Eastern Region Outreach Projects

Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.

Deuteronomy 15:10-11

2019

Ushers Bring Water – Flint, Michigan

2018

Ushers Supports Education – Books for Students

The 2018 Outreach Project for the Mabel A. Grey Education Committee was **1,101 new books** presented to Leckie Elementary School in Washington, DC.

2017

Ushers Bearing Gifts – Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund

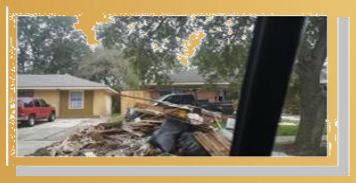
On November 8, 2017, Eastern Region Director and 2nd National Vice President Brother Charles J. Brown traveled to Houston, Texas to present Walmart Gift Cards to Hurricane Harvey impacted residents. Director Brown was met by Past National President Pauline Young, a Houstonian, to receive the gift cards. Besides the warm reception at the airport, President Young and two fellow Houstonians provided him with a brief tour of the devastated areas. Although most of the water had subsided, water markings on the sides of buildings and bridges were quite visible. Many of the homes in the affected areas had their belongings still piled up on the outside of their structures.

One of the highlights of the visit was the opportunity for Director Brown to visit the Houston City Council Session. At one point during the Session, the Mayor and City Council recognized Director Brown from NUCUAA, and thanked him for presenting gift cards to the residents. In addition to the public recognition, a Citation from Mayor Turner was also provided to Director Brown.

The gift cards were presented in time for an affected child, man, woman, or family to have a more blessed Thanksgiving. A total of $3,851 was donated to the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. The Eastern Region had participation from 7 of its 10 States. Thank you members, once again for caring for others!

Director Charles J. Brown presenting Walmart Gift Cards to Past National President Pauline Young

Dr. Linda Pates and Southern Region Officers receiving the Walmart Gift Cards



Debris outside a home in Houston

Director Charles J. Brown in the City Council Chamber

Director Brown with Houstonian Guides Ms. Maria Bolanos and Ms. Alyce Coffey

2016

Eastern Region Outreach To West Virginia Flooded Residents

On Saturday, July 2, 2016, Eastern Region Director Charles J. Brown traveled to White Sulphur Spring, West Virginia, one of the recent flooded communities. The journey was a 4 hour drive each way but the cause was worth the ride. Many homes are inhabitable. Home contents are piled outside of the soon to be molded structures. FEMA was there handing out cleaning supplies, food, and water. Many, many residents were left with only the clothes on their backs.

This town is the home of the Greenbrier Resort (10,000 acres) that annually sponsors The Greenbrier Classic Golf Tournament. The Resort was spared because of its location, canceled one of its tournaments, and had opened a portion of the Resort temporarily to the displaced residents.

With an approved donation of $500 from the Region's General Fund and the assistance of some members, the Eastern Region was able to present to White Sulphur Spring community WALMART Gift cards totaling $1,000. Special thanks to those individuals who provided the additional assistance.

Attached are pictures of the WALMART Gift Cards given to the Point-of-Contact, the Reverend Matthews Watts of Charleston, WV, Pastor of Grace Bible Church and to Pastors of New Vision Baptist Church and 1st Baptist Church. Both churches are located in White Sulphur Springs, WV. Reverend Watts is helping in the coordination of the relief efforts within the White Sulphur Spring's African-American community as well as others flooded areas of West Virginia.

Visiting the site really reinforces how blessed we are.

Charles J. Brown, Eastern Region Director and Rev. Matthew J. Watts, Pastor, Grace Bible Church of Charleston, West Virginia

Dale Mann, member of 1st Baptist Church; Rev. Kathie Holland, Pastor of New Vision Baptist Church; Rev. Greg Scott, Pastor of 1st Baptist Church; Rev. Matthew J.

2015

2014

2013

2012

USHERS BEARING GIFTS - HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF FUND

On December 15, 2012, Brother Charles J. Brown, Eastern Region Director and National Third Vice President, was accompanied by Sister Betty Butler, the Chairman of the National Board of Directors, to Atlantic City, New Jersey to present gift cards for Hurricane Sandy victims.

Two churches that were instrumental in assisting affected Atlantic City residents were selected as distribution locations: St. James AME (Pastor Rev. James Coaxum, III) and Second Baptist (Pastor Rev. Collins Days). Both churches were very receptive to receiving the gifts. Many Atlantic City residents are still feeling the impact of Hurricane Sandy. The gift cards were presented in time for an affected child, man, woman, or family to have a more blessed Christmas.

A total of $6,500 was donated for the Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund. Special thanks to the Southern and Western Regions for $1,000 each, the Central Region for $500, and the Eastern Region for $4,000. Thank you once again for caring for others.

Director Brown, Chairman Butler, Rev. Coaxum

Chairman Butler, Rev. Days, Director Brown

2011

Church Ushers Ministry Assists Others in Need!

On April 27, 2011, several southern and central States were devastated by tornados and floods. This disaster left many American without homes, clothes, food, and medication. In May 2011, Brother Charles J. Brown, Director for the Eastern Region Church Ushers' Association made an appeal to the membership to lend a helping hand to these fellow Americans affected by these calamities. The membership of this church usher ministry responded with a monetary donation of $2,600.

After research, the Association decided to share its love gifts to the residents of Birmingham, AL - specifically those impacted in Pratt City, AL. The Association sent Director Brown to Pratt City, AL on August 23rd to personally deliver WALMART gift cards to the Special Relief Fund for Pratt City. Director Brown was accompanied by Southern Region Director, Brother Harold Hester and Past National President Willie Joe Minnifield. Ms. Helen Lyles, who serves as the Center's Office Manager, was very appreciative for the love shared by the Association. She indicted that many of the residents did not have insurance to rebuild, and had left their homes with just the clothes on their backs.

The Eastern Region Church Ushers Association is the Eastern Component of the National United Church Ushers Association of America, Incorporated (NUCUAA). Locally, the Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Washington, DC & Vicinity (ICUA), the Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Virginia, as well as the Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Maryland are members of the Eastern Region Church Ushers' Association. The other participating States that comprise the Eastern Region are: Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.

Harold Hester, Southern Region Director, Helen Lyles, Relief CTR Manager, Charles J. Brown, Eastern Region Director, and Willie J. Minnifield, Past National President