

Albert E. Doston, Jr. Esq.

Chairman of the Board

Presidential Communiqué

100 Black Men Support Katrina Relief Efforts

Date: *September 9, 2005*

To: *100 Black Men Members Worldwide*

From: *Albert E. Dotson, Jr., Esq.*

Subject: *100 Black Men Mobilizes to Provide Emergency Disaster Relief and Support to the Victims of Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast...LA...MS...TX.*

100 Black Men of America, Inc., and its 103 chapters, remain committed to assisting the survivors of Hurricane Katrina. We are providing assistance to members, mentees, their families and providing support to three 100 chapters in LA, TX and MS that are closest to the affected areas and most impacted by the evacuated Americans. **100 Black Men of Metro Baton Rouge, Inc., 100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc. and 100 Black Men of Metro Houston, Inc.** chapters are providing leadership and community support to evacuees from across the Gulf Region. All three chapters have been actively engaged in responding on multiple levels to this human tragedy. These chapters are also located in areas that have either received the vast majority of evacuated Americans, or are in cities where national relief efforts have been centralized. However, in the many communities impacted, our other chapters have already responded.

Additionally, I have been participating daily in conference calls and meetings discussing, planning and executing on collaborative efforts of organizations sensitive to our community. You will be receiving updates and action items from these discussions. The 100 is taking a lead at the national and local level. Below, we are informing you of some of the various 100 efforts that are underway. Below are ways you can help as an individual, as a chapter and as an American.

**What can you do today to help our people?
Review the action items below, and take immediate action!
What you do today will literally save and restore lives.**

As an organization, we will provide ongoing support that will be communicated as needs arise over the coming months. As of today, **100 Black Men of America's support is** in response to the urgent needs in three areas: **Monetary Support, Goods & Supplies and Volunteers.**

100 Black Men of America has centralized its financial support. Working with 100 Black Men of Baton Rouge, the 100 has established a fund to provide direct financial support to those agencies and organizations, that are responding to the needs in our community. By contributing to this fund, we will be supporting efforts in Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas, as well as other areas, as the need evolves. We are asking each member and each chapter to contribute to this fund. It has been suggested that we set a contribution amount for members and chapters. I strongly believe that each member of the 100 will be led by his conscious during this crisis. I have no doubt that the fund will reflect the 100's overwhelming generosity.

100 Black Men Community Involvement Fund
Online donations via Visa, MC, AMEX and Discover
can be made by clicking the link below.
www.100blackmen.kintera.org

Make check donations payable to: **100 Black Men Community Involvement Fund** and sent to:
100 Black Men Community Involvement Fund
c/o 100 Black Men Metro Baton Rouge, Inc.
2050 North Foster Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Goods & Supplies that are needed across the affected areas.

AAA Batteries	Charcoal
Antacids (Tums, etc.)	Tarps
Baby Food and Baby Formula	Shirts (XL, XXL and XXXL)
Children's Clothing	Shaving Cream
Sanitary napkins, Depends, etc.	Water, Juices
Flash lights	Toilet tissue
Flip Flops	Sheets, blankets, towels
Ladies Bra's, underwear	Paper plates, cups, etc.
Bug Repellent	Toothpaste, toothbrushes
Sweat pants (all sizes)	Generators, grill, charcoal
Diapers	Eye glass repair kits
High chairs, folding chairs	Nonperishable foods – MRE's (Meals Ready to Eat)

Baton Rouge - Goods & Supplies

Please ship goods and supplies for the Baton Rouge area to:

Southern University

Hurricane Relief Center

F.G. Clark Activity Center

Baton Rouge, LA 70813

Shiloh Baptist Church

185 Eddie Robinson Drive

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

New Hope Baptist Church

5856 Greenwell Springs Road

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

The Port Allen Community Center

749 North Jefferson Ave.

Port Allen, LA 70767

Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church

9450 Scenic Hwy.

Baton Rouge, LA 70807

Gloryland Baptist Church

2575 Michelli Dr.

Baton Rouge, LA 70805

Baton Rouge - Volunteers

We encourage members to volunteer. If you wish to volunteer in the Louisiana area, contact Brace Godfrey at:

2050 North Foster Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
225-356-9444

Baton Rouge - Additional Support

100 Black Men of Metro Baton Rouge, Inc., has opened its office to provide computer access for displaced members and small business owners.

Please direct such displaced persons members to:

100 Black Men of Metro Baton Rouge, Inc.
2050 North Foster Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
225-356-9444

Houston - Goods & Supplies

100 Black Men of America Metro Houston, Inc.

c/o NAACP
3003 South Loop West Suite 500
Houston, TX 77054

Houston - Volunteers

We encourage members to volunteer. If you wish to volunteer in the Houston area,
contact Tavarus Newsom at:(281) 235-0042 or tavarusnewsom@sbcglobal.net .

Jackson - Goods & Supplies

100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc.
c/o NAACP Emergency Command Center
Main Street Missionary Baptist Church
321 Main Street
Biloxi, MS 39530

(228) 432-8648 or (228) 432-8649

or

100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc.

c/o MS NAACP

1072 West Lynch Street

Jackson, MS 39213

(601) 353-6906

Jackson - Volunteers

We encourage members to volunteer. If you wish to volunteer in the Jackson area, contact Robert Gibb at: (601) 960-6861

Jackson - Additional Support

100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc., has opened its office as a 100 member resource center. Please direct [displaced](#) 100 Members to:

100 Black Men of Jackson, Inc.
5360 Highland Dr.
Jackson, MS 39206
(601) 366-8303

100 Black Men chapters from across our organization are mobilizing their members and their communities to action. Below is a list of some activities:

100 Black Men of New York, Inc. has coordinated an 18 wheeler truck for collection and delivery of relief supplies. To donate supplies, please contact: 100 Black Men of New York, Inc. at (212)777-7070, Attn: Gloria Phaire, Executive Administrator.

100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc. is securing a supply of water to be delivered to the area. The Chapter is also making clothing donations to the local American Red Cross centers. The chapter is also collecting financial contributions from each member that will be given to the Red Cross in the name of the chapter.

100 Black Men of Rome, Inc. has assisted 40 evacuees, and have been collaborating with the local Housing Authority to assist in moving donated furniture into apartments. Larry G. Morrow, Sr. is the contact person for the Rome chapter. He can be reached at: lqm51@aol.com, (email); 706-232-2020 (office); 706-802-7718 (cell), 706-235-9595 (home).

100 Black Men of Silicon Valley, Inc. is one of two organizations that funds are being directed to in support of the South Bay Coalition's Katrina Relief efforts. Read more about the coalition by clicking the following link:
<http://www.mercurynews.com/mlid/mercurynews/12579113.htm>

100 Black Men of MetroHouston, Inc.- Housing - 25 households (transitional housing) for up to sixty days. Families needing assistance must meet the following criteria established by the chapter: 1.) Family with children and/or senior citizens; 2.) FEMA certified; 3.) Must register with Red Cross and other agencies for available services. The Chapter has also negotiated a deal with a hotel liquidator to purchase beds and sofas at a reduced rate for the properties. *Food & Supplies* - Partnered with several organizations to provide food, clothes, and shelter to displaced families. *Immediate Shelter* - Chapter members have taken families, including 100 members from New Orleans, into their homes and made rental properties available at no cost for displaced families.

We know other 100 chapters have activated relief efforts, such as: Dallas, Phoenix, Montgomery, Atlanta area Chapters, San Antonio and Tallahassee. Please let us know what you are doing so we can capture all of the 100's response to Hurricane Katrina.

There is much more to be communicated. >From time to time, we will be forwarding to you updates of the 100's efforts, and the efforts of the **ReBuild Hope Now Campaign**. Thank you for your commitment.

Together We Know No Bounds.