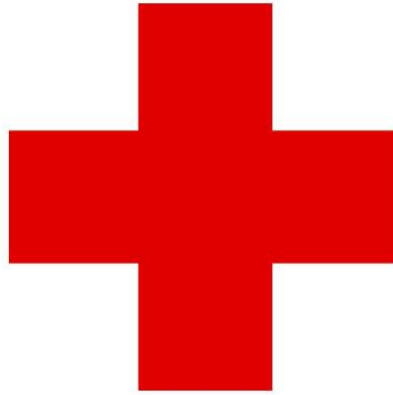




**American
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**Mapping Impact: Expanding the Adopt-A-Center
Initiative Across Texas**

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Introduction

The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization that provides a wide range of services, including disaster relief, emergency assistance, and community preparedness. Its mission is to “prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors,” guided by the principles of Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity, and Universality.¹

In support of this mission, our team has been tasked with developing a comprehensive database of potential future community volunteer centers across the Texas Gulf Coast region, comprising 53 different counties. This project supports the Red Cross’s “Adopt-a-Center” program, which connects high school Red Cross clubs with local organizations, aiming to deepen local engagement presence at the community level. Because volunteers under 18 cannot participate in disaster relief efforts, the “Adopt-a-Center” initiative enables them to make an impact in their own communities while remaining in a safe environment.

Currently, there are 39 established Red Cross Clubs in five counties near Houston—Fort Bend, Harris, Galveston, Montgomery, and Brazoria—but only six have adopted a center to date. Our priority is to identify 2–3 viable centers for each existing club and for additional counties in the Texas Gulf Coast region, which includes 53 counties in total.

We created a website that houses several key resources: (1) an interactive, web-based map that visualizes club and center coverage layered with crime and natural hazard data; (2) a searchable, written database of recommended centers; (3) a script students can use when reaching out to centers; (4) an interest form for students to submit when they identify a center they seek to adopt; and (5) a live tracker form that allows students to update when contact has been made with a center, helping avoid duplicate outreach, and a recommended implementation timeline.

This report first reviews the literature on youth volunteerism and community center impact. That evidence guides our selection of center types that most closely advance the Red Cross mission. We then present a database, interactive map, adoption toolkit, and an implementation timeline. The work for this report has been conducted in close collaboration with the Red Cross Youth Engagement Staff.

¹ American Red Cross, “Mission & Values,” *Red Cross*, accessed June 23, 2025, <https://www.redcross.org/about-us/who-we-are/mission-and-values.html>.

Project Goals and Target Areas

Our goal is to facilitate the expansion of the Red Cross's "Adopt-A-Center" program by creating a shortlist of potential centers for adoption and the tools to streamline adoption for existing and new Red Cross clubs across the Texas Gulf Coast region. We do not create the partnerships ourselves, but instead provide students with the tools to establish them.

A Red Cross Club is a student-led group that supports the mission of the American Red Cross through volunteer service, education, and community outreach. As noted in the introduction, there are currently 39 established clubs in five counties surrounding Houston, but only a small fraction have adopted a community center. Appendix A shows the Red Cross regional sectors and their counties within the Texas Gulf Coast region.

The logistical barriers student clubs face in participating in this program include those posed by students themselves, parents, and schools. Many students face logistical challenges such as identifying mission-appropriate centers, making initial contact, and understanding how to proceed once a center is chosen. Some students may also feel timid or apprehensive when establishing connections, while parents and teachers often face concerns regarding transport and safety.

What is Needed?

Community centers must be located within a maximum distance of 40 miles from the school to ensure students can reasonably travel to volunteer. Clubs are expected to engage in at least four hours of service per month at their designated center, either by supporting the center's ongoing needs or delivering Red Cross initiatives. Centers were selected for maximum community impact and must align with the core Red Cross principles: humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality. Forming a formal partnership with a community center is required for official club recognition, ensuring clubs are actively engaged with their communities. Additionally, centers must meet safety standards suitable for youth volunteers; therefore, locations such as detention centers, disaster relief sites, and addiction centers are excluded. The surrounding area in which the center is located should not have heightened levels of crime to maintain the safety of the Red Cross club members.

Why does it matter?

Red Cross youth volunteers are as important as Red Cross adult volunteers because they have different focuses. While adult volunteers focus on disaster relief, youth volunteers focus on preventing and reducing hazards in their community. Volunteers make up 90% of the Red Cross workforce, highlighting the critical role of volunteer engagement at all levels.² The

² American Red Cross, "How to Volunteer | American Red Cross," *American Red Cross*, accessed August 7 2025, <https://www.redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer.html#:~:text=90%25%20of%20the%20Red%20Cross%20workforce%20are%20volunteers.&text=Volunteerism%20isn't%20just%20an,communities%20and%20drives%20meaningful%20change>.

Adopt-a-Center initiative provides youth volunteers with meaningful opportunities to strengthen community bonds and contribute locally. The Gulf-Coast specifically is more vulnerable due to its geographic vulnerability of being prone to hurricanes. Hurricanes not only cause flooding but also disrupt the livelihoods of entire communities, giving youth volunteers in the Gulf Coast region a significant role in hurricane preparedness efforts.

Finding Potential Centers

Our database includes:

- Names, addresses, and contact information for potential centers
- Center websites, phone numbers, and volunteer availability
- Safety metrics, including local crime levels³ and disaster vulnerability⁴
- References to the Red Cross's standardized Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Red Cross Clubs and newly established community centers, which is issued once a center is approved

To build the database, we conducted regional scans using FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) risk indexes⁵, crime rate tools (CrimeGrade⁶ and NeighborhoodScout⁷), and Google Maps⁸ to evaluate each center's location, safety, and accessibility. Each center was manually reviewed to ensure mission alignment and geographic feasibility. While high flood risk is not a disqualifier, since serving vulnerable communities is central to the Red Cross mission, locations are still evaluated for overall feasibility and student safety. Current crime data is limited to city and zip code levels, preventing distinctions in safety between neighborhoods within the same zip code. Many centers may show an inflated crime rate due to this indistinction.

We created an information resource that will allow Red Cross staff to quickly verify alignment and begin the formal onboarding process once a center is chosen. We selected two to three potential centers for each active club and county and conducted a literature review to evaluate the appropriateness and meaningful contribution of volunteerism in each main center type.

The following are the criteria list for center selection also reflected in Appendix B:

- High School level
- A maximum of 40 miles away from each high school

³ CrimeGrade.org. "Crime Grades by Zip Code." Accessed June 22, 2025. <https://crimegrade.org>.

⁴ FEMA. *National Risk Index*. Federal Emergency Management Agency. Accessed June 22, 2025. <https://hazards.fema.gov/nri>.

⁵ FEMA. *National Risk Index*. Federal Emergency Management Agency. Accessed June 22, 2025.

⁶ CrimeGrade.org. "Crime Grades by Zip Code." Accessed June 22, 2025.

⁷ NeighborhoodScout. "Crime Risk Reports and Data." Accessed June 22, 2025. <https://www.neighborhoodscout.com/>.

⁸ Google Maps. "Driving Distance and Directions." Accessed June 22, 2025. <https://www.google.com/maps>.

- Relatively Moderate, or as close to Relatively Moderate or below on the FEMA National Risk Index
- As close to a C- crime rating or lower
- Must be an assisted living facility, daycare, food bank, library, or veteran support center

The following are our selection methods:

- Centers selected are within the 40-mile maximum radius established by the Red Cross. To establish distance, we inputted the club's school location and the potential center location into Google Maps and chose the distance associated with the quickest route. This allows for a more accurate representation of the actual distance that club members, family, friends, and guardians must drive to get from their school to the center location. For centers selected on the county level, potential centers must either be within the county boundaries or a 20-40 mile radius of the county boundary.

- Centers are ideally located within an area designated as "Relatively Moderate" by the FEMA National Risk Index, identifying flood risk, on a census tract level.

Due to the heightened risk of the Texas Gulf Coast region to natural disasters, there are limited areas that are designated "Relatively Moderate" or below. To include a variety of centers that span across the counties, some potential centers are located in areas designated "Relatively High" or "Very High." It is important to note that students will not be engaging in any volunteerism that may place them at a flood site at the time of a flood. Rather, the volunteer centers are in diverse locations for maximum community impact.

- To determine crime safety, we utilized [CrimeGrade.Org](https://crimegrade.org)⁹ and Neighborhoodscout.com¹⁰. Both sites utilize data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), local law enforcement agencies, state criminal justice departments, and Best Neighborhood's proprietary data collection to create a database that allows us to view crime at the Zip Code level.

We prioritized selecting centers that were located in zip codes with a rating of C- and above (Average safety with moderate crime rates according to CrimeGrade's rating). When selecting potential centers in counties where CrimeGrade is below a C-, we aimed to choose centers that did not go below the county's rating. For example, the city of Tilden, TX, which encompasses the majority of McMullen County, has an "F" rating. When choosing a center for potential clubs in this region, we prioritized centers in locations with a grade of F or higher. The C- rating was chosen using the established "safe" level of crime explaining that a safe rating is 10.82 people per 1,000 affected by violent crime or less. This uses the population of Houston in 2023 which

⁹ CrimeGrade.org. "Crime Grades by Zip Code." Accessed June 22, 2025. <https://crimegrade.org>.

¹⁰ NeighborhoodScout. "Crime Risk Reports and Data." Accessed June 22, 2025. <https://www.neighborhoodscout.com/>.

was 2,328,285.¹¹ If the violent crime rate was 25,200, this means that the violent crime rate affects approximately 108.23 people per 10,000 and 10.82 per 1,000 people.

- Along with the information above, the Census Tract GEOID (Geographic Identifier) was collected for each potential center to facilitate easy access to more detailed FEMA and demographic information by the Red Cross.

Please view Appendix C for a complete list of the identified community centers.

Of approximately 459 centers screened, 153 meet all criteria; 63 fall within existing club counties. For every 3 centers screened on average, one center met the necessary criterion to be approved. The findings of our community center identification and evaluation process across the Texas Gulf Coast region are as follows:

A. Club Coverage and Participation

- a. Of the 39 currently active Red Cross Clubs in the region, only six have adopted a community center to date. This highlights a significant opportunity to increase program participation.

B. Center Identification

- a. A total of 153 Community Centers were evaluated for potential alignment with the Red Cross's Mission
 - i. Please view Figure 2 in Appendix D for a visual representation of the community centers identified

C. Interactive Map and Searchable Database

- a. Web tools: The final deliverables include an interactive, web-based map and a searchable database for clubs and Red Cross Staff
- b. Features: Markers for Distance, Safety, and Center types, which are integrated
 - i. Please view Figure 3 in Appendix D for an example of the zoomed-in interactive map showing center details included

D. Digital Resource Hub

- a. A dedicated website has been developed to serve as the central hub for all materials related to the “Adopt-a-Center” initiative. This site includes an interactive map, a searchable database of recommended community centers including contact information, communication scripts, interest and tracking forms, and other resources to guide club members through the process of establishing center partnerships.
- b. The website can be accessed here: [Red Cross Adopt-a-Center Resource Hub](#)

¹¹ City of Houston Planning & Development Department, *July 1, 2023 Population Estimate* (Houston: City of Houston, Planning & Development Department, July 1, 2023), PDF file, https://www.houstontx.gov/planning/Demographics/docs_pdfs/20230701-Population-Estimate.pdf

- i. Please view Figure 4 in Appendix C for a view of the Home Page of the Resource Hub on the website
- c. Please view Figure 6 in Appendix C for the list of counties on the website
- d. Please view Figure 7 in Appendix C for an example of County Center Information on the website

The following data will be presented to the Red Cross:

- A searchable database created in Google Sheets
 - The Google Sheet includes information such as club location/county, potential center name, address, contact, CrimeGrade rating, and FEMA Risk Index information. This allows heightened accessibility to all information needed to establish a center.
- An interactive map that can be utilized by the Red Cross team, Red Cross Club officers, Red Cross Sponsors, and any facilitators of the “Adopt-A-Center” initiative
- A website that includes access to the aforementioned map and resources to guide the officers in the adoption of a center
 - The website was created using Google Sites and contains information such as “What Makes a Good Center,” access to the potential center maps, contact information, and scripts club officers can use to begin the “adoption” process. This website is intended to be an easily accessible source for clubs to have a starting point when integrating the “Adopt-A-Center” program.

This package will provide the Red Cross with the necessary tools to facilitate a smoother and more rapid expansion of the “Adopt-A-Center” program across the Texas Gulf Coast region by easing barriers faced by youth Red Cross club officers.

Why encourage youth volunteerism?

Volunteering plays a key role in furthering the development of youths, particularly in high school, and has the power to shape them personally, academically, and socially, with the potential for a lifelong staying power. Students who have family members who volunteer are more likely to volunteer as well.¹² Volunteering through schools and school clubs to play a special role in the lives of students. The social benefits revolve around civic engagement. Students involved in their communities as youths are more likely to continue volunteering into adulthood, creating a social mechanism where students grow as members of a community who partake in civic engagement. Students are primed to exercise their democratic rights, which is necessary to maintain the

¹² Raskoff, Sally A., and Richard A. Sundeen. “Community Service Programs in High Schools.” *Law and Contemporary Problems* 62, no. 4 (1999): 73–111. <https://doi.org/10.2307/1192268>.

institutions of the country in good health as political organs.¹³ Robert Putnam theorized that community members' active participation and volunteering in society foster the necessary networks and norms of trust needed for a democracy. The trust created is key to democracies because it gives way to the rise of collectivism, which is needed in civic engagement.¹⁴ A sufficient percentage of the population must be mobilized for any key changes to occur in a democracy.

On a personal level, students engaging in volunteering develop a higher sense of altruism and tolerance for those around them, both necessary developmental characteristics to achieve emotional intelligence.¹⁵ These personal achievements cross over into academic achievements by fostering collaboration and increasing positive well-being. This is seen through metrics including lower rates of high school dropouts, lower rates of teen pregnancies, and fewer courses failed. Additionally, the positive attitude encouraged by volunteerism leads to lower levels of aggressive behavior seen in juvenile delinquents, such as carrying weapons and engaging in the destructive use of alcohol.¹⁶ Volunteerism has the projected effect of providing youths with long-term physical, emotional, and mental success, resulting in skills that are utilized in their personal, academic, and long-term professional lives.

The impact of volunteering in assisted living facilities

While volunteering has numerous benefits for communities in a holistic manner, volunteering can also have far-reaching effects by positively impacting individuals most in need. One group that fits this description is the elderly in assisted living facilities or nursing homes.

Currently, the elderly are experiencing social isolation en masse. Social isolation is defined as a lack of social connections and is a social phenomenon that has only increased since COVID-19. It is estimated that the mortality rate of the elderly increases by up to 50% if socially isolated.¹⁷ It must be considered that there are various factors affecting the mortality rate to increase including an increased consumption of alcohol and tobacco. This is further compounded by the mobility limitations and decreased cognitive functions faced by the elderly.¹⁸ Loneliness has been

¹³ Raskoff, Sally A., and Richard A. Sundeen. "Community Service Programs in High Schools." *Law and Contemporary Problems* 62, no. 4 (1999): 73–111.

¹⁴ Wilson, John, and Marc Musick. "The Effects of Volunteering on the Volunteer." *Law and Contemporary Problems* 62, no. 4 (1999): 141–68. <https://doi.org/10.2307/1192270>.

¹⁵ Raskoff, Sally A., and Richard A. Sundeen. "Community Service Programs in High Schools." *Law and Contemporary Problems* 62, no. 4 (1999): 73–111.

¹⁶ Park, Nansook. "Character Strengths and Positive Youth Development." *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 591 (2004): 40–54. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/4127634>.

¹⁷ Jeremy Holloway et al., "Needs of Social Isolation, Loneliness, and Intergenerational Interventions in the United States: A Scoping Review," *Frontiers in Public Health* 12 (August 9, 2024): 1386651, <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2024.1386651>.

¹⁸ Melanie Handley et al., "Effectiveness and Sustainability of Volunteering with Older People Living in Care Homes: A Mixed Methods Systematic Review," *Health & Social Care in the Community* 30, no. 3 (May 2022): 836–55, doi:10.1111/hsc.13576.

connected to various physical and mental issues, including depression, dementia, diabetes, stroke, heart failure, and suicide.¹⁹

Connecting the elderly to a younger generation allows the opportunity for volunteers to care for the elderly by providing them with social interconnectedness. One study during the pandemic found that long-term weekly virtual volunteering with the elderly made 71% of the elderly participants feel more socially connected.²⁰ While the post-pandemic effects may be lower, social connectivity is still provided through consistent weekly sessions. Weekly sessions may include activities such as befriending, assisting with meal intake, and providing leisurely activities.

Non-pandemic studies found a myriad of effects, including decreased rates of depression symptoms in both the elderly and the volunteers in the short run, but not the long run. Decreased loneliness and better moods were found to have increased both in the short term and long term. Cognitive increases were also observed, including enhanced memory, both verbal and non-verbal, and positive memories. The elderly's sense of self-perception also benefited through the recognition of their contributions to activities and by volunteers expressing interest in them.²¹

The impact of volunteerism on the elderly in assisted living communities thus provides cognitive and social benefits, alleviated through a decrease in social isolation. This establishes assisted living facilities as centers of high social impact for volunteers. Provided that the sessions are frequent enough and long enough to provide social bonds, volunteers can reach the elderly in an impactful manner.

The impact of volunteering in daycares

Daycares are another category of community centers that provide a high-impact opportunity for volunteers. By having an additional set of eyes, ears, and hands, caregivers in daycares can provide the children with a higher-quality experience. This allows for the enhancement of student engagement and has the additional benefit of allowing children the space to be heard.²² Volunteering is especially impactful in Texas due to Texas scoring low on educational quality compared to some other states.²³ By having volunteers, caregivers in daycares can have an

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²¹ Melanie Handley et al., “Effectiveness and Sustainability of Volunteering with Older People Living in Care Homes: A Mixed Methods Systematic Review,” *Health & Social Care in the Community* 30, no. 3 (May 2022): 836–55.

²² Worldpackers, “Daycare Volunteer Guide: Impact Young Lives,” *Worldpackers*, accessed July 2, 2025, <https://www.worldpackers.com/articles/daycare-volunteer>.

²³ CASCIO, ELIZABETH U., and DIANE WHITMORE SCHANZENBACH. “The Impacts of Expanding Access to High-Quality Preschool Education.” *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, 2013, 127–78. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/23723436>.

increased capacity to foster the creativity of their students. With volunteers in the classroom, students may have the opportunity to partake in creative, “messy” activities such as painting. Students need to have these opportunities in the classroom because some parents do not allow their children to partake in “messy” activities that work to foster the creativity of children. Creative works also allow children an outlet to express their emotions and partake in the process of the creation of new ideas, particularly for children who do not have these opportunities at home.²⁴

In addition to helping caretakers with creative activities, volunteers are also able to work with children by introducing positive self-talk. This is impactful because caretakers in large classrooms do not have the time to individually address each child, but with a volunteer, more detailed attention can be given to each child so that children may learn to be positive with themselves and grow.²⁵

Daycares provide an opportunity for volunteers to impact their community through long-term effects. Not only can they help children have a better education and potentially be happier, but they are also contributing to the socio-economic livelihood of these children as they grow up, thus lowering the local crime rate in the long run.

The impact of volunteering in food banks

Food banks provide volunteers with a relatively short-term and high-impact opportunity to give back to those most in need, the poorest in our society. It has been estimated by the Houston Food Bank that the food insecurity rate in the 18 counties served by them is 14.2% of the population as of 2018. This is a total of 1,026,210 people.²⁶ The Houston Food Bank provides volunteers with the opportunity to create what is valued to be one meal per minute, thus making this a highly impactful community center, and there are many other food banks and food pantries that provide high-impact opportunities.²⁷ Volunteering at a food bank, just like all other types of volunteering, has the impact of teaching youth volunteers altruism, collaboration, and emotional intelligence, making it an excellent community type.²⁸

²⁴ Altalib, Hisham, AbdulHamid AbuSulayman, and Omar Altalib. “Fostering Creativity.” In *Parent-Child Relations: A Guide to Raising Children*, 395–411. International Institute of Islamic Thought, 2013. <https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctvktrvqn.25>.

²⁵ Altalib, Hisham, AbdulHamid AbuSulayman, and Omar Altalib. “Fostering Creativity.” In *Parent-Child Relations: A Guide to Raising Children*, 395–411. International Institute of Islamic Thought, 2013.

²⁶ Feeding America, “Hunger & Poverty in Houston Food Bank – Map the Meal Gap,” *Feeding America*, 2025, accessed July 2, 2025, <https://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2018/overall/texas/organization/houston-food-bank>.

²⁷ Houston Food Bank, “HungerMitao,” *Houston Food Bank*, updated March 28, 2024, accessed July 2, 2025, <https://www.houstonfoodbank.org/take-action/specialgroups/hungermitao/#:~:text=Your%20donation%20of%20volunteer%20time,adults%2C%20families%2C%20and%20seniors>.

²⁸ Raskoff, Sally A., and Richard A. Sundeen. “Community Service Programs in High Schools.” *Law and Contemporary Problems* 62, no. 4 (1999): 73–111.

Next Steps & Implementation Plan

To support the long-term success and scalability of the Red Cross community center partnership program for high school clubs, we recommend the following implementation steps to be taken by the Red Cross to maximize the expansion of the “Adopt-A-Center” initiative. The following steps are as follows:

1. Launch Phase (August–September)

Goal: Equip Red Cross clubs with the tools and guidance needed to begin outreach and establish community center partnerships at the start of the school year.

- Finalize and distribute the Community Center Database through Volunteer Connection or directly via communication with club presidents.
- Include downloadable materials such as contact scripts, location risk scores (crime and natural hazards), and community center classifications.
- Host a virtual training session for student leaders and faculty advisors outlining how to use the database and expand the “Adopt-a-Center” model.
- In the second month, launch a centralized Google Form where students can report outreach progress, request assistance, or flag issues.

2. Early Implementation Phase (October–November)

Goal: Begin direct outreach to community centers and form early partnerships.

- Encourage smaller clubs (fewer than 8 members) to consider collaborating with nearby schools.
- Guide clubs to contact one to two centers using the provided outreach script.
- Require clubs to log contact centers in the centralized Google Form to avoid duplication.
- Use form data to track engagement and identify common barriers.
- Red Cross staff should follow up with centers that show strong interest in joining the “Adopt-a-Center” program.

3. Mid-Year Evaluation (December–January)

Goal: Evaluate early results and refine the process based on feedback.

- Analyze form submissions to identify which centers were most responsive.
- Conduct a short survey or focus group with participating club leaders and sponsors to collect qualitative feedback.
- Adjust the community center database and outreach scripts based on insights gained.
- Evaluate trends by center type (e.g., senior living facilities, food pantries) to determine which are most successful as student volunteer hubs.

4. Expansion & Sustainability (February–March)

Goal: Build on early success and create a sustainable, repeatable process for future club use.

- Establish a “Verified Partner” list of community centers that have proven to be reliable and receptive.
- Recruit student ambassadors or interns to assist with maintaining and updating the database annually.
- Develop a simple starter toolkit for new clubs to set up their community center partnership using tested resources and templates.

Optional: Staff Monitoring Dashboard

The Red Cross may also consider developing a lightweight staff-facing dashboard (e.g., via Google Sheets or Looker Studio) to track student engagement across clubs. This would allow staff to monitor progress and step in where support is needed.

Recommendation: Invest in Improved Crime Data Access

To ensure that youth volunteers are placed in safe and appropriate environments—especially in large urban areas like Houston—it is recommended that the Red Cross invest in a corporate subscription to a crime data platform such as NeighborhoodScout or Cap Index.

Currently, the crime data available to student volunteers is limited to city and zip code levels, which fails to reflect significant variation in safety between neighborhoods. For example, two centers within the same zip code may differ dramatically in violent crime exposure, yet such distinctions are inaccessible without more granular data.

A subscription would allow Red Cross staff to:

- Access neighborhood-level violent and property crime data.
- Compare prospective center locations with greater accuracy.
- Proactively ensure that students are volunteering in safe, accessible areas, supporting the Red Cross’s mission of responsible and sustainable community engagement.

Improved access to crime data would enhance the vetting process and reduce the risk of selecting unsuitable locations for youth engagement.

Conclusion

This project has laid out a foundation for the American Red Cross Youth and Young Adult Engagement team to expand their Adopt-A-Center program across the Texas Gulf Coast region. By using research and accessible data, such as crime levels and the FEMA Risk Index, we pre-vetted community centers to ensure they align with the methodology of the Red Cross. We have given current clubs the tools they need to identify future volunteer community centers and initiate the process of creating a community partnership.

Current clubs have struggled to find volunteer centers due to a variety of reasons, including logistical barriers, stemming from students' inexperience regarding professional communication,

and a lack of easily accessible information. We have tailored our deliverables - the searchable database, interactive map, and outreach scripts - to address and minimize the hurdles affecting the implementation of the program by current clubs in the Texas Gulf Coast region, and to help future clubs avoid these obstacles altogether.

Moving forward, the recommended implementation plan provides a structured, sustainable roadmap for expanding Red Cross community center partnerships throughout the academic year. By phasing the rollout across four key periods - Launch, Early Implementation, Mid-Year Evaluation, and Expansion & Sustainability - the plan ensures clubs are progressively equipped with the tools, training, and support needed to establish and maintain meaningful partnerships.

By using these resources, the Red Cross will not only expand its community across 53 counties but also increase youth engagement. This report gives the foundation for a lasting program that empowers students to make a meaningful difference in their communities, fulfilling the Red Cross's mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering.

Appendix A

The Texas Gulf Coast region (shown in the map below) is composed of the American Red Cross of South Texas, the American Red Cross of Coastal Bend-Texas, the American Red Cross of Coastal Plains Texas, the American Red Cross of Central Houston, and the American Red Cross of Southeast & Deep East Texas. Counties considered for future center locations in this report include Angelina, Chambers, Hardin, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler. The American Red Cross Coastal Plains Texas includes Austin, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Montgomery, Walker, and Waller. The American Red Cross of Central Houston consists solely of Harris County. Aransas, Bee, Calhoun, Colorado, DeWitt, Duval, Goliad, Jackson, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Lavaca, Live Oak, Matagorda, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, and Wharton encompass the American Red Cross of Coastal Bend-Texas. The southernmost section of the Texas Gulf Coast region contains Brooks, Cameron, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, Starr, and Willacy, which comprise the American Red Cross of South Texas.

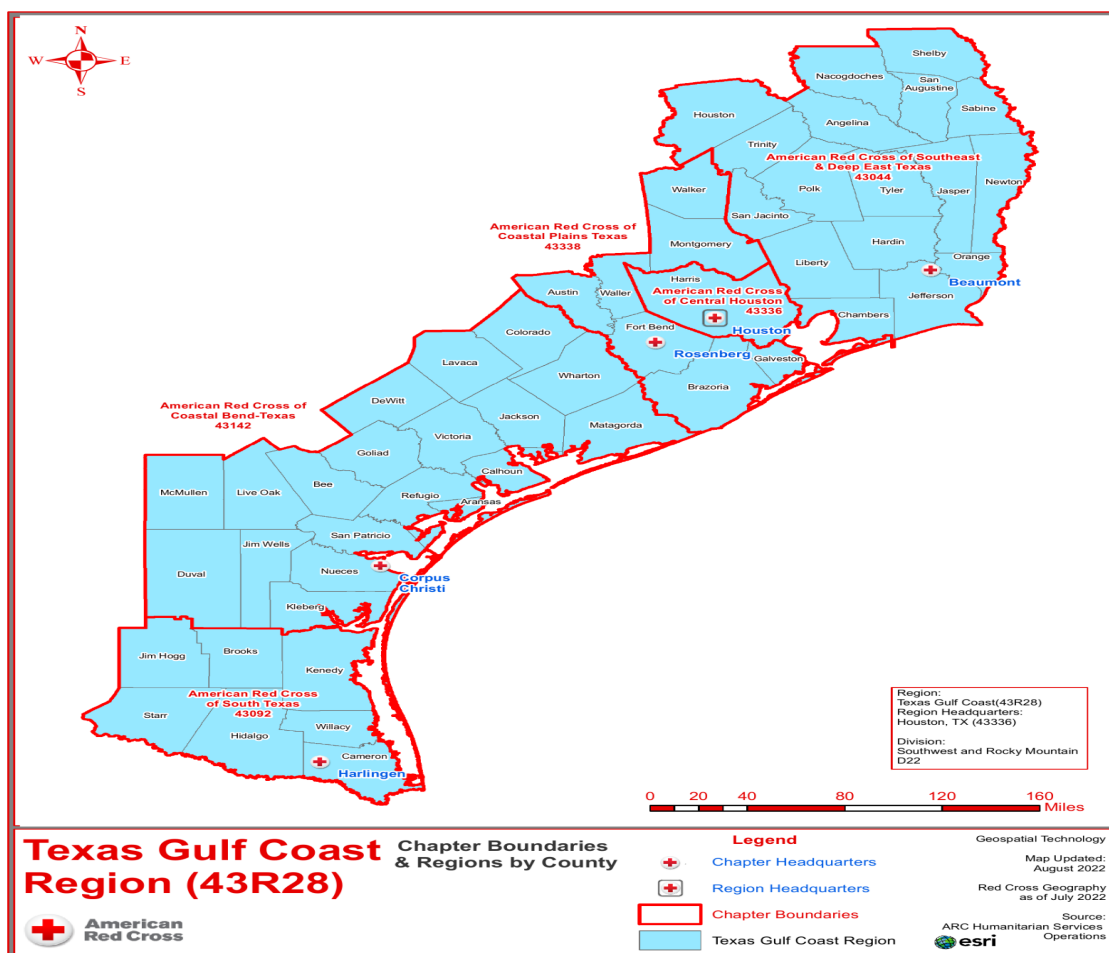


Figure A1. Map showing an overview of the region covered by the Houston Red Cross

This map illustrates the geographic boundaries of the 5 Red Cross sectors in the Texas Gulf Coast Region and the counties included in each.

Appendix B

The following are the criteria list for center selection:

- Be at the High School level
- Be within 40 miles of the school
- Be in an area rated “Relatively Moderate” or lower on the FEMA National Risk Index
- Have a CrimeGrade of C- or higher
- Be an assisted living facility, daycare, food bank, library, or veteran support center

Appendix C

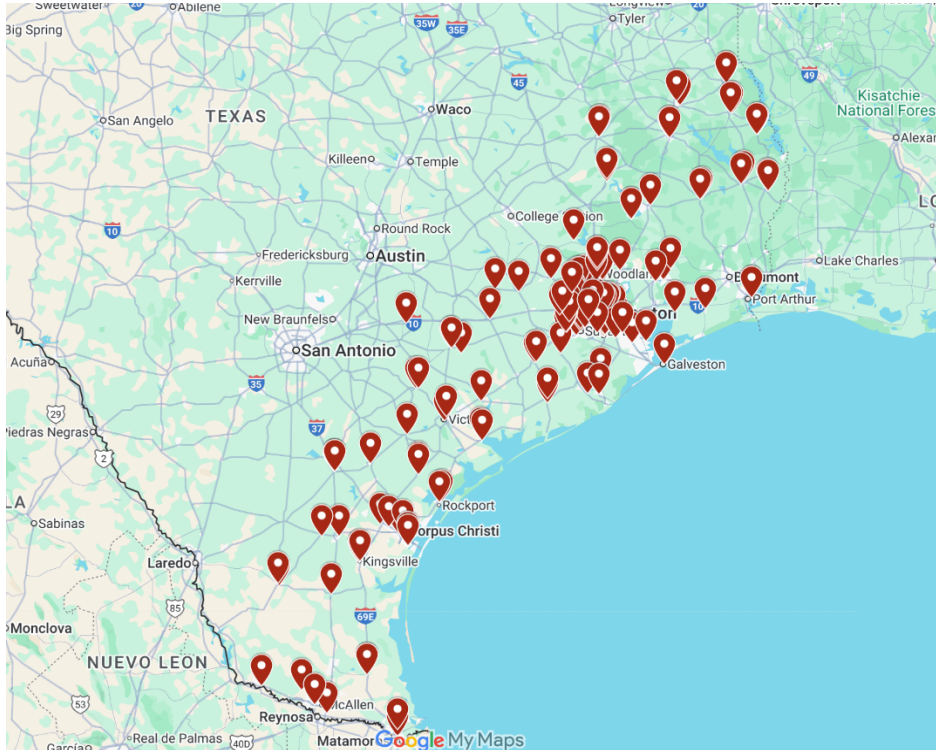


Figure C1. Identified Community Centers

Visual representation of all community centers that meet the Red Cross's criteria.

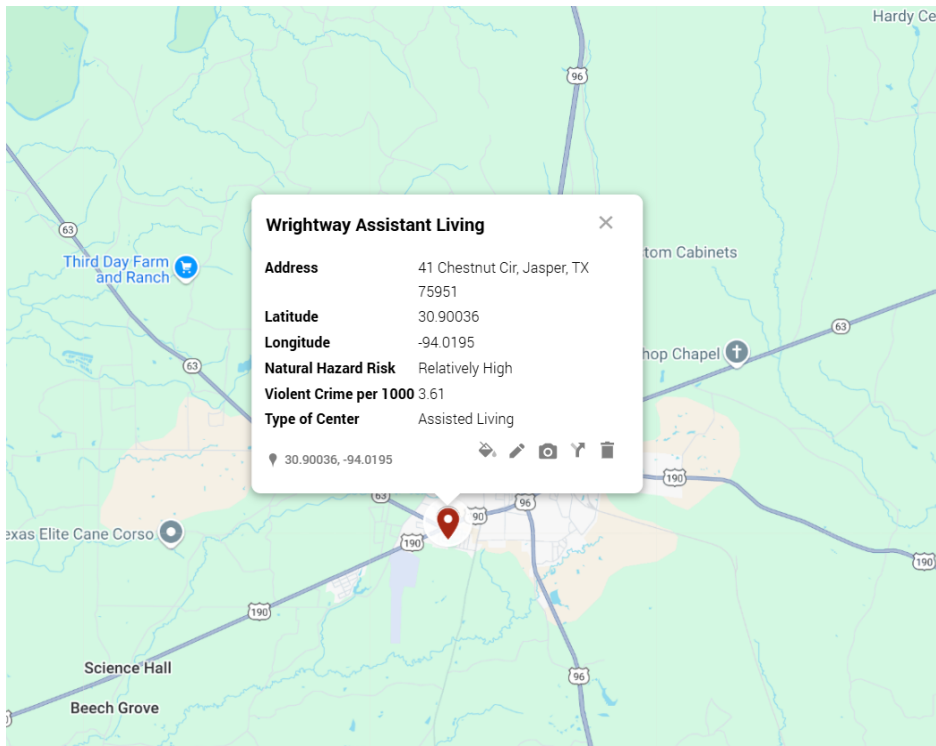


Figure C2. Zoomed-In Interactive Map Example

Close-up showing how center details are displayed on the map.



Figure C3. Website Resource Hub Example

Screenshot of the Adopt-A-Center website homepage header.

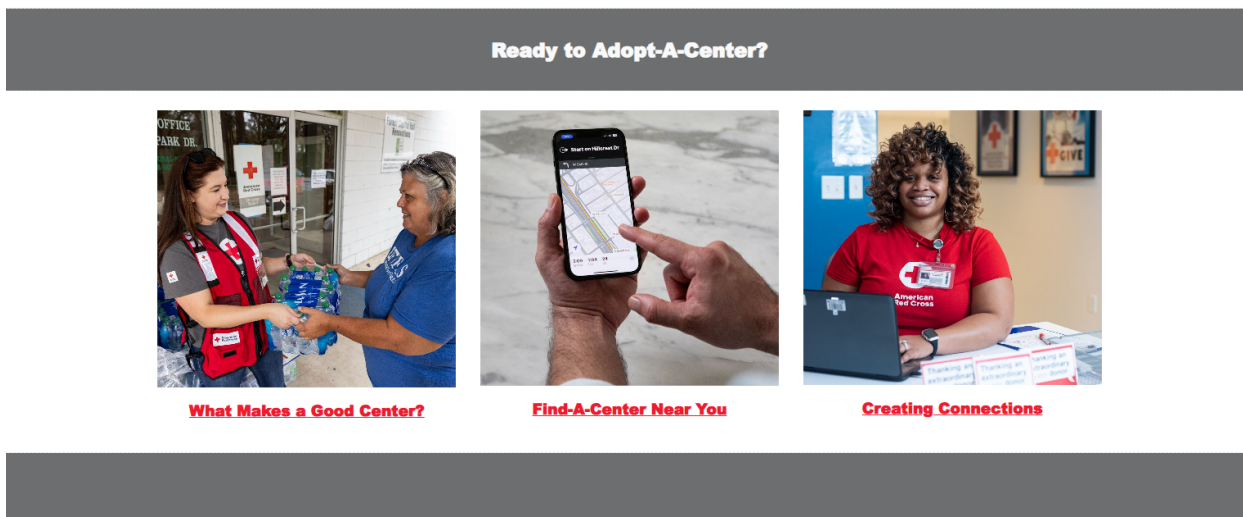


Figure C4. Website Resource Hub Example

Screenshot of the Adopt-A-Center website homepage.

Has this center been contacted? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

A copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provided.

Submit [Clear form](#)

Never submit passwords through Google Forms.

[Privacy](#) [Terms](#)

Contact Person

Your answer

Notes / Next Steps

Your answer

Submit [Clear form](#)

Never submit passwords through Google Forms.

* The centers listed on this site have not agreed to a partnership, nor are guaranteed to be interested in a partnership with the Red Cross. This page simply serves as an easy way to find centers in the Gulf Coast Region that align with the Red Cross's goals. It is up to the club to communicate and establish a relationship with any center they are interested in.

Figure C5. Website Resource Hub Disclaimer

Screenshot of the bottom of the Adopt-A-Center website homepage. The bottom of the page reads “ The centers listed on this site have not agreed to a partnership, nor are guaranteed to be interested in a partnership with the Red Cross. This page simply serves as an easy way to find centers in the Gulf Coast Region that align with the Red Cross's goals. It is up to the club to communicate and establish a relationship with any center they are interested in.”

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Centers by County

Click each county to view the potential centers in that region

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- [Angelina](#)
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C

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- [Cameron](#)
- [Chambers](#)
- [Colorado](#)

Figure C6. A-Z County List From Website

Demonstrates the alphabetical county listing page used by students and Red Cross staff.

 Strengthening the Volunteer Force

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Angelina County

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Countryside Senior Living

- 406 Gobblers Knob Rd, Lufkin, TX 75904
- <https://countrysidetx.com>
- (936)639-9727

The Villas at Pine Grove

- 2602 S John Redditt Dr, Lufkin, TX 75904
- <https://www.villaspinegrove.com/>
- (936)899-6233

Figure C7. Example of County-Level Center Information
Detail page showing specific volunteer centers for one county.

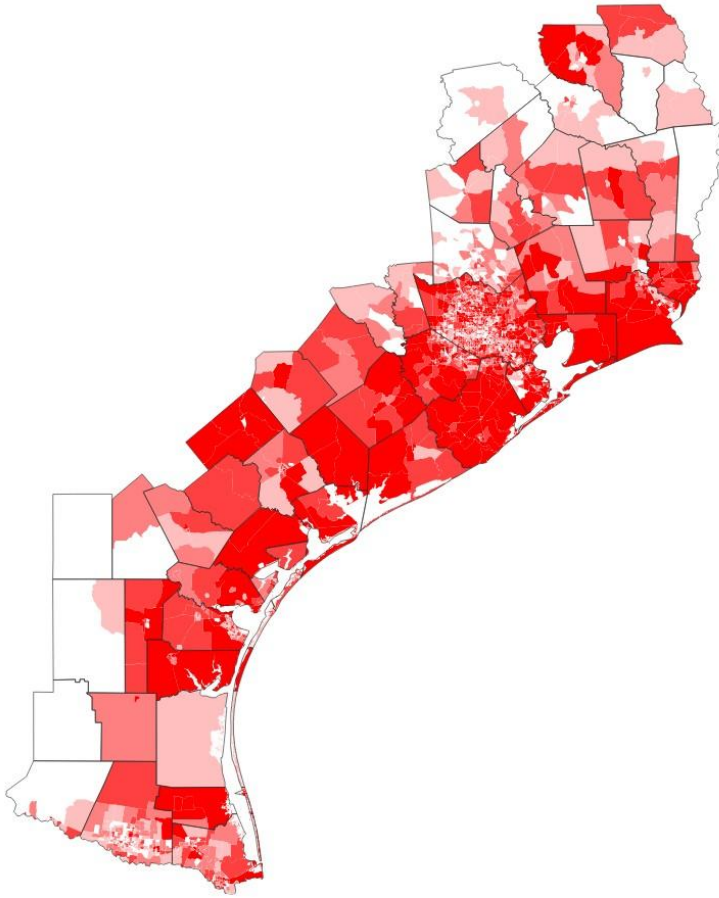


Figure C8. FEMA Risk Scores Across Red Cross Counties in Texas

This map displays the FEMA National Risk Index census tract scores across the 53 counties served by the Red Cross Gulf Coast. Darker red indicates higher overall risk.



Figure C9. Census Tract-Level Natural Hazard Risk Variation in Harris County

This zoomed in view of Harris County, with some of the surrounding counties included, shows the variation in FEMA National Risk Index scores across the census tracts in Harris County. Darker red indicates areas of higher overall risk.

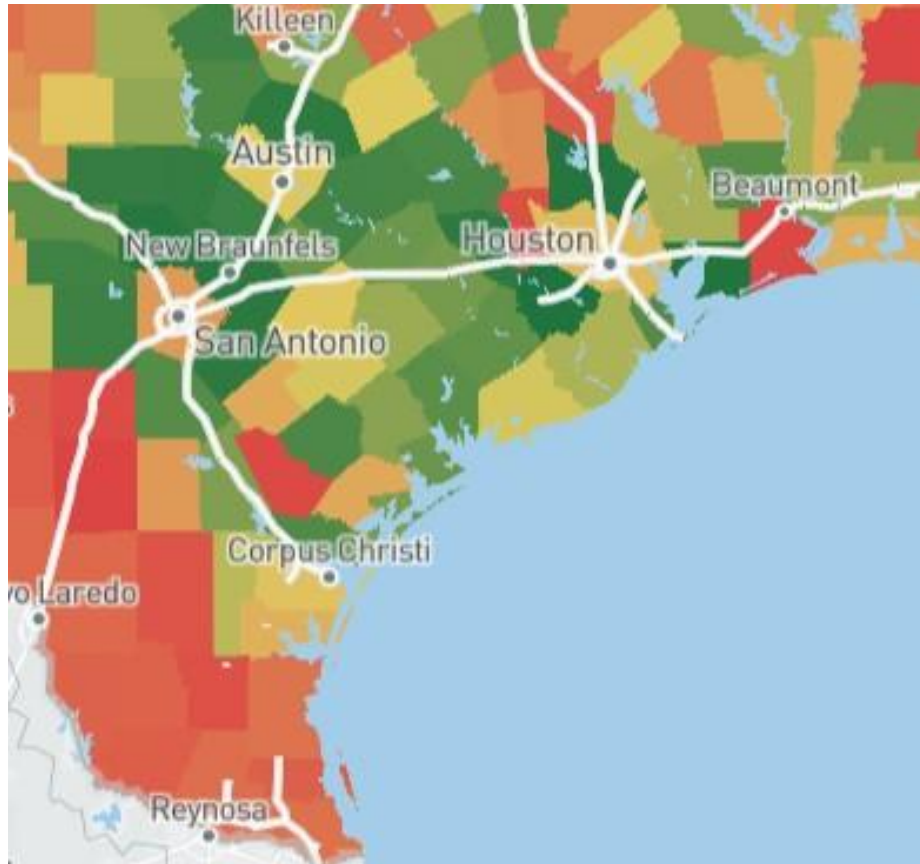


Figure C10. Crime Risk by County Across the Texas Gulf Coast

This map displays relative crime risk by county in the Texas Gulf Coast region, based on data from CrimeGrade.org. Counties are shaded along a green-to-red gradient, where green indicates the lowest crime risk and red the highest, with yellow and orange representing intermediate levels.

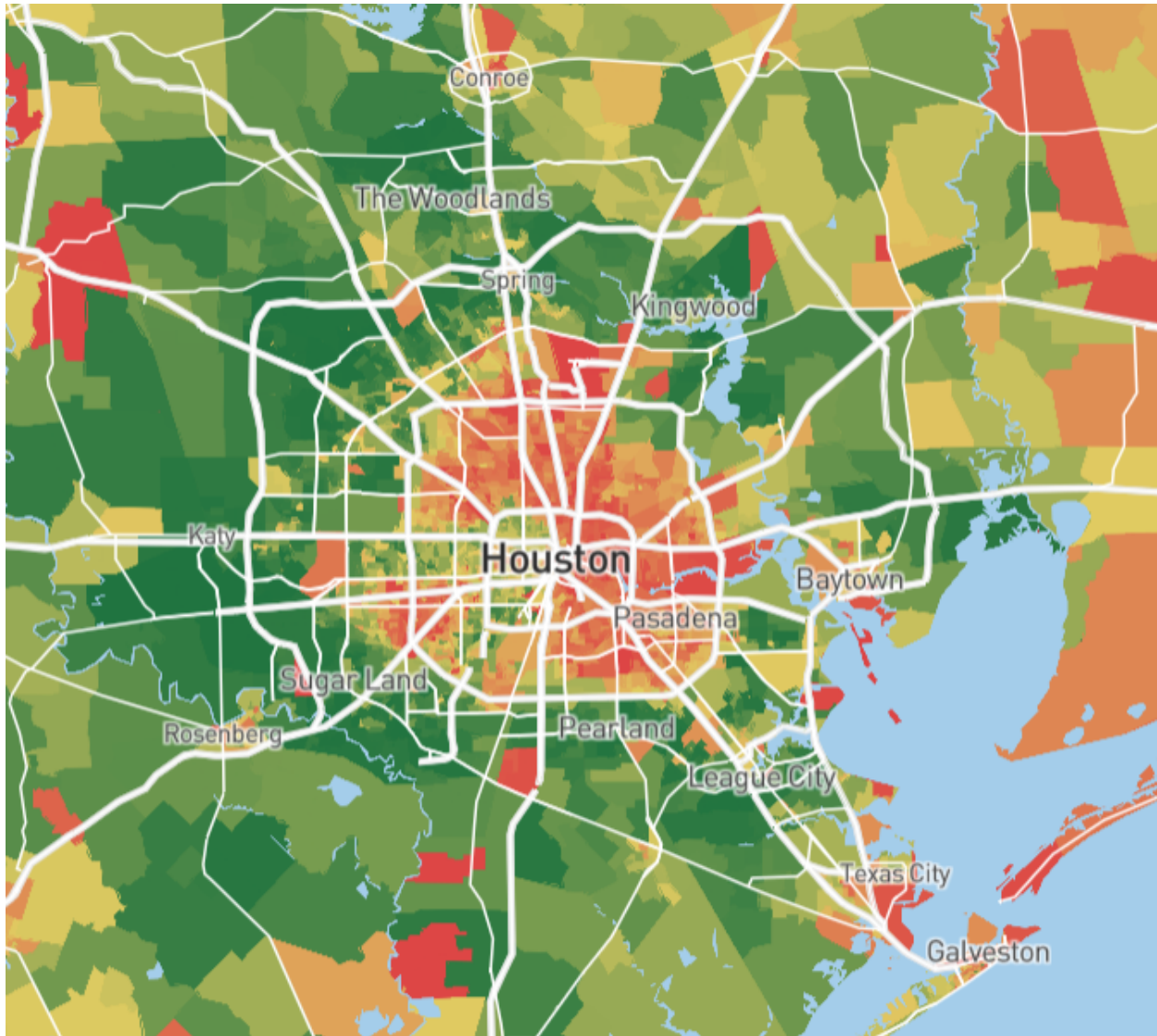


Figure C11. Crime Risk by Zip Code in Harris County

This zoomed-in map of Harris County shows ZIP code-level crime variation using a green-to-red color gradient from CrimeGrade.org. Darker green areas reflect lower crime risk, while yellow, orange, and red shades represent increasing levels of crime.

Appendix D.

1	Name	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Natural Hazard Risk	Violent Crime per 1000	Type of Center
2	Serenity Pointe Assisted Living	11511 Rashell Way, Pearland, TX 77584	29.54303	-95.3996	Relatively Moderate	1.06	Assisted Living
3	Landing At Watercrest Shadow	2907 Broadway Bend Dr, Pearland, TX 77584	29.55734	-95.39952	Relatively Moderate	1.06	Assisted Living
4	The Forum at Memorial Woods	777 N Post Oak Rd, Houston, TX 77024	29.78088	-95.45741	Relatively Moderate	10.96	Assisted Living
5	The Village of Tanglewood	1600 Augusta Dr, Houston, TX 77057	29.75199	-95.48354	Relatively Moderate	10.96	Assisted Living
6	Paradise Springs- Sky Active living	5600 Cypresswood Dr, Spring, TX 77379	30.02424	-95.49049	Relatively Moderate	2.97	Assisted Living
7	Wood Glen Court	5000 Cypresswood Dr Spring, TX 77379	30.02601	-95.48747	Relatively Moderate	2.97	Assisted Living
8	Village at Woodlands Waterway	2323 Lake Robbins Dr, The Woodlands, TX 77380	30.16316	-95.46925	Relatively Moderate	2.97	Assisted Living
9	Abundant Senior Living	26119 I-45 Suite 216, The Woodlands, TX 77380	30.14219	-95.44728	Relatively Moderate	2.97	Assisted Living
10	Village Forest Care Cottage	3200 Avenue N, Rosenberg, TX 77471	29.55198	-95.7932	Relatively Moderate	2.21	Assisted Living
11	Greatwood at SugarLand	7001 Riverbrook Dr #233, Sugar Land, TX 77479	29.56022	-95.68432	Relatively Moderate	0.78	Assisted Living
12	The Cottages At Clear Lake	450 Landing Blvd, League City, TX 77573	29.49815	-95.12549	Relatively Moderate	1.13	Assisted Living
13	Maplewood Senior Active Living	600 Hobbs Rd, League City, TX 77573	29.4949	-95.11349	Relatively Moderate	1.13	Assisted Living
14	SPST Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation	8611 Main St, Needville, TX 77461	29.40282	-96.84011	Relatively Moderate	1.62	Assisted Living
15	Needville Senior citizen Site	9018 Church St, Needville, TX 77461	29.39801	-95.83878	Relatively Moderate	1.62	Senior Citizen Center
16	Cy-Hope	12715 Telge Rd, Cypress, TX 77429	29.95879	-95.65674	Relatively Moderate	1.81	Religious Charity
17	Parsons House Cypress	15055 N Eldridge Pkwy, Cypress, TX 77429	29.99206	-95.61283	Relatively Moderate	1.81	Assisted Living
18	Cypress Creek Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center	13600 Birdcall Ln, Cypress, TX 77429	29.9526	-95.62879	Relatively High	1.81	Assisted Living
19	La Petite Academy	13903 Cypress North Houston Rd, Cypress, TX 77429	29.94735	-95.63216	Relatively High	1.81	Daycare
20	Spring Cypress Senior Living	16306 Spring Cypress Rd, Cypress, TX 77429	29.97922	-95.67501	Relatively High	1.81	Assisted Living
21	Cypress Assisted Living	12310 Drake Prairie Ln, Cypress, TX 77429	29.95083	-95.62142	Relatively High	1.81	Assisted Living
22	Cypress Kids Learning Center	15802 Jarvis Rd, Cypress, TX 77429	29.96516	-95.66267	Relatively High	1.81	Daycare
23	Village Green Alzheimer's	14520 Huffmeister Rd, Cypress, TX 77429	29.97768	-95.64944	Relatively High	1.81	Assisted Living
24	St. Helen St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	2209 Old Alvin Rd, Pearland, TX 77581	29.65753	-95.27461	Relatively High	1.06	Food Pantry
25	Creekside Alzheimer's Special Care Center	11200 Discovery Bay Dr, Pearland, TX 77584	29.56957	-95.3928	Relatively High	1.06	Assisted Living
26	Montrose Center	401 Branard St 2nd Floor, Houston, TX 77006	29.3691	-95.38472	Relatively Low	10.96	Community Health Clinic
27	Annunciation Orthodox School Extended Daycare	3600 Yoakum Blvd, Houston, TX 77006	29.39553	-95.39314	Relatively Moderate	10.96	Daycare
28	A1 Childcare Food Program	12946 Dairy Ashford Rd #300, Sugar Land, TX 77478	29.62928	-95.59972	Relatively High	0.78	Food Pantry
29	Richard A. Anderson Texas State Veterans Home	14041 Cottingham St, Houston, TX 77048	29.606466	-95.3394	Very High	10.96	Veterans Assistance
30	Brandt Road KinderCare	625 Brandt Rd, Spring, TX 77373	30.078	-95.42374	Relatively High	2.97	Daycare
31	Homesteady Assisted Living	1103 Spring Meadow Ln, Spring, TX 77373	30.05874	-95.41563	Relatively High	2.97	Assisted Living
32	The Legacy at Falcon Point	1520 Katy Gap Rd, Katy, TX 77494	29.76943	-95.78673	Very High	3	Assisted Living
33	Katy Knowledge Beginnings	6130 S Fry Rd, Katy, TX 77494	29.71387	-95.76611	Relatively Moderate	3	Daycare
34	Atria	1401 Soldiers Field Dr, Sugar Land, TX 77479	29.60133	-95.63397	Very High	0.78	Assisted Living
35	T.E. Harman Center	226 Matlage Way, Sugar Land, TX 77478	29.61759	-95.63726	Relatively High	0.78	Senior Citizen Center
36	GIGI's Playhouse - Sugar Land	13003 Southwest Fwy #170, Stafford, TX 77477	29.63125	-95.58855	Very High	4.56	Daycare
37	Fort Bend Mamie George Community Center	1111 Collins Rd, Richmond, TX 77469	29.59032	-95.77304	Relatively High	3.43	Community Center
38	Hearts of Rescue	4008 Louetta Rd, Spring, TX 77388	30.04791	-95.47638	Relatively High	2.97	Homeless Shelter
39	Community Family Centers	7524 Ave E, Houston, TX 77012	29.73416	-95.29179	Very High	10.96	Community Center
40	River Oaks Community Center	3600 Locke Ln, Houston, TX 77027	29.74203	-95.43412	Relatively Moderate	10.96	Community Center
41	The Village of Meyerland	4141 N Braeswood Blvd, Houston, TX 77025	29.68979	-95.44507	Very High	10.96	Assisted Living
42	Wonderful Life Care Homes	5623 Latta Plantation Dr, Katy, TX 77449	29.85412	-95.70963	Relatively High	3	Assisted Living
43	Amazing Soldiers	3880 Greenhouse Rd #409, Houston, TX 77084	29.82893	-95.70292	Relatively Moderate	10.96	Veterans Assistance
44	Guadalupe Basic Needs Center	326 S Jensen Dr, Houston, TX 77003	29.76084	-95.34397	Relatively Moderate	10.96	Food Pantry
45	Stars of Hope Distribution Center	2320 Lamar St, Houston, TX 77003	29.74907	-95.35386	Relatively Moderate	10.96	Food Pantry
46	Faith Center Harwin (Southwest Houston)	5860 Ranchester Dr Suite 888, Houston, TX 77036	29.71547	-95.54865	Relatively Moderate	10.96	Religious Charity
47	West Houston Assistance Ministries - Food Pantry	8801 S Braeswood Blvd, Houston, TX 77031	29.67122	-95.53326	Relatively Moderate	10.96	Food Pantry
48	The Gardens of Bellaire	4620 Bellaire Blvd, Bellaire, TX 77401	29.70677	-95.53326	Very High	0.82	Assisted Living
49	Richmond State Supported Living Center	2100 Preston St, Richmond, TX 77469	29.58863	-95.78317	Relatively High	3.43	Assisted Living

Figure D1. Sample of Future Center Database

This table shows a sample of the full dataset of potential centers, including FEMA risk scores and crime statistics by zip code. The complete sortable dataset is available [here](#).

Locations for Future Volunteer Center Locations: Existing Clubs

High School	County	Community Center	Community Center Address
Austin High School	Fort Bend	Serenity Pointe Assisted Living	1511 Rashell Way, Pearland TX 77584
Austin High School	Fort Bend	Landing at Watercrest Shadow	2907 Broadway Bend, Pearland, TX 77584
Bellaire High School	Harris	The Forum at Memorial Woods	777 N Post Oak Rd, Houston, TX 77024
Bellaire High School	Harris	The Village of Tanglewood	1600 Augusta Dr, Houston, TX 77057
Blanson CTE High School	Harris	Paradise Springs - Sky Active Living	5600 Cypresswood Dr, Spring, TX 77379
Blanson CTE High School	Harris	Wood Glen Court	5000 Cypresswood Dr, Spring, TX 77379
Bridgeland High School	Harris	Memorial City Library	930 Corbindale Rd, Houston, TX 77024
Carl Wunsche Sr High School	Harris	Abundant Senior Living	26119 I-45 Suite 216, The Woodlands, TX 77380
Carl Wunsche Sr High School	Harris	Village at Woodlands Waterway	2323 Lake Robbins Dr, The Woodlands, TX 77380
Churchill Fulshear High School	Fort Bend	Greatwood at Sugar Land	7001 Riverbrook Dr #233, Sugar Land, TX 77479

Churchill Fulshear High School	Fort Bend	Village Forest Care Cottage	3200 Avenue N, Rosenberg, TX 77471
Clements High School	Fort Bend	SPJST Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation	8611 Main St, Needville, TX 77461
Clements High School	Fort Bend	Needville Senior Citizen Site	9018 Church St, Needville, TX
Clear Creek High School	Galveston	The Cottages at Clear Lake	450 Landing Blvd, League City, TX 77573
Clear Creek High School	Galveston	Maplewood Senior Active Living	600 Hobbs Rd, League City, TX 77573
Cypress Ranch High School	Harris	Cy-Hope	12715 Telge Rd, Cypress, TX 77429
Cypress Ranch High School	Harris	Parsons House Cypress	15055 N Eldridge Pkwy, Cypress, TX 77429
Cypress Springs High School	Harris	Cypress Creek Rehab & Healthcare Center	13600 Birdcall Ln, Cypress, TX 77429
Cypress Springs High School	Harris	La Petite Academy	13903 Cypress North Houston Rd, Cypress, TX 77429
Cypress Woods High School	Harris	Cypress Kids Learning Center	15802 Jarvis Rd, Cypress, TX 77429
Cypress Woods High School	Harris	Village Green Alzheimer's	14520 Huffmeister Rd, Cypress, TX 77429
Cypress-Fairbanks High School	Harris	Cypress Assisted Living	12310 Drake Prairie Ln, Cypress, TX 77429

Cypress-Fairbanks High School	Harris	Spring Cypress Senior Living	16306 Spring Cypress Rd, Cypress, TX 77429
George Bush High School	Fort Bend	Richmond Municipal Annex	600 Morton St, Richmond, TX 77469
Glenda Dawson High School	Brazoria	St. Helen St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	2209 Old Alvin Rd, Pearland, TX 77581
Glenda Dawson High School	Brazoria	Creekside Alzheimer's Special Care	11200 Discovery Bay Dr, Pearland, TX 77584
Harmony School of Advancement	Harris	Brandt Road KinderCare	625 Brandt Rd, Spring, TX 77373
Harmony School of Advancement	Harris	Homestead Assisted Living	1103 Spring Meadow Dr, Spring, TX 77373
Harmony School of Innovation - Katy	Fort Bend	Katy Knowledge Beginnings	6130 S Fry Rd, Katy, TX 77494
Harmony School of Innovation - Katy	Fort Bend	The Legacy at Falcon Point	1520 Katy Gap Rd, Katy, TX 77494
Harmony School of Innovation - Sugar Land	Fort Bend	Atria	1401 Soldiers Field Dr, Sugar Land, TX 77479
Harmony School of Innovation - Sugar Land	Fort Bend	Sugar Land Community Center	226 Matlage Way, Sugar Land, TX 77478
Hightower High School	Fort Bend	GiGi's Playhouse - Sugar Land	13003 Southwest Fwy #170, Stafford, TX 77477

Hightower High School	Fort Bend	Fort Bend Mamie George Community Center	1111 Collins Rd, Richmond, TX 77469
Houston Christian University	Harris	Faith Center Harwin	5860 Ranchester Dr, Houston, TX 77036
Houston Christian University	Harris	West Houston Assistance Ministries	10501 Meadowglen Ln, Houston, TX 77042
iSchool High School	N/A	—	—
James E Taylor High School	Fort Bend	The Gardens of Bellaire	4620 Bellaire Blvd, Bellaire, TX 77401
James E Taylor High School	Fort Bend	Richmond State Supported Living Center	2100 Preston St, Richmond, TX 77469
John Foster Dulles High School	Fort Bend	Food Program Texas	12946 Dairy Ashford Rd #320, Sugar Land, TX 77478
John Foster Dulles High School	Fort Bend	Richard A. Anderson Texas State Veterans Home	14041 Cottingham Rd, Houston, TX 77048
Jordan High School	Fort Bend	Sunrise at Cinco Ranch	21939 Cinco Ranch Blvd, Katy, TX 77450
Jordan High School	Fort Bend	Providence Assisted Living Solutions	4822 Creekbend Dr, Fulshear, TX 77441
Kinder High School for the Performing Arts	Harris	Guadalupe Basic Needs Center	326 S Jensen Dr, Houston, TX 77003

Kinder High School for the Performing Arts	Harris	Stars of Hope Distribution Center	2320 Lamar St, Houston, TX 77003
Klein High School	Harris	Community Family Centers	7524 Ave E, Houston, TX 77012
Klein High School	Harris	Hearts of Rescue	4008 Louetta Rd, Spring, TX 77388
KIPP East End High School	Harris	Lovett Place	808 Lovett Blvd, Houston, TX 77006
KIPP East End High School	Harris	The Village of River Oaks	1015 S Shepherd Dr, Houston, TX 77019
Lamar High School	Harris	River Oaks Community Center	5300 Blackstone Dr, River Oaks, TX 76114
Lamar High School	Harris	The Village of Meyerland	4141 N Braeswood Blvd, Houston, TX 77025
Mayde Creek High School	Harris	Amazing Soldiers	3880 Greenhouse Rd #409, Houston, TX 77084
Mayde Creek High School	Harris	Wonderful Life Care Homes	5623 Latta Plantation Dr, Katy, TX 77449
Memorial High School	Harris	Bridgeland Community Center	16902 Bridgeland Landing Dr, Cypress, TX 77433
Michael E. DeBakey HS for Health Professions	Harris	Annunciation Orthodox Extended Daycare	3600 Yoakum Blvd, Houston, TX 77006

Michael E. DeBakey HS for Health Professions	Harris	Montrose Center	401 Branard St, Houston, TX 77006
Ridge Point High School	Fort Bend	Mark A. Chapman YMCA (Katy)	1350 Main St, Katy, TX 77494
Shadow Creek High School	Brazoria	Pearland Recreation Complex & Library	4141 Bailey Rd, Pearland, TX 77584
Shadow Creek High School	Brazoria	Brazoria County Center for Independent Living	700 N Front St Suite A, Angleton, TX 77515
St. Agnes Academy	Harris	St. Agnes Academy	9000 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77036
Seven Lakes High School	Fort Bend	Cinco Ranch Community Center	25202 Springwood Lake Dr, Katy, TX 77494
The Woodlands High School	Montgomer y	Kevin Brady Library & Community Center	2250 Buckthorne Pl, The Woodlands, TX 77380
The Woodlands High School	Montgomer y	East Montgomery County Community Center	2500 Lone Star Pkwy, Montgomery, TX 77356
Tompkins High School	Fort Bend	Cinco Ranch Community Center	25202 Springwood Lake Dr, Katy, TX 77494
Travis High School	Fort Bend	Cinco Ranch Community Center	25202 Springwood Lake Dr, Katy, TX 77494

Locations for Future Volunteer Center Locations: Non - Existing Clubs

County	Club Name	Address
Angelina County	Countryside Senior Living	406 Gobblers Knob Rd, Lufkin, TX 75904
Angelina County	The Villas at Pine Grove	2602 S John Redditt Dr, Lufkin, TX 75904
Aransas County	Fulton Community Church - Food Bank	215 N Third St, Fulton, TX 78358
Aransas County	Rockport Nursing and Rehabilitation Center	802 E Market St, Rockport, TX 78382
Austin County	Bellville Public Library	12 W Palm St, Bellville, TX 77418
Austin County	Oak Haven Assisted Living	16416 Fordtran Blvd, Industry, TX 78944
Bee County	ABC Daycare	1007 N Saint Marys St, Beeville, TX 78102
Bee County	Bee Assisted Living	523 Deaf Smith Rd, Beeville, TX 78102
Brazoria County	Brazoria Library Branches	620 S Brooks St, Brazoria, TX 77422
Brazoria County	Plantation Villas and Carriage Inn	202 Oak Dr S, Lake Jackson, TX 77566
Brooks County	Gulf Shores Rehab & Healthcare Center	1301 S Terrell St, Falfurrias, TX 78355
Brooks County	Weavers of Love	700-798 E Lee Ave, Kingsville, TX 78363

Calhoun County	Bethany Senior Living	118 Trinity Shores Dr, Port Lavaca, TX 77979
Calhoun County	Tots & Tykes Daycare	618 N Ann St, Port Lavaca, TX 77979
Cameron County	Good Samaritan Community Services	1626 Taft St, Brownsville, TX 78521
Cameron County	Proyecto Juan Diego Community Center	3910 Paredes Line Rd, Brownsville, TX 78526
Chambers County	Anahuac Library Branch	608 Washington Ave, Anahuac, TX 77514
Chambers County	Juanita Hargraves Memorial Library (Winnie)	108 Fear Rd, Winnie, TX 77665
Colorado County	Little Einstein Learning Center	1022 Jackson St, Columbus, TX 78934
Colorado County	TruCare Living Center	1511 Montezuma St, Columbus, TX 78934
Dewitt County	Cuero Nursing and Rehab Center	1310 E Broadway St, Cuero, TX 77954
Dewitt County	Marlin's Playhouse	105 Ward St, Cuero, TX 77954
Duval County	Alice Food Pantry	311 E Main St, Alice, TX 78332
Duval County	Windsor Nursing & Rehabilitation	138 FM 1329, San Diego, TX 78384
Fort Bend County	Fort Bend County Libraries (Multiple Locations)	—
Fort Bend County	Pinnacle Senior Center	5525 Hobby Rd Bldg C, Houston, TX 77053

Galveston County	Dickinson & Bayside Community Centers	2714 State Hwy 3, Dickinson, TX 77539
Galveston County	Galveston County Libraries	—
Goliad County	Its A Small World Nursery School	215 S Market St, Goliad, TX 77963
Goliad County	Tiny Tiger's Daycare	202 Bego St, Goliad, TX 77963
Hardin County	Hardin Community Center	414 Co Rd 2010, Liberty, TX 77575
Hardin County	Silsbee Public Library	295 N 4th St, Silsbee, TX 77656
Harris County	Parker Williams Branch Library	10851 Scarsdale Blvd #510, Houston, TX 77089
Hidalgo County	Arise Las Milpas	125 E Denny Dr, Pharr, TX 78577
Hidalgo County	Mission Food Pantry	Catholic War Veterans Park, 115 S Mayberry St, Mission, TX 78572
Houston County	Crockett Resource Center for Independent Living	1020 304 Loop E, Crockett, TX 75835
Houston County	Houston County Share	207 S 8th St, Crockett, TX 75835
Jackson County	Foec	501 N Wells St, Edna, TX 77957
Jackson County	Giggles & Grins Childcare	1010 S Wells St, Edna, TX 77957
Jasper County	Greater Jasper Share-Food Distribution	279 S Wheeler St, Jasper, TX 75951
Jasper County	Wrightway Assisted Living	41 Chestnut Cir, Jasper, TX 75951

Jefferson County	Serenity Assisted Care Living	1945 Pennsylvania Ave, Beaumont, TX 77701
Jefferson County	Brookdale Dowlen Oaks	2250 Dowlen Rd, Beaumont, TX 77706
Jim Hogg County	Jim Hogg County Food Pantry	14 Rodriguez Ln, Hebbronville, TX 78361
Jim Hogg County	Meridian Care of Hebbronville	606 W Gruy St, Hebbronville, TX 78361
Kenedy County	Loaves & Fishes	776 W Kimball Ave, Raymondville, TX 78580
Kleberg County	Harbor Hospice Kingsville	213 W Kleberg Ave, Kingsville, TX 78363
Kleberg County	Cimarron Place Health & Rehab	3801 Cimarron Blvd, Corpus Christi, TX 78414
Lavaca County	Chief Little Tots	405 E Fifth St, Hallettsville, TX 77964
Lavaca County	Senior Citizens Nutrition Program	326 S Lagrange St, Hallettsville, TX 77964
Liberty County	Liberty Municipal Library & Cultural Centers	1710 Sam Houston St, Liberty, TX 77575
Live Oak County	Live Oak Nursing & Rehab	2951 US-281 S, George West, TX 78022
Live Oak County	George West Primary School	405 Travis St, George West, TX 78022
Matagorda County	Bay Villa Nursing Home	1800 13th St, Bay City, TX 77414
Matagorda County	Tejas Cove	1900 Palm Village Blvd, Bay City, TX 77414

McMullen County	The Heights of Atascosa	1855 W Goodwin St, Pleasanton, TX 78064
Nacogdoches County	Nacogdoches Hope Food Pantry	2100 E Main St, Nacogdoches, TX 75961
Nacogdoches County	Nacogdoches Senior Center	1601 W Austin St, Nacogdoches, TX 75964
Newton County	Food Share - Newton	509 Main St, Newton, TX 75966
Newton County	Shady Acres Health & Rehab	405 Shady Acres Ln, Newton, TX 75966
Nueces County	Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi	615 Oliver Ct, Corpus Christi, TX 78408
Nueces County	The Waterford at Corpus Christi	5813 Esplanade Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78413
Orange County	Triangle Community Outreach	3505 Procter St #45, Port Arthur, TX 77642
Orange County	Community Retirement Home	3141 Procter St, Port Arthur, TX 77642
Polk County	Livingston Municipal Library	707 N Tyler Ave, Livingston, TX 77351
Polk County	Dayton Community Center	801 S Cleveland St, Dayton, TX 77535
Refugio County	Kids Day Care Center	806 Dunbar St, Refugio, TX 78377
Refugio County	Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church	611 E Ward St, Refugio, TX 78377
Sabine County	Sabine County Veterans Services	213 Market St, Hemphill, TX 75948
Sabine County	Hemphill Care Center	2000 Worth St, Hemphill, TX 75948

San Augustine County	Care & Share - Food Pantry	104 N Montgomery St, San Augustine, TX 75972
San Augustine County	Stonecreek Village Assisted Living	1997 Davidson Drive, San Augustine, TX 75972
San Jacinto County	Coldspring Community Center	101 E Cedar Ave, Coldspring, TX 77331
San Jacinto County	San Jacinto Senior Residence	—
San Patricio County	Coastal Bend Food Bank	5442 Bear Ln, Corpus Christi, TX 78405
Shelby County	Shelby County Outreach	906 Shelbyville St, Center, TX 75935
Shelby County	Senior Citizens Nutrition Site	124 Haley Dr, Center, TX 75935
Starr County	Buckner Children & Family Services	39614 Mile 7 Rd Suite 3, Penitas, TX 78576
Starr County	Rio Grande City Nursing & Rehab	2530 Central Palm Dr, Rio Grande City, TX 78582
Trinity County	River Pointe Trinity	1410 S Robb St, Trinity, TX 75862
Trinity County	Trinity Rehab & Healthcare	314 E Caroline St, Trinity, TX 75862
Tyler County	Caring is Sharing	308 S Beaver St, Woodville, TX 75979
Tyler County	Tri-County Community Action	1201 Cardinal Dr, Woodville, TX 75979
Victoria County	Meals on Wheels Victoria	603 E Murray St, Victoria, TX 77901
Victoria County	Senior Citizens Center	4009 Halsey St, Victoria, TX 77901

Walker County	Creekside Senior Living	1433 Veterans Memorial Pkwy, Huntsville, TX 77340
Walker County	Senior Center of Walker County	340-F TX-75, Huntsville, TX 77320
Waller County	The Waller Civic Center	3007 Waller St, Waller, TX 77484
Wharton County	First Baptist Child Development	507 N Fulton St, Wharton, TX 77488
Wharton County	Small Blessings Child Care	1717 Pioneer Ave, Wharton, TX 77488

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