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UPDATED INFORMATION:

Margate Collects Funds for Charities to Help with Katrina Relief

Margate, FL, August 31, 2005 – After seeing the devastating results of Hurricane Katrina in both South Florida and the Gulf Coast, Margate's City Manager Len Golub is asking for a helping hand from city employees and the community to offer aid for those in need. "[Let's] get as many donations as possible to the American Red Cross, as fast as possible," he urged city staff "the victims of Katrina need help as soon as possible."

City employees will be notified via their respective department head who will collect their voluntary contribution to send to the American Red Cross and other approved charities for victims of Katrina. "After watching a few minutes of footage on television and hearing the reports from the survivors you can't help but want to lend a hand," said Kery Venezia Margate's Public Information Officer.

The collections for donations will start today and are planned to last four weeks with two scheduled mailings to the charities. But considering the damage that has been done, Mr. Golub noted that the collections could last longer depending on circumstances. City officials ask that donators contribute with **checks only, made payable to the American Red Cross (or their chosen charity from the list provided below)** and note in the memo portion of the check: **Hurricane Katrina.**

Public donations will be collected in the "Katrina Relief Fund Box" at Margate City Hall and residents can also mail their check donation to City Hall located at 5790 Margate Blvd. Margate FL, 33063. For mailed donations, be sure to mark the outside of the envelope with **Attention: HURRICANE KATRINA.**

For those interested in donating to organizations other than the American Red Cross, the below have been provided.

Operation Blessing
1-800-436-6348
977 Centerville Turnpike
Virginia Beach, VA 23463
<http://www.ob.org/>

America's Second Harvest
1-800-344-8070
<http://www.secondharvest.org/>

National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
703.339.5596
253.541.4915 FAX
PO Box 151973
Alexandria, VA 22315

American Red Cross
1-800-HELP NOW (435-7669) English,
1-800-257-7575 Spanish;
2025 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006
Phone: (202) 303-4498

Additional Groups Working to Organize Aid:

Adventist Community Services
1-800-381-7171

B'nai B'rith International
202-857-2795

Catholic Charities, USA
1-800-919-9338

Christian Disaster Response
941-956-5183 or 941-551-9554

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee
1-800-848-5818

Church World Service
1-800-297-1516

Convoy of Hope
417-823-8998

Corporation for National and Community Service Disaster Relief Fund
(202) 606-6718

Lutheran Disaster Response
800-638-3522

Menonite Disaster Service
717-859-2210

Nazarene Disaster Response
888-256-5886

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
800-872-3283

Salvation Army
1-800-SAL-ARMY (725-2769)

Southern Baptist Convention -- Disaster Relief
1-800-462-8657, ext. 6440

United Jewish Communities
1-800-462-8657, ext. 6440

United Methodist Committee on Relief
1-800-554-8583

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