



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 them to crisis.response@uwsem.org.

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Metro Detroit Katrina Response Meeting set for October 11

As a follow-up to the September 7 Katrina Relief meeting at the Ramada Inn, a community-wide meeting will be held on October 11 from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. at the Southfield Public Library located at 26300 Evergreen Road. [Click here for a map and directions to the library.](#)

Representatives of the Red Cross, Michigan Department of Human Services, FEMA, City of Southfield and United Way will update community stakeholders on regional relief efforts that have been undertaken to date, and to discuss how coordination of response efforts can be strengthened in the future.

Refreshments will be served beginning at 8:00 a.m. with the meeting starting in the library auditorium promptly at 8:30. No food or drink will be allowed in the auditorium.

[Call Norma Mills at \(313\) 226-9481 or click here to register.](#)



Grace Centers of Hope offers relief to evacuees

Grace Centers of Hope is offering the following services to hurricane evacuees:

1. Access to the Internet at their Learning Center in downtown Pontiac. The organization has several computer stations that are Internet ready for people to fill out FEMA applications, file other claims, look for jobs, or simply to keep in touch with friends and family.
2. Free medical and dental care at their community clinic in downtown Pontiac.
3. Food, clothing, hygiene items, household goods and furniture as needed (items can be delivered if necessary).

For more information, call Michelle Atwell at (248) 334-2187 ext. 35.



Evacuee center is now open in Pontiac

A hurricane reception and assessment center is now open at the Welcome Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac. People looking to donate specific items or volunteer time can do so at a Pontiac Silverdome drop-off site, which is now also open.

[Click here for more information.](#)



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 begin 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.](#)

FEMA evacuee care reimbursement guidance

FEMA has published a document as a guide to reimbursement for eligible costs borne by agencies (government, faith-based, and nonprofit) in the sheltering and care of the evacuees of areas devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. (Note: Rita guidance will be similar to this document.)

[Click here for more information.](#)

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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