



## 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](mailto:crisis.response@uwsem.org).**

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### *Regional leaders convene to discuss hurricane response efforts*

As a follow-up to the September 7 meeting at the Ramada Inn, regional leaders met to discuss metro Detroit's response to Hurricane Katrina and establish next steps that need to be undertaken in the short- and long-term.

A panel of representatives from the American Red Cross, city of Southfield, Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division, Michigan Department of Human Services, The Salvation Army and United Way discussed efforts to date and fielded questions from those in attendance.

Topics of discussion included evacuee reception centers in both Wayne and Oakland counties, The Salvation Army's drive to obtain coats for evacuees as winter approaches and the American Red Cross' report that it aided 1,907 evacuees across Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

An announcement was also made about the **Southeast Michigan Employment, Training & Family Resource Expo**, which will be held on Friday, October 28 at the Michigan State Fairgrounds. The expo, entitled ***Working Together***, is aimed at channeling some of the community's awareness and energy that went into regional hurricane relief efforts to helping people within our own community who need jobs or have barriers to employment. Evacuees remaining in metro Detroit are also welcome to attend.

*Working Together* is a partnership with more than a dozen public, private and nonprofit organizations, and is set to be the largest workforce event of its kind in Michigan.

[Click here for more information about Working Together.](#)



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### *FEMA to reserve contracts for disadvantaged companies (from the Washington Post)*

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said yesterday it will set aside several major Gulf Coast reconstruction contracts for small, disadvantaged businesses that will be selected to do the work through competitive bidding.

[Visit here to read more.](#)

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/10/10/AR2005101001569.html>



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### *Survey: Metro Detroit Response to Katrina*

The information gathered in this survey is being collected and compiled to document community opinion related to Michigan and Metro Detroit's public officials and entities response to hurricane Katrina. The responses will be submitted in an aggregate format to elected officials, emergency management leaders, FEMA, and participants who completed this survey. You will not be identified individually, but your responses will be aggregated and compared with others and will represent many that were not asked to complete this survey.

[Click here to start the survey.](#)

<http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB224PCKFU2BQ>

## *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 download the application.

<http://www.uwsem.org/katrina/listserv/HurricaneKatrinaResponseFundApplication.pdf>

### *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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