

Mission Statement

Our mission is to bring comprehensive material, spiritual, and logistical assistance to communities affected by a natural or man-made disaster locally, nationally, and internationally.

Vision Statement

Grace Cares recognizes that a disaster damages a community's man-made materials as well as the hearts of the people who live there. Grace Cares works in cooperation with many established disaster relief organizations to deliver a continuum of services to address these material and spiritual needs:

- ◆ Full service shelter assistance using our partner church, Grace Community Church, located in Arlington, Texas.
- ◆ Trained work crews with a variety of different skill sets.
- ◆ Trained and compassionate team members prepared to support a wide range of victims.
- ◆ CISM trained volunteers.

Support Grace Cares

Please consider donating to Grace Cares by making out a check to *Partners Across Cultures*, and designate **Grace Cares** in the memo line.

All contributions are tax deductible.

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In the aftermath of disaster, Grace Cares seeks to meet the material and spiritual needs of those affected to help restore livelihoods and begin the healing process.

History

Grace Cares began as a partnership between Grace Community Church (GCC) leaders in Arlington, Texas, and the Red Cross in January 2008. The Red Cross needed to find a temporary shelter, and GCC filled this need that September when the shelter hosted 100 families after Hurricane Ike.

When the shelter closed, we knew this was only the beginning and began what is known today as Grace Cares, subsidiary of Partners Across Cultures. (IRS approved 501(c)3 nonprofit)

For the next year, team members spent countless hours in Oak Island, Texas, helping this small community with demolition and debris removal of the many homes that were overtaken by the hurricane.

Recently, Grace Cares found that after the tornado devastated Joplin, Missouri, on May 23, 2011, the community needed help with debris removal as well as encouraging the local population. Two teams filled this need by attending to these important physical tasks along with speaking at a local church and canvassing the neighborhoods to provide further assistance.



Partners

Disaster and victim relief must be a team effort relying on the man power and resources of many others. Grace Cares surrounds itself with world-renowned partners in order to coordinate services and resources to limit duplication of efforts.

Organizations we are proud to have recognized partnerships with include:

- ◆ Somebody Cares America
- ◆ Emergency Volunteer Project Israel
- ◆ Victim Relief Ministries
- ◆ Red Cross
- ◆ City of Arlington EOC
- ◆ Airlink

Training

Team members are all required to maintain their training skills. Our team meets each month for either classroom or hands-on exercises. Everyone is required to take ICS 100, basic first aid/ CPR and psychological first aid.

