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### **Trash Bash Donates Unused 2020 T-shirts to Community Organizations**

*Happy to help the community despite cancelled cleanup*

On March 28, 2020, the [River, Lakes, Bays 'N Bayous Trash Bash®](http://www.trashbash.org) (Trash Bash®) was supposed to celebrate its 27th consecutive cleanup of the Galveston Bay watershed. However, like many local events, Trash Bash® ended up cancelling the cleanup for the first time in its history to protect the health and safety of its volunteers amidst the unfolding COVID-19 pandemic.

Trash Bash® was cancelled just a few weeks before the annual waterways cleanup, and the Texas Conservation Fund, the nonprofit that manages Trash Bash®, was left with thousands of unused t-shirts intended for distribution to cleanup participants.

Trash Bash® was happy to donate the t-shirts to organizations doing great work to help our local communities, including The Mercy Tree, Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Pasadena-area nursing homes, Shriners Hospital for Children in Galveston, Texas Children's Hospital, and more. Over 2,000 t-shirts were donated to Lord of the Streets, a homeless ministry in Midtown Houston. Steve Capper, Executive Director of Lord of the Streets, wrote "...we at LOTS are so very grateful to you for finding a way to help some destitute people appear more beautiful in new, clean shirts. The gifts you brought for our homeless neighbors at LOTS is a great kindness, and lovely way you made lemonade out of the bitter lemons that led you to cancel what you had planned."

Trash Bash® is proud of its heritage as the largest, single-day, waterway cleanup in Texas, and looks forward to welcoming back its thousands of annual volunteers again in 2021 to "Clean it like you mean it." Trash Bash 2021 is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 2021.

*Photographs of past Trash Bash events and t-shirt donations can be downloaded at <http://www.trashbash.org/photo-gallery.html> or at <https://www.facebook.com/TrashBash/>.*