



# Post-Disaster Home Repairs: Past and Ongoing Construction in Houston, Texas

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## Background

- The Restoration Team (TRT) has been operating in Houston since 2017, and has helped over 565 families recover from disasters. Through volunteers and a team of staff, TRT focuses on home repairs from disaster events such as Hurricane Beryl, Winter Storm Uri, and many other major and smaller scale events. TRT often fills the gaps left behind in other programs, such as FEMA, and provides a way for those who may not otherwise be able to afford repairs to their homes post-disaster receive them.
- TRT has been a CHEER partner since 2022
- TRT applied for a seed grant from CHEER to hire a client coordinator and complete a program evaluation survey.



## Key Findings

- 81% of clients were extremely satisfied with services from The Restoration Team
- 82% of participants said they were concerned about future hazards damaging their homes, but only 17% of clients said they would consider relocating.
  - Clients cited reasons for not relocating to be community, intergenerational housing, and the persistence of hazards across the Houston area.

## Preliminary Results

- N=18
- 88% African American, 13% White
- 83% had a household income below \$35,000/year
- 65% of households were over the age of 65
- 63% had a medical need or disability affecting their need for repairs
- 56% did not have insurance (renters or homeowners)
- 75% had applied for federal assistance (FEMA, SBA)
- The hazard that impacted the household ranged from Hurricane Bery and Derecho winds (2024), Winter Storm Uri (2021), to various unnamed events.



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## Applications

As federal funding for disaster recovery continues to decline, the importance of community organizations like TRT grows greater.

- Community-engaged research is meaningful to show how these impacts affect households and organizations alike.