## Helping Arts Programs in Need After Harvey

**TMEA**, in conjunction with other state arts education organizations, is hosting a central website where arts programs affected by Hurricane Harvey can post their needs so that individuals and organizations around our state and nation can respond directly to them.

Was Your Program Affected by Harvey? Teachers or administrators of schools affected by the hurricane can go to https://help.goarts.org to register, provide contact information, and submit their inventory of needs (be sure to coordinate this registration so needs aren't duplicated). A school district email must be used in this request and will be part of this public page. After you submit your needs, your inventory and contact information will be public on this website for anyone to review so they can contact you directly to arrange their help. Once any of your needs are met, please edit your inventory to delete those items from public view.

**Share the Website.** With so many Southeast Texas programs affected, we need to spread the word. Share **https://help.goarts.org** with your support organizations and community, and request that they share it with their family, friends, and communities.

Can You Help Those Affected? Anyone (individuals/programs/organizations) who can help fulfill any need can go to https://help.goarts.org to search for requests. Programs will be identified by type (band, orchestra, vocal, elementary, dance, art, theater) so you can quickly find those with needs that likely fit the type of equipment/supplies you can offer. In addition to physical needs, some may have identified themselves as wanting to be adopted—meaning that your students can make personal contact with the students in a program to offer emotional support throughout this recovery and beyond.

We offer a huge thank you to all who are helping our fine arts programs recover and especially for helping students in these areas experience the joy that participation in fine arts programs can offer.