

# Baptists respond in the aftermath of Dolly

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[Baptist Child & Family Services](#) dispatched a mobile medical unit and feeding team to the Lower Rio Grande Valley to help families affected by Hurricane Dolly.

About 70 individuals and 15 vehicles from San Antonio headed down south to manage emergency housing for those affected by the hurricane and resulting rains. In addition to shelters for special medical needs evacuees, BCFS will also manage general population shelters.

BCFS had been in the midst of preparing to manage medical special needs shelters in San Antonio if a mandatory evacuation of the Texas coast had been necessary.

Sustained hurricane winds tilled power lines all across the lower Rio Grande Valley, keeping emergency and disaster relief vehicles busy. (BCFS photo by Craig Bird)



Ed Emmons, a member of Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio, who does double Baptist duty working for Texas Baptist Men and Baptist Child & Family Services, delivers breakfast to the BCFS medical special needs shelter at Rivera High School in Brownsville Friday morning. Children who were brought to the shelter at 4 a.m. were ready to eat by 10 a.m. (BCFS photo by Craig Bird)



Two young girls who became friends at the BCFS shelter in Port Isabel after Hurricane Dolly destroyed their homes, share a video while enjoying the cool air (a rarity in a town where only those with generators have electricity). (BCFS photo by Craig Bird)



Charles Dodson, executive director of Breckenridge Village in Tyler discusses the care of a wheel-chair bound, homeless man who was in the first batch of medical special needs hurricane victims to arrive at the BCFS shelter in Brownsville. (BCFS photo by Craig Bird)