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## **Virginia Charity Sends Help to Texas Charity**

**RICHMOND, VA (OCT. 21, 2008)** . . . Niki Mello, a licensed clinical social worker for Commonwealth Catholic Charities in Richmond, Virginia, will travel to Beaumont Texas to support caregivers assisting victims of Hurricane Ike, which stormed southeast Texas Sept. 13. “We forget that caretakers sometimes need to be cared for. Staff at Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas continue to work hard serving survivors of Hurricane Ike,” Mello said.

Mello departs for Texas on Oct. 27, and will spend four days working directly with Randi Fertitta, Disaster, Trauma and Loss Director for Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas. “I hope I can give them just a little of what they have been giving to their community,” Mello said.

Commonwealth Catholic Charities is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization that provides human services to people of all faiths throughout central and southwestern Virginia.

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