

“PLEASE GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO WHAT “WE THE PEOPLE” NEED TO DO TO HELP GET OUR COUNTRY AND THE WORLD BACK ON TRACK”

Charlie Lindahl's reply:

As you know, I *have* been thinking about what to do. I have a PARTIAL answer that is positive, doable, and IS BEING DONE in Houston: The Maker Movement via Houston's makerspaces.

Houston has NINE makerspaces now, including The Maker Barn in Magnolia and the mega-makerspace at TXRX labs (50,000 square feet).

Here's an article on TXRX labs from July 12, 2017 AND another article on Gallery Furniture giving \$25,000 to TXRX Labs to help rebuild from Hurricane Harvey.

Making room for makers

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/business/article/Making-room-for-makers-11305187.php>

In a world where software is sexy, TX/RX wants to teach people to build things again.

These days, it's become one of the only places in Houston with the equipment and expertise to host advanced courses for other educational institutions, such as a summer residency program through the American Institute of Architects, and foundry and design classes for the Museum of Fine Arts' Glassell School.

It's also one of the only places for small companies with novel inventions to find affordable space with access to machines and the kind of collaborative atmosphere that fuels creativity.

Gallery Furniture Sponsors TXRX's Harvey Relief Initiatives

<https://txrxlabs.org/blog/198/gallery-furniture-sponsors-txrxs-harvey-relief-initiatives/>

TXRX Labs wants to help victims of Hurricane Harvey the best they know how, through making. With a generous donation of \$25,000 from Gallery Furniture, TXRX will launch two “Crafters For Good” initiatives to assist in rebuilding efforts.