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## Fort Bend County and community partners distribute groceries and PPE in Rosenberg, Needville

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- On Saturday, the Office of Fort Bend County Judge KP George, in partnership with local leaders and community groups, distributed groceries, water and PPE at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Rosenberg and at Greater New Prospect Baptist Church in Needville.

“I want to thank everyone today for coming out today to our community here,” said Deacon Albert Yanez from Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. “There’s a lot of need, we have long lines.”



“I grew up in this [Our Lady of Guadalupe] church,” said 434th District Judge Christian Becerra. “This neighborhood raised me, and I am so happy the county has finally come out to our community. Thank you, Judge George, for bringing this [food drive] to our community. We’re going to keep coming out here.”

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Community officials and volunteers worked for four hours Saturday morning, distributing groceries, milk, cheese, PPE, and antibacterial wipes. Topo Chico donated approximately 1600 cases of bottled water.

“We are very grateful you are giving us an opportunity to serve,” said Gitesh Desai, president of the Houston chapter of [Sewa International](#). “We believe that the world is one family and serving humanity is serving divinity. ‘Sewa’ means selfless service in Sanskrit.”

Hindu faith based nonprofit Sewa International distributed over 43,000 pounds of food to families affected by winter storm Uri in Houston. Their COVID response efforts over the past year include setting up a helpline for people in the Houston area, distributing food and PPE, conducting information sessions, providing hot meals to first responders, and setting up a plasma matching registry.

Saturday’s event not only provided sustenance to area families but proved to be a welcome and unexpected celebration of diversity and community togetherness. Towards the end of the drive, Sewa invited volunteers and officials to take part in traditional Holi festivities, the Hindu festival of colors which celebrates the triumph of good over evil and marks the beginning of spring.

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