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CEDARVILLE, OHIO – Cedarville University will send 30 students to Houston October 14-21 to provide relief for those devastated by Hurricane Harvey. The university is also exploring plans to send two additional teams of students to Florida and the Dominican Republic in the fall to help people affected by Hurricane Irma.

The team of students and staff leaders will depart from Cedarville University's Stevens Student Center at 1 pm Saturday, Oct. 14. The group expects to arrive in Houston approximately 20 hours after leaving Cedarville.

Cedarville's Houston team will partner with Northeast Houston Baptist Church at Farrington Mission, a community center that serves one of Houston's largest underprivileged areas.

Students will repair damages caused by flooding and strengthen Farrington Mission's ongoing ministries, which include a large food pantry, clothing closet, men's basketball ministry and pregnancy resource clinic.

"We want to respond to these situations with the compassion of Christ," said Brian Nester, director of global outreach at Cedarville. "When Christ saw a need, he sought to meet the need. When people are in dire straits, we need to meet those needs as much as possible."

Cedarville has established a relief fund to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. The fund will cover the cost for students to participate in the trip and finance other hurricane relief efforts. To donate, give online at www.cedarville.edu/giveglobal.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,963 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 100 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings and leading student satisfaction ratings. For more information about the University, visit www.cedarville.edu.