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Storm Survivor

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**In 2017, Georgetta Boykin became one of 13 million people affected by Hurricane Harvey. Her home destroyed and her possessions ruined, Georgetta faced extreme loss and hardship. For years, she experienced the lingering devastation of that storm.**

**There was no way Georgetta could rebuild what had been lost on her own. Heart burdened and hands empty, hope felt impossible.**

Then in 2020, 39 Disaster Response Services volunteers joined World Renew to help Georgetta recover. Working on teams of twelve to twenty-four and serving in three-week shifts, these volunteers, many of whom were retirees, came alongside Georgetta to change the course of her story.

Each year, World Renew witnesses storms that wreak destruction upon vulnerable communities, and each year, the DRS team feels blessed to respond through the work of passionate volunteers who join those communities, hand-in-hand, and help families rebuild.

For these volunteers, the work may not be easy, but it's a calling they cherish. Bonnie Vanderveen, the onsite manager for World Renew who oversaw the completion of Georgetta Boykin's house explains, "We are not as fast as someone who does it every day at 25 years old, but we get the job done. While other retirees are on a beach in Florida, this is what we do."

But DRS thrives on far more than the passion of volunteers, it also relies upon the generosity of churches who give in the years following a hurricane and provide the resources required for recovery.

Last year, work for storm survivors abruptly stopped due to COVID-19. In 2021, DRS has committed to return to disaster sites and ensure that people like Georgetta continue to find hope. Your gifts today make that hope possible. Thank you for partnering with World Renew.