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**AT/DME Disaster Response Call with PiDS, Portlight and**

**Pass It On Center**

**Aug. 31, 2017 4 PM CT**

**Calls will continue at this number daily at 4 PM CT: 641-715-3580; PIN: 996329#**.

Paul’s cell phone: 843-817-2651

**AT | DME Portal:** John Wilbanks wilbanj1@gmail.com with Portlight is actively working with the Pass It On Center, LATAN, FODAC, ProjectMend and Jamie P. to develop a portal so that we can exchange equipment Organization to Organization smoothly and effectively. Pass It On Center continues to receive lists of what people need.

**Identifying AT | DME Needs: Volunteers** are available to go to shelters in Houston. The list should be sent to Marcie.roth@gmail. There are also physicians ready to assist, pediatricians and others. This list should also be sent to Marcie. A special call will set up with the shelter volunteers. Devise a question list for information about specific devices to be used by volunteers.

Dawn and Hannah asked about questionnaire, forms, and tools to be provided to volunteers. CP: We are pulling together training in one location on the wiki. Get information to them.

Will the volunteers need special credentials to get into the shelter? PT: Policies vary. We need to clarify with Red Cross, but it varies.

**Cathy Valdez, Project MEND, San Antonio**: What is happening to evacuees in Corpus Christi, Port Aransas and other areas? No one has information about the status in those areas.

Ron: 243 other shelters. Beaumont area is under water and focused on life support. He will attempt to get the shelter list.

Can we identify people from those areas who can join this call?

**Transportation:** Carolyn Phillips reported that Ruth Rust at FODAC reported some trucking contacts. There is also a UPS “in kind request” but the request must go through each state VOAD. The equipment should be palletized if possible, and they would prefer to pick up at a shipping dock. Need mode of preferred transportation; shipping and delivery information and a good contact. UPS will not cover taxes, duties, etc. We will post this information to the Knowledge Base and the website. Portlight will help underwrite some of the transportation costs for Pass It On Center equipment.

**UPS IN KIND SHIPPING OPPORTUNITY**: National VOAD is pleased to announce that our generous partner, The UPS Foundation, is offering in-kind shipping of full truckloads or multiple pallets to National VOAD Members for their response or recovery operations. To apply for this opportunity, members will need to fill out a form with the requesting organization's information, point of contact, and specifics regarding the shipment. Members will also need to detail what the requested services will support, such as number of people served, sheltered, supported, etc. and over what time period. Please fill out [this form](https://t.e2ma.net/click/motgn/2g2agt/i9madf) and return it toamelia@nvoad.org with the subject line indicating '[Member Organization Name] In-Kind Shipping Request [Date].

**Warehouse space:** We have progress on warehouse space and a volunteer and the information may be finalized on tomorrow’s call.

**Equipment:** We are working to provide specific information about condition and terms of transfer. Make clear what to do with the equipment when it is no longer needed. If possible, they could return it to Paul’s warehouse to return to Project MEND or to re-distribute in the area. There is also a large warehouse for equipment used in developing countries. They will partner with Project MEND, and if the items are not needed, they would be appreciated in the developing countries.

Paul: Be aware that some people are being moved from Georgia Brown Center to the NRG Center. There is also a rumor that there will be a “special section” for people with disabilities.

**Angela ? with Trac Mamas of Louisiana**. They are a bridge to sources of home medical supplies. Everything is on the website littlelobbyist.com. Paul will get offline update.

Great progress is being made in organizing and mobilizing AT | DME Reuse efforts to assist those in need!