



Dear Friends,

There aren't words to describe how heartbroken we are over the tragedy that occurred in our community over the weekend. Yesterday we learned the identities of those we lost — and their stories and the horrific way in which their lives were tragically ended are almost too much to bear.

In the midst of our sadness and shock, however, we can trust in our God who goes before us, who makes a way even when there seems to be no way. Even when things don't make sense — when our hearts grieve and our questions abound - I choose to trust that God has a plan and that He meets us at every point of our need. So, I'm more committed than ever to pray for the victims and their families — and for all of those affected by this terrible tragedy.

And while I pray for those affected - be assured I am also giving thanks for our men and women in law enforcement who responded so bravely, who stopped the shooter so quickly, who did their jobs to secure the scene and who served so well.

Finally, I ask that you join me in praying for wisdom for those of who are charged with responding... with considering and deliberating on policies to prevent future tragedies like this. It doesn't have to be this way. And we shouldn't allow it to be. And, as always, be assured that I'll be at the table fighting for my values and advocating on behalf of my constituents.

I hope you will join me in those prayers.

As a resource to you, I wanted to provide the following list of resources that may be helpful as we navigate the weeks ahead. I hope these are helpful. And, as always, if there is anything I or my team can do to serve or assist you, I invite and welcome you to reach out to us directly. We'd be happy to do so.

**VEHICLE PICK UP AT THE ALLEN OUTLET MALL**

Those of you that had to leave your vehicle at the Allen Outlets on Saturday, can now retrieve your car by following these steps.

- Go directly to the Outlet's north entrance located between Sketchers and Champs Sports
- Be sure to have your car keys with you
- You will be checked in and escorted by security to your vehicle
- All shopping areas remain closed

### **PERSONAL PROPERTY PICKUP**

Any items left behind or abandoned inside retail stores or restaurants will be collected by the individual store managers and distributed back to the owners according to the store's lost and found policy. Please contact the store or restaurant for more information.

Property abandoned in common areas such as sidewalks, parking lots or outdoor seating areas will be available for pickup at the Family Assistance Center located at the Allen Senior Recreation Center at 451 St. Mary Drive in Allen.

### **COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE**

LifePath Systems will be working with local law enforcement, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and Texas Health and Human Services, to provide free emotional support, trauma response, and the services of licensed clinicians to all those impacted by the tragedy. If you are experiencing a mental health crisis, help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please call 972.422.5939 or visit [LifePathSystems.org](http://LifePathSystems.org).

Additionally, partner agencies such as the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Allen Police Department, and the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County will be available to provide assistance at The Family Assistance Center (451 St. Mary Drive, Allen) today through Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am-7pm.

### **SUPPORT FOR ALLEN FUND**

The City of Allen has partnered with Communities Foundation of Texas to create the Support for Allen Fund. This fund will be used to support those impacted by the tragedy at the Allen Outlets. Victims and their families will require support for medical and funeral expenses in the coming days and weeks so let's wrap our arms around them and support them in every way possible. To donate to the fund, follow this link: [Support for Allen Fund](#)



## WAYS TO SUPPORT ALLEN



[CFTexas.org/SupportForAllen](https://www.CFTexas.org/SupportForAllen)

GoFundMe has established a [dedicated hub](#) for verified fundraisers supporting people impacted by this tragedy. The GoFundMe team will only link accounts they have verified and trust to ensure funds donated are given directly to the impacted individuals.

### **INFORMATION AND UPDATES**

The City of Allen and the Allen Police Department will be providing up to date information as things develop. You can follow the links below to their websites and social media accounts.

[City of Allen Website](#)

[City of Allen Facebook](#)

[Allen Police Department Website](#)

[Allen Police Department Facebook](#)

Again, my office and I are available to assist you with anything you need. Please don't hesitate to reach out at 512-463-0544 or via email at [Jeff.Leach@house.texas.gov](mailto:Jeff.Leach@house.texas.gov).

All My Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Leach". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" and last name "Leach" clearly legible.

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