



# DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

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## **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Extends Relief to Hurricane Victims**

WASHINGTON – Along with the rest of the country, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has witnessed the desolate effects that the recent hurricanes have had on our members and the communities we serve. We remain committed to mobilizing and supporting victims of both hurricanes Harvey and Irma and assisting in any way we can to provide relief to our international and domestic chapters.

We continue to receive updates from our regional leadership in our affected regions (Southwest, Eastern and Southern Regions). They have informed us that, although some have experienced damage and power outages, there has not been any severe injuries or loss of life among our membership. Twenty-four of our chapters in Texas were directly affected by Harvey and nearly 90 members of 110 in the Virgin Islands are reported safe with varying levels of damage to their homes and other property. We will continue to monitor weather conditions to provide those in need with information on obtaining supplies, shelter, and other relief effort resources.

Through our DST Disaster Relief Fund, Delta Sigma Theta has provided over \$60,000 in direct aid to impacted individuals in Texas. Additionally, our members have also donated necessities to our local chapters in Houston (Houston Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter and Houston Alumnae Chapter) and working with our regional leadership and area partners for wide scale distribution. Funds will also be made available to victims of Irma.

The entire membership of Delta Sigma Theta remains prayerful and ever vigilant for the safety of our chapters in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Georgia, the Bahamas and U.S. Virgin Islands. We will continue to provide updates as information becomes readily available.

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### **ABOUT DELTA SIGMA THETA**

*Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities. Today Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has over 250,000 initiated members and more than 900 chapters worldwide. The Sorority uses its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement to create its national programs.*

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