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Special Community of Evacuees at Camp Gilmont following Hurricane Laura

Camp Gilmont in Gilmer, Texas is housing 80 evacuees from Evergreen Life Services (www.evergreenls.org) following Hurricane Laura. All of the residents and staff evacuated safely, but the group homes, vocational and community housing in Lake Charles were all devastated by Hurricane Laura. The evacuees are all adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities along with their resilient, yet weary, caregivers.

The Evergreen community was first sent to a hotel in Natchitoches, LA which soon lost power. They settled in at Camp Gilmont on Friday, August 28. There are eighty evacuees and 2020 also happens to be Gilmont's 80th birthday! The historic camp is grateful to be able to welcome Evergreen Life Services, feed them, house them, and provide the peace of the East Texas woods. During this time of uncertainty when many of Gilmont's traditional fall groups had canceled due to COVID-19, the camp is grateful for this opportunity to be in active ministry. Gilmont is inviting partners to share in the effort to care for this special group of people by making donations.

Gilmont is invoicing Evergreen Life Services, but they are a nonprofit just like we are, so we are working together to help cover their needs. Your donation will reduce the amount we invoice and will help cover additional costs incurred by Gilmont as the evacuees settle in and make camp their temporary home.

Please, help if you are able. You may contact Gilmont at 903-797-6400 or go to our website at www.gilmont.org to donate online, or send a check with Evergreen at Gilmont in the memo section to camp. We have also started an [Evergreen at Gilmont Amazon Wishlist](#) which will help us with immediate needs. These items can be sent directly to Gilmont. During this time of uncertainty we are thankful for your prayers and donations.

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