



# CY-HOPE

Making Life Better for Kids in Cy-Fair

## HOPE AFTER HURRICANE HARVEY

Like so many in our community, Cy-Hope (www.cyhope.org), a local non-profit working to make life better for the over 50% economically disadvantaged families in Cy-Fair, sustained significant damage during Hurricane Harvey. Cy Hope lost half of the backpacks for their Backpack Feeding Program, a program they do in partnership with the Houston Food Bank that feeds over 1,600 food-insecure children and their families every weekend during the school year. Their Hope Chest Resale Market (located at 12015 Barker Cypress Rd in Cypress), which provides revenue to support their programs, took in three feet of water, wiping out most of the store's inventory and causing a lot of structural damage.

And, yet, true to their name and the spirit of our city, Cy-Hope has a lot of hope for the future. They had hundreds of community volunteers show up to help them get their Backpack Barn clean and ready to start food distribution for the new school year, as well as to begin the massive cleanup effort at their resale market. The Hope Chest started receiving donations again on September 11, and has already received an enormous number of items to start restocking their shelves once they get them back in place. The Hope Chest Resale Market is planning a "grand re-opening" celebration for Friday, October 9, almost a year to the date of when they celebrated their initial grand opening in 2016.

Cy-Hope's mission, from their inception in 2011, has been to make life better for kids in Cy-Fair. For Hurricane Harvey relief, they have broadened their scope to include the entire Cy-Fair community. In partnership with Foundry Church (www.foundrychurch.org), Cy-Hope has provided supplies, clothing, and work teams to assist our initial responders in helping families with the demolition/cleaning stage. This partnership also provided supplies to families needing clothing, cleaning and household supplies. To start the rebuilding stage, the partnership has expanded to include volunteer organizations from throughout the country - Austin Disaster Relief Network, Saddleback Church, UMCOR, Christians Providing Relief and many more.

While Cy-Hope wants to meet the short-term needs of their community, the long-term rebuilding of our community is where their heart is. They have the facilities and leadership in place to accommodate as many as 10 out-of-town rebuilding teams at one time. They will also serve as a logistical liaison so families with the highest need can get assistance with building materials, teams to do reconstruction, etc. Cy-Hope is ready to roll, but needs significant financial funding to move forward at the scale they have in mind. Cy-Fair represents 1/5 of the greater Houston area, so they will



*Cy-Hope's Executive Director, Lynda Zelenka and Finance & Donor Relations, Holly Calbat helping to remove sheetrock from The Hope Chest's salesroom. They're not afraid of getting their hands dirty!*

need a lot of help focused right here in our area.

In addition to the needs created by Hurricane Harvey, Cy-Hope remains committed to continuing the vital work they do to support Cy-Fair children:

- feeding 1,600 hungry children every weekend through their Backpack Feeding Program,
- operating three after-school Hope Centers and the Science-Technology-Engineering-Math

(STEM) Bus that serve in low-income areas,

- assisting students to be college- and career-ready through their Providing Opportunities Program that offers assistance to at-risk high school students through scholarships for Dual Credit, Advanced Placement, and Certification classes,
- coaching students through the Ambassador of Compassion program to have skills for L.I.F.E. and be equipped to be productive citizens,



- giving at-risk children an opportunity to experience summer fun at Camp Lemonade,

- encouraging students through the magic of music by offering CFISD Title 1 schools grants to continue or expand the arts,

- developing champions on and off the field by providing the best baseball instruction in a family-friendly and positive environment with Dierker's Champs, and

- offering counseling, assessments, speech and play therapy to all children and families at Cy-Hope's Counseling Center.

You can donate to these programs at [www.cy-hope.org/donate](http://www.cy-hope.org/donate). For donations toward rebuilding the community, please indicate "rebuild" in the memo. Rest assured that Cy-Hope spends every dollar they receive wisely – with 95% of every dollar going to their programs.

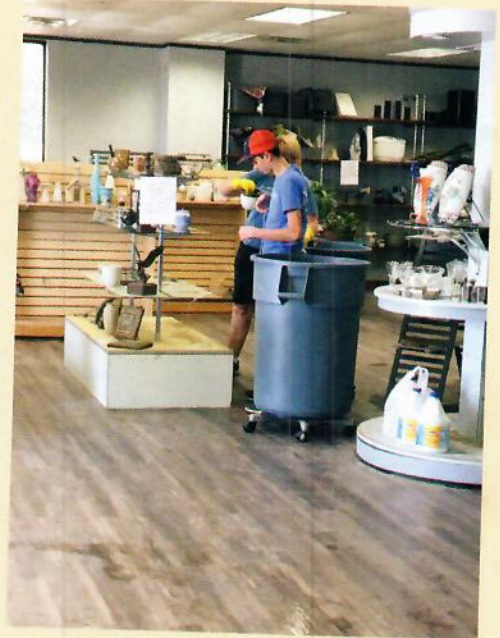
You can also support Cy-Hope by participating in one of their two upcoming fundraisers – the Judy Dierker Holiday Market on October 20 and 21 and the Larry Dierker Celebrity Golf Shootout on November 2.

### JUDY DIERKER HOLIDAY MARKET

Mark your calendars now for October 20 and 21, 2017! You won't want to miss the chance to shop the Judy Dierker Holiday Market - a wonderful fall market featuring almost 120 vendors. Every year, on the third weekend in October, the Foundry Church at 8350 Jones Road hosts this major Cy-Hope fundraiser. Most of their vendors return year after year to showcase everything from clothing, artisan food items, home décor, yard art, jewelry, handcrafted specialty items, toys, candles, holiday decorations, and more. The market happens rain or shine, with indoor and outdoor shopping options – and shoppers enjoy free admission and parking.



Hundreds of Volunteers Clean Out the Hope Chest



Cy-Hope's Chairman from its inception in 2011 through 2016 and remains a member of its Board of Directors. Larry doesn't just lend his name to one of Cy-Hope's largest fundraising events, the Larry Dierker Celebrity Golf Shootout; he's actively involved in the planning of it as well.

This year's Larry Dierker Celebrity Golf Shootout will be held on Thursday, November 2nd at the award-winning BlackHorse Golf Club at 12205 Fry Road in Cypress. This all-inclusive day includes lunch, beverages, dinner, raffle, player gifts, and an exciting round of golf with celebrities. Registration starts at 10 a.m. followed by lunch and then the shotgun start at noon. The dinner, raffle, and silent auction start at 5:30 p.m.; spouses are welcome for dinner for \$25. Sponsorship opportunities begin at \$400. Check out Cy-Hope's

events webpage ([www.cy-hope.org/events](http://www.cy-hope.org/events)) for information on registering as an individual player, team, or sponsor for this event.

### LOOK FOR CY-HOPE AT THESE UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cy-Hope is looking forward to participating at several upcoming community events. In October, you'll find them at the CFISD Health Expo (10/14 at the Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress Rd. in Cypress), Bridgeland's Howl-O-Ween Fest (10/21 at Bridgeland's Oak Meadow Park), and the Cypress Creek Lakes Zombie Stomp 5K race and 1 mile family run/walk (10/28 at 10080 Cypress Creek Bend Ln. in Cypress). Cy-Hope is grateful to have been selected as the recipient of the Zombie Stomp proceeds. ♦

## Judy Dierker Holiday Market

October 20 & 21, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

8350 Jones Road, Houston, TX 77065

Admission to the market is FREE! Come rain or shine.

### Shop over 100 vendors

Boutique home decor • Children's clothing & toys  
Artisan & handcrafted items • Jewelry & clothing  
Christmas & autumn specialties • Specialty candles  
Unique food products • Silent auction • Much more!

### Dierker's Dugout

Lunch & desserts, 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### Coffee & Treat Shoppe

Homemade baked goods, cold drinks & coffee

### Backyard Grill Tent

Breakfast & lunch, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

All proceeds benefit  **CY-HOPE**

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### LARRY DIERKER CELEBRITY GOLF SHOOTOUT

Most people know Larry Dierker as a great Major League Baseball All-Star pitcher, manager, and broadcaster but don't know that he was