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Northeast Florida Area



This summer, members of the Northeast Florida Area presented a grant in the amount of \$5,278 to the Field of Dreams. The Field of Dreams is a non-profit organization that provides mentally and physically handicapped children with the opportunity to play baseball in over 200 specially designed baseball fields throughout the United States.

Pictured above are Field of Dreams Board Members, George Vancore and Gene Kolisnyk, receiving the grant at the Northeast Florida Area's monthly Mass at San Jose Catholic Church.

Flooding After Hurricane Harvey

Upcoming Association Events

October 4
Spiritual Outreach Call

October 10
<u>Distance Learning Call</u>

October 13
Feast of Blessed
Gerard

November 2-4
Investiture Weekend

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In the wake of devastating flooding after Hurricane Harvey, disaster relief experts from Malteser International have arrived in the US-State of Texas to support the American associations of the Order of Malta in providing aid on the ground. Members of the Order of Malta are already providing first response to affected people in an individual capacity, and will join Malteser International to coordinate first steps for a rapid aid in devastated areas. Malteser International's Secretary General, Ingo Radtke will also travel to the United States in the coming days. "In addition to our aid measures for disaster management and plans for rehabilitation, our commitment to help is also a gesture of solidarity" said Radtke, who is in constant touch with the US Associations of the Order of Malta.

The experts will work in close cooperation with the US Associations of the Order and other local organizations to ensure that the most vulnerable social groups are supported. According to the professionals, aid measures will benefit old and sick people, families with young children, and undocumented immigrants long after the media attention in the state. "Millions have been affected, over 100,000 homes have been destroyed. Many people in Houston have been rendered homeless, and have lost all their possessions." said Radtke. "Because these people have been left with nothing, there is an urgent need to support them in rebuilding their lives. The rehabilitation of the region will, without doubt, take a number of years."

Malteser International has made 50,000 euros available as an initial funding for such aid programs.

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