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### **4B DISASTER RESPONSE NETWORK AND EIGHT DAYS OF HOPE ANNOUNCE A MAJOR DISASTER RECOVERY EFFORT IN SE HOUSTON**

Houston, TX, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 — The 4B Disaster Response Network (4BDRN) along with Eight Days of Hope (EDOH) announced that they will be leading a major rebuilding effort in Southeast Houston in March 2018 to help the area rebuild from the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. March 10th through March 24th, 4BDRN and Eight Days of Hope will bring together volunteers from across the nation to help rebuild hundreds of homes. This event is expected to be the single largest volunteer rebuild effort over a 15-day period in U.S. history.

Chris Alston, Board President of 4BDRN said, "Thousands of families in the area are trying to figure out how they can rebuild their homes because of the mass damage. Those who are waiting for assistance in the rebuilding process are looking for help, for hope. We are excited to partner with EDOH and local leaders to bless as many families as possible."

4B Disaster Response Network exists to mobilize a network of churches to reflect the gospel of Jesus Christ by serving people affected by disaster in the 4B area (from the Beltway to the Beach and the Bay to Brazoria County). Eight Days of Hope is a nonprofit, faith-based organization committed to rebuilding the damaged homes of those affected by natural disasters. Since 2005, 27,509 Eight Days of Hope volunteers have helped to rebuild, remodel or refurbish 1,916 homes in Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Iowa, Alabama, North Carolina and South Carolina on thirteen different relief trips. To date, more than thirty-four million dollars of work has been completed by Eight Days of Hope.

EDOH President Stephen Tybor III expects another large turnout of volunteers for an unprecedented back-to-back effort comprised of the organization's fourteenth/fifteenth trips. "I anticipate between 4,000 and 5,000 volunteers will travel from over 40 states and multiple countries to the great state of Texas with over 50 percent of these volunteers being electricians, carpenters, licensed contractors and tradesman ready to help those in need. We are excited to show the love of Christ through the gifts He has blessed us with".

The budget for this outreach will be close to two million dollars. "We rely on the generosity of individuals and organizations to help support the efforts of our volunteers," Tybor stated. "We

provide assistance to the uninsured and the underinsured and appreciate those who lay the financial foundation for this work”.

We serve all people regardless of race, gender, religion or ethnicity. Please visit [www.4BResponse.org](http://www.4BResponse.org) or [www.eightdaysofhope.com](http://www.eightdaysofhope.com) for more information, to provide financial support, or to volunteer for the upcoming event.

### **PRESS CONFERENCE DETAILS**

Friday, December 15, 2017

10:30am

Location: 3820 Gulf Freeway, Dickinson, TX 77539 (former site of Sussan Furniture)