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## **TMO LEVERAGES \$27 MILLION IN DISASTER FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR MORE THAN 27,000 FAMILIES POST-HARVEY**

On October 6, the last official day of the Disaster SNAP food assistance program, The Metropolitan Organization (TMO) clergy and leaders called on elected officials to extend the program.

The need for an extension was strikingly evident by the 6-8 hour wait-times, lines forming the night before, individuals missing work, mothers carrying young children on their backs, and older adults waiting outside in the heat.

“TMO recognizes Congresswoman Sheila Jackson and Commissioner Rodney Ellis for successfully gaining a 3-day extension of the program. This extension allowed for more families to access Disaster SNAP benefits,” said Dr. Rhanel Johnson, Pastor of St. Andrew’s United Methodist Church and TMO Leader

Fr. Albert Zanatta mentioned, “Matthew 25:35 reads: for I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. These words of Christ, spurred TMO to call for an extension to meet the most basic of needs in this country of plenty. Through this work of advocacy, 27,000 families’ needs were met and children were assured of a decent meal. TMO will continue to work until all have received the recovery they need.”

Because of TMO’s advocacy, \$27 million (\$1,000 over two months per family) in disaster food assistance was awarded to more than 27,000 families in Harris County (official counts reported by Commissioner Ellis).

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