



Humble Area Assistance Ministries

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As far as named Hurricane's go, we are all generally familiar with the recent "big ones" – Harvey, Irma, Katrina, and Sandy. Once you've lived through one, you feel the pain that people are experiencing when you see news coverage of another area being destroyed.

That's what motivated one group to come to Lake Houston.



Katye Colbert, Cathy Schrof, Robyn Pangi, Trey Mebane, Ed Tovar and David Marchetti Handover the Keys

"We experienced Sandy," said Trey Mebane, Business Development for Ocean Powers Technology, "and when we saw what Harvey was doing, our hearts went out to the people down here."

Ocean Powers Technology is headquartered in Pennington, NJ, not too far from the state capitol. The team in Pennington started a donation drive: in 10 days, they gathered about 3,000 pounds of supplies. Then they undertook the logistical planning to get the supplies to HAAM. First, they worked with Landstar Trucking to secure transport, then they contacted Reed Crane and Rigging to move the pod from the truck to HAAM's parking lot. "Both," said Mebane, "offered generous pricing on their services."

OPT has roots in New Jersey, but also a strong presence in the Houston area, specifically The Woodlands. But how did they select HAAM?

"CEO George Kirby wanted to make this gift to an organization that takes a hand-to-hand approach to distributing donations," Mebane explained, "and HAAM is that type of place."

To add to the gift of supplies, Ocean Powers Technology donated the shipping container, adding vital storage to HAAM's limited space.

"We are absolutely thrilled to have this relationship with Ocean Powers Technology," said HAAM Executive Director Millie Garrison. "The way they partnered with Landstar Trucking and Reed Crane and Rigging to

facilitate the transport and transfer of these critical donations was amazing. People all over the country have shown their true colors in supporting the recovery efforts in Lake Houston.”



It took a crane to move the pod and 3,000 pounds of goods donated by Ocean Power Technologies

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