

# LOCAL EFFORTS TO SUPPORT HURRICANE KATRINA VICTIMS

*Organizations in our community are responding with generosity and compassion. If you are looking for a local way to help Katrina's victims, you can assist the following groups with their efforts. If your organization is helping Katrina's victims, please let my office know so we can share your good work with others looking to help. Email [becky.ruby@mail.house.gov](mailto:becky.ruby@mail.house.gov) or call Marietta (770) 429-1776; Rome (706) 290-1776; Carrollton (770) 836-8130.*

- The **University of West Georgia** is providing temporary housing for 180 people displaced by Hurricane Katrina. They are seeking affordable, longer-term housing for these evacuees, and citizens with information about housing should contact the University. Monetary donations may be deposited at any branch of the West Georgia National Bank.
- In **Carroll County**, a community clearinghouse phone line has been established to connect volunteers, donors or offers of housing with appropriate agencies. Citizens wishing to help can call 770-830-2828.
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- **Cartersville/Bartow Chamber** is accepting monetary donations. All monies collected will be forwarded to the American Red Cross. You may drop off donations at the Chamber Office at 122 West Main Street.
- In **Cobb County**, the Center for Family Resources, the Cobb Department of Family and Children Services, Travelers Aid, Catholic Social Services, and other local non-profit organizations are providing provide services to evacuees from Hurricane Katrina. The groups are requesting donations of money, non-perishable food items, diapers, baby food, school supplies, toiletries and personal hygiene items. Monetary donations may be made online at [www.TheCFR.org](http://www.TheCFR.org) or by calling 770-428-2601. Food items and supplies (no clothing) may be dropped off at CFR: 995 Roswell Street, NE, Marietta, GA from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday. Please note The CFR office will be closed on Monday, September 5, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.
- The **Georgia Red Cross** is looking for nurses and people with mental health credentials to volunteer. They are also in need of volunteers to train and dispatch to the stricken areas for several weeks. Those interested in volunteering can call (404) 870-4425.
- In **Cedartown, Sharing the Bounty** is providing relief housing for hurricane victims. The organization plans to send buses to New Orleans, and bring victims to Cedartown for temporary housing relief. Sharing the

Bounty is seeking donations of funds, food, water, beds and clothing. The group is also appealing to property owners and landlords with vacant property to help in the housing effort. Presently, the group can provide homes for twenty people, and pending approval from the local school board, hundreds more can be housed in the unused Cedar Hill Middle School and the Old Rockmart High School. Contributions can be sent to: Sharing The Bounty, Inc, - A House Of Mercy, PO Box 629, Cedartown, Georgia 30125. Those interested in helping with this effort can call Bernard Morgan at 770-546-0725.

- **First Baptist Church in Rome** will be sending truckloads of water and non-perishable food to University Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, MS. This first truckload will be assembled on Friday. The church is accepting contributions; for example, water costs \$0.29 a bottle, \$7 per case, or \$420 for a pallet. If you wish to contribute you may make a check out to First Baptist Church of Rome and designate it "Water for Life 2-Katrina" – 100% will go directly to the water and food, as all overhead costs are already covered.
- The **Carroll County Sheriff's office and Holy Ground Baptist Church** on Hwy. 27 in Roopville are recruiting volunteers for help with cleanup efforts in the area. Heavy equipment, chainsaws and strong volunteers are appreciated. Those not able to physically assist may bring much needed food and drinks for the volunteers.
- **Trinity Liquidation Corps.** (part of the Christian Charity Organization) is collecting aid and supplies for Katrina victims at 206 North Main Street in Cedartown.
- The **Coweta Red Cross** has secured two locations where citizens can drop off items for relieve disaster victims: the Coweta County Fairgrounds on Pine Road between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., and the Coweta Custom Cycles located at 1690 Highway 34 East. Donations requested include monetary, water, bleach, first-aid kits and dried, non-perishable foods because those are the only items that can be shipped.
- An **inter-denominational prayer service** will be held on Sunday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 in Rome. The location is TBD. More than a dozen churches are involved with the service, where donations will be accepted for the Samaritan's Purse International Relief fund, which has already begun relief efforts in areas affected by the Hurricane. For more information, contact one of the following churches: First Baptist of Rome, Corner-stone of Rome, Sherwood Forest Baptist, Hollywood Baptist, First United Methodist of Rome, Calvary Baptist, New and Living Way Bible Church, Northside, West Rome Baptist, Lovejoy Baptist, Thankful Baptist, Bryant Chapel Baptist, First Presbyterian and Fellowship Baptist.

- In **Haralson County**, citizens can drop off water, non-perishable food items, and hygiene items for the hurricane relief effort at the following locations: Bremen City Hall, 232 Tallapoosa Street East, Bremen, GA 30110 - (770) 537-2331; Tallapoosa City Hall, 25 East Alabama Street, Tallapoosa, GA 30176 - (770) 574-2345; Buchanan City Hall 4300 Georgia Highway 120, Buchanan, GA 30113 - (770) 646-3081. Fire Station #1, 3997 Highway 120W, Buchanan - 770.646.8150. If you need to drop off donations when City Halls are closed, you may take the items to the local Police Departments. Citizens wanting to volunteer should fax their names, contact information, and how they can help to: (770) 646-2031.
- In **Waco**, citizens can drop off items at the Haralson County Waco Fire Department, Atlantic Avenue in Waco, next to the First National Bank of Georgia.
- **First National Bank of Georgia** has set up a fund for monetary donations to victims of Hurricane Katrina. Citizens can make donation at any branch: Bremen Office 3070 Bremen Mount Zion Road - (770) 537-7020; Bremen Office 501 Pacific Avenue - (770) 537-7000; Tallapoosa Office 3408 Georgia Highway 100 South - (770)574-2385; Tallapoosa Office 39 Bowdon Street - (770)574-2134; Buchanan Office 3559 Highway 27 - (770) 646-6000; Waco Office 138 Atlantic Avenue - (770)537-7050; Temple Office 184 Carrollton Street - (770)562-8000; Carrollton Office 1000 Bankhead Highway - (770)834-4401.
- **Habitat for Humanity**, based in Americus, has issued an emergency appeal for donations to help the multitudes left homeless by Hurricane Katrina. Please contact your local Habitat chapter for more information.
- In **Rome**, a collection of funds and good for the hurricane victims will take place on Friday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Bridgepoint Plaza in Rome. Suggested items include: water, peanut butter crackers, diapers, and trash bags. Collections of goods will continue Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the old antique mall on Chatillon Road across from the Floyd County Board of Education. For more information, please call the Office of Downtown Development at (706) 236-4477.
- In **Douglas County**, community members donating food and goods to the relief effort should bring their donations to LifePoint Ministries, 2990 Bright Star Road (at Interstate 20) – (770) 942-6082. Donations are also being accepted at the Arbor Place Mall Guest Services Booth (goods and funds for the Salvation Army, and funds for the Cross International); Gold's

Gym, 8741 Hospital Drive; and the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce, 6658 Church Street.

- **LifePoint Ministries in Douglas County** is in great need of donations to pay for hurricane victims medical needs, like prescription drugs. Volunteers are also needed to help sort donated items. Citizens wishing to help with the effort can go to LifePoint Ministries at 2990 Bright Star Road (at Interstate 20) between 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., seven days a week. Families interested in “sponsoring” a refugee family should call LifePoint Ministries at (770) 942-6082.
- The **Douglas County Chamber of Commerce** is seeking local businesses that have temporary employment available. The Chamber, along with LifePoint ministries and the Home Builders Association of Douglas County, is trying to match hurricane victims with employers in the community. Please contact the Chamber at 770-942-5022 or at [info@douglascountygeorgia.com](mailto:info@douglascountygeorgia.com).
- The **Rome community** is helping raise aid for City Police Officer Melvin Scott, whose whole family were victims of Hurricane Katrina. Seven adults and seven children are in need of basic necessities. Those wishing to help can call 706-346-3139.
- **Congressman Gingrey's Marietta District Office** is collecting non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items to donate to the Center for Family Resources' hurricane relief effort. No cash donations may be accepted. Citizens wishing to donate items can bring them to 219 Roswell St. in Marietta between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- The **Georgia Baptist Convention** is collecting cash donations for disaster relief. Donations can be send to: Hurricane Katrina Relief, Georgia Baptist Convention, 2930 Flowers Rd. S, Atlanta, GA 30341

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