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## Harvey Neighborhood Rescue Team Recognized For Rescuing Survivors From Their Homes Amid Rising Flood Water

West Street Recovery Recognized by Texas Houser Awards

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**TEXAS** - West Street Recovery, a grassroots group that emerged from the flood waters of Hurricane Harvey was recognized by the Texas Houser Awards for their rescue efforts during the storm and recovery advocacy since.

"Those most affected by Harvey's waters were low-income communities and people of color who have faced inequality years before the storm's waters," **said Chrishelle Palay, executive director of HOME.** "West Street Recovery is a dynamic grassroots group that stepped in to help their neighbors. In addition to mucking, gutting, repairing and rebuilding damaged homes, they continuously advocate for residents affected by Harvey through ensuring equitably rebuilding and recovery at the county, city, and federal level. Congratulations to West Street on a much deserved award."

West Street Recovery has been a member of the HOME coalition since it's conception last August. Other members of HOME include: Texas Organizing Project, Texas Sierra Club, Texas Appleseed, Texas Housers, and Workers Defense Project.

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Houston Organizing Movement for Equity (HOME) is a coalition of community, policy, and service-based organizations committed to an equitable recovery from Hurricane Harvey for all Houstonians. For updates, follow us on twitter @HOME coaition.

## TWEETS:

Harvey rescue team, new grassroots group, recognized for rescuing survivors form their homes amid rising flood water (photo, link to TX housers website)

Since Hurricane Harvey, West Street Recovery worked to amplify the voices of Hurricane survivors by advocating for a more equitable recovery for communities of color and people with modest means (photo, link to TX housers website)

@weststreetrecovery, @LUPE, and @ElaineMoralez-Diaz were recognized by @TexasHousers Awards for their efforts in providing a path forward for fair housing advocates. (photo, link to TX housers website)