



# Gulf Coast Community Services Association, Inc.

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## TXU Energy Donates \$10,000 towards GCCSA's COVID-19 Relief Program

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### Donation is part of a \$450,000 commitment to help impacted Texas communities

HOUSTON, Texas (March 26, 2020) – Gulf Coast Community Services Association, Inc. (GCCSA) is receiving \$10,000 in emergency relief funding from TXU Energy towards its efforts assisting Harris County households negatively impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. One hundred gift cards in the amount of \$100 were awarded to families who live in Harris County and have median household incomes within [200% of the federal poverty line](#).

TXU Energy announced it is committing \$450,000 to support Texans facing the unprecedented challenges presented by the pandemic. This donation is part of a \$2 million pledge from the energy company's parent company, Vistra Energy.

"During this time of deep uncertainty, TXU Energy is not only focused on keeping the lights on for millions of Texans, we are also linking arms with non-profits statewide to address critical needs in our communities," said Scott Hudson, president of TXU Energy. "This company has longstanding partnerships with social service agencies across Texas, and we are proud to stand with them as they face this invisible enemy head-on."

The overall \$450,000 donation will directly assist communities and individuals as they work to meet their most pressing needs, including support for food banks and food pantries, bill-payment assistance, critical needs, and more.

GCCSA is one of 34 TXU Energy Aid <sup>[SM]</sup> partners and non-profits awarded funds of at least \$10,000. Like many of its peers, the Agency has been hit with a sharp increase in demand and dwindling supplies to meet it. However, GCCSA is no stranger to providing relief in moments of crises affecting the vulnerable populations of Harris County. When the Houston-area was impacted by the Tax Day Floods, Memorial Day Floods, and the worst storm in an age, Hurricane Harvey, GCCSA rose to the challenge, assisting several thousand of Harris County's devastated households per disaster.

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**About Gulf Coast Community Services Association, Inc:** As Harris County's Community Action Agency, the purpose of Gulf Coast Community Services Association, Inc. (GCCSA) is to strengthen the educational, social and economic well-being of individuals and families as they move toward economic independence and self-sufficiency. Founded in 1965, GCCSA provides diverse programs designed to eliminate the inhibitive conditions of the under-served and un-served populations of Harris County. Through programs such as Head Start/ Early Head Start, Rent and Electricity Assistance, Food Pantry, Adult Literacy and Education, and Vocational Training and Education Scholarships, GCCSA is able to assist families in earning a living wage, individuals in the advancement of their education, and communities in gaining economic security. To learn more about GCCSA's programs and services, visit: [www.gccsa.org](http://www.gccsa.org).

The Corporate office and all Head Start/Early Head Start Centers are closed to the public at this time.



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