When emergencies arise, Bearkats respond. As you consider volunteering, donating, etc. please review the following information:

1) Safety first
   - Select a volunteer opportunity that is reputable
   - Think about safety for travel and potential work to be performed

2) SHSU does not and will not serve as a donation site for collected items
   - Rather than creating your own donation drive, consider partnering with reputable agencies/organizations to see what is needed. Donations are always good, but they may not be a primary need

3) Volunteer Etiquette
   - Be respectful, be on time, have a good attitude, put away your cell phone, complete your tasks, ask for help, dress appropriately (think about safety and about the message your clothing conveys)
   - Represent yourself, your student organization, and SHSU well

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster & Recovery Efforts

A variety of organizations utilize volunteers for emergency and disaster relief. The link below provides a list of organizations who often need volunteers. *(Please note, this list is not exhaustive, and the views of these organizations are not a reflection of SHSU.)* Students are encouraged to use their best judgement when deciding to partner with any organization:

https://www.nvoad.org/voad-members/national-members/

*Additional local community agencies are listed on the Leadership Initiatives website

Walker County CERT

If you want to be part of Walker County’s CERT team (Community Emergency Response Team), [click here](https://www.nvoad.org/voad-members/national-members/) for more information or call 936-435-8740. Members of this team respond a variety of emergencies in the county and provide assistance to citizens. *Note, extensive training is required prior to membership and the ability to respond with CERT*