



Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore

Katrina Relief Fund

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO MATCH FIRST \$10,000 IN DONATIONS FOR HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF

All contributions to be sent to emergency agencies giving direct support

(September 2, 2005) - The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore has established a "Katrina Relief Fund" to assist recovery efforts for areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina. The Foundation will match the first \$10,000 in donations to this emergency fund from citizens and businesses on Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore.

All money collected for the Katrina Relief Fund will be used to support the efforts of emergency agencies working in the region devastated by the storm. This effort will give residents of the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland an opportunity to provide a minimum of \$20,000 in financial assistance to the storm-ravaged states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, according to Greg Stein, Community Foundation Chair.

Contributions to the Community Foundation's "Katrina Relief Fund" will be directed to where they are needed most. Recipients of contributions will include the American Red Cross, Salvation Army and other organizations providing direct support in the Gulf region. One hundred percent of all donations will be redistributed to provide financial support where it is most urgently needed.

"As the magnitude of the catastrophe confronting the Gulf coastal region unfolds, it is clear that a sustained relief effort will be required to assist survivors and their communities," Stein noted.

"The Community Foundation has established this emergency fund to encourage citizens and organizations of the Lower Eastern Shore to join together in response to the disaster."

"Lower Shore residents have shown time and again their commitment to helping others in need and this fund is the perfect way to facilitate a coordinated response," Stein said. "Living in an area vulnerable to storms, many of our own communities and citizens know too well the devastation of flooding. We hope the contributions to this fund will allow the Lower Shore to spread its philanthropic spirit to our southern neighbors."

Spicer Bell, Community Foundation President, added, "The citizens of the Eastern Shore know the value of residents coming together to make a difference. As recently as 2004, when our area was hit by tropical storm Isabelle, we saw the difference that neighbors helping neighbors can make. The Katrina Relief Fund will assist the ongoing recovery efforts along the Gulf Coast," Bell noted. "We are proud to be able to support the emergency agencies that will be providing direct aid in this effort."

Contributions should be mailed to:

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Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore
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Salisbury, MD 21803-0152

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