

Gary Greene, along with the U of H Bauer College of Business, hosted the first Harvey Financial Recovery Boot Camp and provided one-on-one consultations for attendees affected by Hurricane Harvey. The Financial Planning Association of Houston, Houston Lawyers Referral Service and others were on hand as well.



Held at U of H's Cemo Hall on November 11, the event included sessions covering finance, taxes, real estate, financial planning, legal and insurance.

"In the wake of Hurricane Harvey and flooding that had a significant impact on the lives and financial conditions of our students and community, Bauer College has partnered with several organizations," Undergraduate Business Programs Associate Dean Frank Kelley said. "We are thankful for this all volunteer effort by 'Mattress Mack' and many professionals in the financial, legal, and real estate fields donating their time and talents."



Broker Mark Woodroof addressed attendees on the short- and possible long-term impact of Harvey from a residential real estate perspective, providing insight for those whose homes were impacted by the storm as well as those looking to buy or sell a home in the coming year. "The Harvey Financial Recovery Boot Camp was designed to help those impacted by the hurricane take a few deep breathes, and gain access to valuable resources to help them now," Mark Woodroof said. "The recovery

process is not a sprint, so don't make sudden decisions for you and others, it's a marathon and our hope is this boot camp will help people make the right decisions for their future."

The gathering also featured Jim McIngvale, owner of Gallery Furniture, as its keynote speaker. Mr. McIngvale made national headlines for transforming his furniture stores into shelters after Hurricane Harvey for fellow Houstonians. "Through his selfless act, Jim showed the world the meaning of paying it forward and taking care of each other during and after the storm," said event organizer, Roger Thaxton.



Several agents from our 23 Houston-area sales offices were on hand to answer real estate questions. Also participating in the boot camp were agents from Gibraltar Insurance Services.