande Valley Chapter: We were fortunate, we were on the South Side of Hurricane Harvey (150+/- miles) and all we got was some beach erosion on South Padre Island, as small amount of rain and some winds in the 40/50 mph level.

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South Texas Chapter/Corpus Christi: They were somewhat lucky as well, while they experienced hurricane level winds, they too were on the South side of the eye (but only by 20 to 30 miles). A lot of power disruption (now up to 95% restored), some building damage and lots of high tides. Just to the North of them is/was Port Aransas/Aransas Pass/Rockport & Fulton...they took the Cat 4 full force. Almost total devastation. Very few buildings/homes/businesses escaped significant damage. It will be a long time before anyone can go back to Port Aransas ...no power, no water, no water tower, no cell phone service. Much of Rockport is damaged.

These folks are in bad shape.

Houston Chapter: Over the past few days everyone has seen the destruction that the rains have created. I spoke to staff (but not Jerry yet), sounded like all were still somewhat dry, but that was before they open the flood gates to let the stored up water out...not sure if this will cause additional problems. Do know that some AGC member folks have lost everything.

I see that the chapter has indicated that they plan to be back open on Sept. 5th...I hope that is still possible.

South East Chapter: Jennifer tells me that she's just sitting back and watching the water rise. Lots of rain and flooding in her area as Hurricane Harvey makes another landfall and finds its way into Louisiana.

Just to her North: Port Arthur has been hammered with rain as well.

Watch out Ken!!!

It will be a long time before much of the Texas Coast recovers and many, many Texans have lost everything that they own.

Hard to go to work when you don't have a house, vehicle, any tools or even a place to go to work at...please keep these folks in your thoughts, support and prayers as TEXAS looks to recover and rebuild.

God bless Texas!!!

Perry



From **Amy Amy Lee, AGC South Texas Chapter**

Thank you for your concern and sharing information on our behalf. We appreciate all of your support during the devastation of Hurricane Harvey.

Perry shared an accurate update. The crews continuing to arrive daily have been very helpful and have worked endless hours to restore power, water, et c. to our community. On the surface Corpus Christi received relatively minimal damage, fence, trees, signage, roof damage (including our office building).

Our Coastal towns and neighbors... suffered total devastation. We know some are slowly returning to their homes and others are not allowed back in the cities yet.

We are doing all that we can to help our community as we are able to be in our office today.

We will be out in the community the rest of the week.

Our thoughts go out to Houston and the Southeast Chapters who are still in the middle of Hurricane Harvey.

Best,
Amy Lee

From **Tony Milo, Colorado Constructors Association**

Texas Colleagues-

Our thoughts and prayers are with you! CCA will make a donation to the AGC Charities Fund. We are sending the link to our members today and encouraging them to do the same.

Stay strong!

Tony