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City shows unity

As mayor of El Paso and a citizen of this community, I was delighted to see the community's response to assist and welcome the hurricane evacuees. As soon as we were informed that the City of El Paso was selected as a host city, we received immediate offers for assistance from citizens, civic organizations, businesses and the Christian faith community.

It is during difficult times that a city shows its unity and solidarity and El Pasoans kindly got involved without delay and made the evacuees feel that adversity can be turned into opportunity and freedom. As a result, many of the evacuees decided to stay and reside in our city and others joined family members in other cities.

It was extremely rewarding to see volunteers working diligently and enthusiastically to aid the evacuees. The gracious donations were overwhelming and wisely used. The constant concern from El Pasoans was gratifying.

Again, thank you for your generosity and keep up the good work.

John F. Cook
Mayor of El Paso