

Physical and Mental Relief for Rescue Workers at the Center of Hope

In addition to providing a place for rest, showers, hot meals, and snack provisions to 150 rescue workers, the Center of Hope is also providing counseling services for those workers who need it.

Relief workers are overjoyed and very grateful when they arrive and find quiet, solitude and a place to rest, but many are dealing with mixed emotions in the aftermath of their relief efforts. “They are being shot at and forced to separate families because they can help only so many at a time. They are seeing children sick from the environmental conditions, and they are not able to help in some cases. Other times, people don’t want their help, and they can’t understand why. These rescue workers are dealing with mixed emotions, and we are offering sessions with our trained counselors to help them process what they’ve experienced,” said Roger Bower, director of the Center of Hope

The Center of Hope is in need of baby wipes, Power Bars, soap, Gatorade, water, ice, portable stoves, deep fryers, and other cooking appliances.