



La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux

THE SOCIETY OF 40 MEN & 8 HORSES
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Kids Happy with Donation from Veteran Group

Kids from three schools in Aransas County ISD welcomed the donation from La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, a small veteran organization commonly known as “*La Societe*” or simply the “*Forty & Eight*”. As part of their Youth Sports program the Texas chapter of La Societe, the Grande Voiture du Texas, was able to donate sporting equipment to the Live Oak Learning Center, Fulton Learning Center and Rockport-Fulton Middle School.

Grand Publiciste David Knutson stated “With so much of their equipment damaged or missing after Hurricane Harvey we are happy to be able to provide the kids with some of these small but important items.” The Forty & Eight provided scrimmage vests, flag football belts, dodge balls, bean bag toss, scoop ball and several other items for team sports.

Robin L. Rice, Principal of Live Oak Learning Center responded to the donation stating: *I can't adequately express our gratefulness for whatever the Society of 40 & 8 are able to do for our students.*

The Grande Voiture du Texas is also currently working to raise funds for technology donations to some of the other schools in Aransas County ISD. David Knutson, who is also Grand Child Welfare Directeur, reports they are getting donations in from Forty & Eight members from other parts of the US and Texas such as the Germany Club, Grand du Ohio, American Legion Alamo Post 2 in San Antonio, American Legion Knebel Post 83 in Austin, Voitures (40 & 8 Posts) from throughout Texas and Voyageurs Militaire (40 & 8 members known as “military travelers” from Texas and other states.

However, we need help to reach their goal of \$20,000 to support this cause. Directeur Knutson stated “Many people did things immediately after Hurricane Harvey hit and assistance has dropped off now, but NOW is when much of the assistance is still needed and in areas which could not be addressed in the immediate aftermath of the hurricane.”

The Aransas County ISD was identified as a group who has been overlooked with the thousands who need everyone's assistance. They do not have the size and funding base to recover as easily as some other school districts so any assistance is very welcome.

If you would like to donate to this great cause please go to:

<https://www.texasboxcar.org/hurricane-harvey-relief.html>

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