

Center of Hope “Camp Champions” for Refugees and Relief Workers

Volunteers work around the clock as the Center of Hope and Bethany World Prayer Center continue to receive evacuees. As of last night, there were 650 refugees sheltered at the north campus of Bethany World Prayer Center, while the Center of Hope on Reiger Road has been set up as “Camp Champion” for relief workers. Camp Champion provides beds and a hot evening meal for 150 relief workers, policemen, firemen, Search and Rescue teams, and Wildlife and Fisheries workers needing a place to rest and rejuvenate.

The Center of Hope is also transforming its 14,000-square-foot warehouse into a distribution center for disaster relief provisions. Today the director of Feed the Hungry from South Bend, Indiana, is flying in to assess the needs and observe the use of the 43,000 pounds of food he donated yesterday. “We are very grateful for this much needed and very generous contribution for the evacuees we are sheltering. We are still in need of bedding and other energy-restoring food provisions for the rescue workers we are caring for,” said Roger Bower, director of the Center of Hope.

At present, the Center of Hope is asking for donations of bedding, Gatorade, and Power Bars for rescue workers, as well as bedding, toiletries, toothpaste, shampoo, diapers, pillows, blankets, mattresses, and nonperishable food items.