



Hurricane Katrina Relief Listserv

Working in Partnership Regionally to Best Serve Hurricane Katrina Evacuees

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The Hurricane Katrina Listserv is a vehicle by which people and organizations looking to provide evacuee relief can post and receive breaking news and information, as well as ask questions that will be made available to a number of public, private and non-profit organizations working to provide aid to evacuees.

If you're sending out press releases, have breaking news or other information, or would like to post a question, please forward to them to crisis.response@uwsem.org.

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UWSEM offers relief fund to help evacuees

In an effort to help support the needs of evacuees in Metro Detroit, United Way for Southeastern Michigan will distribution of the Metro Detroit Hurricane Katrina Response Fund, which is a limited, last resort, one-time fund to help evacuees with utility costs, security deposits and transportation. **All applications must be completed by a human**

service professional on behalf of clients.

[Click here to access application.](#)



Relief center to open in Pontiac

The City of Pontiac will be opening a relief center for victims of Hurricane Katrina at the former Detroit Lions practice dome. The dome, which is located adjacent to the Silverdome, is tentatively scheduled to begin operation tomorrow, Tuesday, September 27. The facility, which has been warehousing items such as clothing, food, household products, and furniture, will be set up with booths where evacuees can receive various services.

Pastor Douglas Jones of Welcome Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac, who has played an important role in Oakland County's relief efforts, is working with city, county and state groups, including DHS and a number of Oakland-based nonprofits. Pastor Jones will convene several faith-based organizations and churches across the county on Sept. 30th to coordinate volunteer efforts aimed at helping hurricane survivors.

It is currently estimated that between 289 and 388 evacuees are in Oakland County. DHS estimates that 15,000 housing units have been identified in the state of Michigan, approximately 70 of which are in Oakland and Wayne County.

At a meeting of Oakland County groups last Friday, Mark Martinez of FEMA said that all non-profit agencies that intend to seek some form of reimbursement from FEMA must **contract with a municipality by no later than October 7, 2005 (which is within 30 days of the disaster)**. This would include city, county or state departments and agencies. Additionally, the state Emergency Operations Center must sanction all efforts to transport evacuees across state lines (from Louisiana, Mississippi or Alabama to Michigan) for reimbursement eligibility.

For more information about faith-based initiatives in Oakland County, contact the Welcome Missionary Baptist Church at (248) 335-8740.



Michigan Offers Assistance to Companies Seeking Contracts for Post-Katrina Relief

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today announced that the Michigan Economic Development Corporation will help Michigan companies seeking to win government contracts to provide products and services for Hurricane Katrina relief through its statewide network of 13 Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs).

[Click here to find out more.](#)

Medicaid Waiver expires at end of September

Katrina evacuees should be advised that the Michigan Medicaid Waiver for non-disabled, income-eligible adults expires at the end of this month. All eligible hurricane survivors in the state need to sign up for the program by September 30.

For more information, contact your local DHS office, or the Michigan Department of Community Health at (517) 373-3740.

Quick Links

- [UW Metro Detroit Katrina Relief Website](#)
- [City Airport Intake Chart](#)
- [United Way TelHelp/2-1-1 Resource Listing - Daily Update](#)

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