

Uvalde: May 26, 2022

Here's how to help Uvalde shooting victims, survivors and their families

While families and community members in Uvalde process their grief after the worst school shooting in Texas history, they are also dealing with medical, funeral and legal expenses. Here's how you can help.

Resources for families

Belong, a division of SJRC Texas, a nonprofit that cares for children and families that have faced trauma, put together a list of resources for those affected by the Uvalde shooting, including financial, medical, mental health and grief support services.

Monetary donations

Crowdfunding platform GoFundMe set up a page with verified fundraisers put together by family members of shooting victims and nonprofit organizations.

The Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District created a bank account at First State Bank of Uvalde where people can send funds directly to shooting victims and their families. Funds can be sent electronically through Zelle using the email robbschoolmemorialfund@gmail.com or through the mail at the address 200 East Nopal St., Uvalde, Texas 78801. Make checks payable to the "Robb School Memorial Fund."

The City of Uvalde set up a separate fund to which people can mail checks payable to the "Robb School Memorial Fund" to P.O. Box 799, Uvalde, Texas 78802.

University Health San Antonio has also set up the Uvalde Victim Relief Fund for shooting victims and their families on their website. To donate to this fund, people should select "SP-Uvalde Victims Relief Fund" under designation when making a one-time or recurring donation.

The League of United Latin American Citizens is also fundraising for survivors and families of Uvalde shooting victims, saying that 100% of one-time or recurring donations will go directly to those affected by the shooting.

Blood donations

The South Texas Blood and Tissue Center and University Health San Antonio are asking for blood donations to help supplement survivors of the shooting. People can schedule an appointment with the center here or with University Health here.

Roger Ruiz, a senior communications specialist for the center, said although blood donation appointments are booked through next week, people need to continue to donate blood beyond this tragedy, as centers across the country have experienced a blood shortage for about two years now.

"Just because we saw 600 donors doesn't mean that we have a seven-day supply of blood on the shelves," Ruiz said. "You can remember on top of what we're sending out with Uvalde, we still have to keep our orders with all our hospitals because there's still patients in our area that still need transfusions, so that's why it's so important to have an adequate blood supply."

The center is asking people who have made appointments to call the center at 210-757-9509 if they can't make it so they can schedule another donor.

We Are Blood, a nonprofit blood donation center that serves Central Texas, is partnering with AT&T to host a blood drive at the Texas Capitol on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in honor of the Uvalde shooting victims. Two buses will be parked at 1220 Colorado Street to take blood donations from walk-ins only, no appointments. While We Are Blood has been in contact with the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center, the center has not asked We Are Blood to send blood to Uvalde as of Wednesday afternoon, said Nick Canedo, the vice president of community engagement for We Are Blood. But We Are Blood remains on standby to assist if needed, Canedo said.

Funeral services

Local funeral parlors are offering free funeral services to the families of those who were killed in the shooting.

The Rushing-Estes-Knowles Mortuary said in a Facebook post their professionals are helping law enforcement at Robb Elementary School and that families would not be charged for their services.

The Hillcrest Memorial Funeral Home also said they are assisting families affected by the Uvalde shooting at no cost.

Legal services

The San Antonio Legal Services Association called on Facebook for volunteer attorneys to offer free legal services to victims' families and survivors.

Source: <https://www.texastribune.org/2022/05/25/uvalde-shooting-how-to-help/>

Contact us anytime for confidential assistance.

Uvalde Resources

Crisis Counseling

DISASTER DISTRESS HOTLINE

The Disaster Helpline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. This confidential, multilingual, and free service is available to all residents of the United States and its territories. Stress, anxiety, and other depression-like symptoms are common reactions after a disaster. Call or text 1-800-985-5990 (press 2 for Spanish) to contact a counselor trained in dealing with crisis situations. All disasters can cause emotional distress. Some of the people who are most at risk are: survivors living in impacted areas (including children and adolescents), relatives or friends of victims, those administering first aid, rescue and recovery workers.

BELONG FREE FAMILY GRIEF COUNSELING

Our team of licensed clinical professionals are available to assist you and your families.

Call Us at 210-876-6958, select Option 1

Email Us at belong@sjrctexas.org

HILL COUNTY MHDD

Hill Country MHDD 328 Crystal City Hwy. Uvalde, TX 1-800-662-6052 (830) 278-2501 Crisis Line: 1-877-466-0660

<https://www.hillcountry.org/services/ualde-county-mh-center-2/>

CLARITY CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER

Available to provide face to face psychiatric and therapy services. Call 210-616-0300 and specify you are needing services related to the Uvalde emergency.

COUNSELING AT THE CIVIC CENTER FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

Available for students and staff from Robb Elementary. All other students and staff will be provided counseling at your specific school.

CHILDREN'S BEREAVEMENT CENTER OF SOUTH TEXAS

We are available for children's grief counseling, support groups, camps and school-based grief education and services. Age range is 3 through 23 years. All services at no cost to families. Please call 210-736-4847.

K'STAR YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Free Counseling for children and families -Main office- 830-896-5404 -Program Coordinator, Haley Salazar- 830-739-4412

ANY BABY CAN

Any Baby Can provides grief counseling and funeral assistance for parents and caregivers who have lost children.

<https://www.anybabycansa.org/>

210-227-0170

FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION

Family Service grieves with our friends, families, and neighbors for all victims of the Robb Elementary School Mass Shooting. We are here, as we have been since 2000, in Uvalde, to help families. If you, or anyone you know, has been affected by this tragedy and is in need of counseling, grief and mental health support, or crisis management resources, we are here for you.

830-448-9630

<https://family-service.org/ualde/#resources>

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THE ARC OF SAN ANTONIO

We can assist with helping people with disabilities find grief counseling.

(210) 490-4300

They can ask for the case manager of the day.

Source: <https://sjrcbelong.org/ualde-resources/?fbclid=IwAR2jb3Pkes5GI1MJsexwnGgJc1ZcbM->

Contact us anytime for confidential assistance.

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Resources and Support for the Victims in Uvalde, Texas

OVC joins communities across the Nation to express our grief and sadness for the victims of the shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.

The following resources may be of assistance to the victims, their families, and the community during this difficult time. Resources are also available to help victim service providers, educators, law enforcement, first responders, and community and faith leaders responding to this tragedy.

Victim Helplines

VictimConnect

VictimConnect is an OVC-funded service that offers confidential assistance to victims of crime. Trained specialists are available to help you locate services in your area, including mental health counseling, legal services, and more. Contact VictimConnect from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. eastern time at:

Phone: 855-4-VICTIM (855-484-2846)

Chat: <https://chat.victimsofcrime.org/victim-connect/>

Dial 711 and VictimConnect staff can provide services through an interpreter in more than 200 languages, and to hearing- and speech-impaired individuals.

Disaster Distress Helpline

The Disaster Distress Helpline, funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, is a national hotline dedicated to providing year-round disaster crisis counseling.

This 24/7 toll free, multilingual, crisis support service is available to residents in the United States and its territories who are experiencing emotional distress related to natural or human-caused disasters, including incidents of mass violence. Call or text the hotline at 800-985-5990.

Victim Compensation

Texas' Crime Victims' Compensation Program, funded in part through the OVC-administered Crime Victims Fund, may help offset a victim's financial burden related to funeral, mental health, medical, and other expenses. Following is contact information for this program:

Crime Victims' Compensation Program

Phone: 800-983-9933

Email: www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/crime-victims/crime-victim-services-contact-us

Local Resources

There are resources in the immediate area that may offer services to those impacted by this tragedy, including the following organizations:

- Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of San Antonio, Inc.: <https://ccaosa.org/catholic-charities-ualde/>
- Family Service Association of San Antonio, Inc.: <https://family-service.org/>
- The Children's Bereavement Center of South Texas: <https://cbcst.org/>

Source : <https://ovc.ojp.gov/resources-and-support-victims-ualde-texas>

To Get Help

Texas

- United Way 2-1-1: Dial 2-1-1 or visit: <http://www.211texas.org/>
- American Red Cross: 512.928.4271 or visit: <http://www.redcross.org/local/texas/central-and-south-texas>
- Texas Division of Emergency Management: 512.424.2208 or visit: <https://tdem.texas.gov/>

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