



Dearest Altrusans of District Nine,

As you surely are aware, our beloved state has been besieged by a natural disaster. Many people, including some of our own Altrusans, are displaced, frightened and suffering. You might be wondering how you can help, or how your club can help. While certainly admirable, simple wondering will not help. Our actions in times like these are what make us relevant with our communities. It is time to act and act BIG.

First, I ask that if you know of an Altrusan that is currently dealing with this devastation, to please let a member of the District Board know. We are keeping a list of Altrusans that have been personally affected.

I propose to you that we put our own interests, including our own Club's projects and activities, on hold for a few weeks and work together as a cohesive District---The Mighty Ninth---to target where we can be of the most assistance during this time and in the immediate aftermath. Let's rally together behind the leadership of the District Nine Service Committee and create a Districtwide service project like has never been seen. Let us band together out of love for the State of Texas, District Nine and Altrusans everywhere.

Second, if you have an idea for a District Wide Project to help with this aftermath, please contact a District Board Member with it. We are pooling these ideas as this is going out and will work to do what will make the most impact.

Last but not least, go help your local shelters that are receiving evacuees by volunteering or donating items as needed now. You can do this as a club, group or individually. This is an immediate impact that each of us can make now. Also, see what is needed regarding shelters that are also receiving pets, we can't forget our furry friends.

Your District Nine Board of Directors and I support this notion wholeheartedly. We want to see all 36 Clubs in our District working together to alleviate the stress, anxiety and the lost in South Texas. Let us show our fellow Altrusans in Houston, Montgomery County and Orange, especially, that we ARE the Mighty Ninth: one District, one heart.

Thank you,

Linda C. Moore
District Nine Governor