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Dear Lumberjacks,

A few days ago I told you that our faculty, staff and students were beginning to rally together to provide help to our students, alumni and others who had been affected by Hurricane Harvey. Since that time a lot has been going on! I would like to update you about some of the work that has already occurred and provide you with information regarding a few upcoming opportunities to assist individuals in the impacted areas.

- Most of the 340 students who let us know they would be delayed in returning to campus due to the storm have now arrived, and we anticipate more will return before the end of this week. Our faculty and staff members are providing support to these students, and each of our six colleges has a specific contact person designated to serve as a resource to them.
- Our university community has been very generous in donating supplies needed by storm victims. Our sincere thanks go to the Drewery Construction Company in Nacogdoches for transporting the contributions of our SFA community to the areas of need on a daily basis. Campus Recreation staff members have delivered vanload after vanload of desperately needed items to the Drewery location, and additional items are being collected every day.
- Many members of our campus community are volunteering at Nacogdoches Red Cross shelters that have opened their doors to evacuees from the Beaumont and Jasper areas. Additionally, the university has provided assistance and temporary shelter to a number of students from Lamar University.
- This weekend, the SFA athletics department is sponsoring Buckets for Building and encouraging fans to bring items for use in the rebuilding and clean-up effort. Buckets filled with small tools or cleaning supplies will be collected before the volleyball and football games Saturday.
- SFA's School of Human Sciences is collecting supplies commonly used in interior design, such as architect's scales, drafting brushes and grid paper, to be delivered to students at Houston Community College, with whom we have partnered to provide the bachelor's degree in interior design.

For more information about these initiatives, and the impressive list of ongoing efforts sponsored by SFA departments and student organizations, visit www.sfasu.edu/harvey. The website will be regularly updated to provide the latest information about opportunities to donate or volunteer.

To the members of our Lumberjack family, including students, alumni and friends of SFA, who live and work in regions of the state that have been severely impacted by this devastating storm, we have not forgotten you. You are in our thoughts, and we will continue to work and assist in recovery efforts in any way possible.

Axe 'em!

Baker Pattillo
President