

# URGENT APPEAL

## HURRICANE RELIEF

### RI Providing Relief to Hurricane Victims in the Gulf Coast

**September 4, 2005** - Described as "The worst natural disaster in our nation's history," hurricane Katrina has battered America's gulf coast, destroying lives and uprooting tens of thousands of families and leaving thousands dead in her wake. Americans everywhere are rising to assist fellow citizens in need.

Relief International (RI) has successfully set up relief operations in Baton Rouge and is providing assistance to the victims of the Katrina Hurricane. RI's advance team has set up a warehouse to receive relief supplies from across the nation and RI's distribution team is directly providing relief commodities to communities, some receiving their first aid through RI. RI is procuring items daily and **distributing immediately**. Help provide or send relief directly to the victims.

*Lindsay Howell of RI's Los Angeles office in Bogalusa, Louisiana relief goods.*

#### HELP NOW

Your donation assists directly in the purchase and trucking of essential relief supplies.

Online: [www.ri.org](http://www.ri.org)

Phone: 1-800-573-3332 or 1-310-478-1200

Mail: Make Checks Payable to:  
Relief International – Hurricane Relief  
8291 Florida Blvd.  
Denham Springs, LA 70726  
or  
1575 Westwood Blvd., Suite #200  
Los Angeles, CA 90024

95% of private donations directly assist victims of the Hurricane.

#### Volunteer

To volunteer to assist with the relief efforts please contact: [volunteer@ri.org](mailto:volunteer@ri.org)  
**Need:** Health professionals or volunteers with previous disaster relief experience.

#### Relief Warehouse in Louisiana

Concerned citizens and organizations can send relief items to RI's Warehouse in Baton Rouge at:

**Relief International**  
8291 Florida Blvd.  
Denham Springs, LA 70726

#### Most commonly needed items:

- **Bedding:** Bed sheets / Sleeping bags / Cots
- **Clothing:** New items of clothing & Shoes (various sizes)
- **Food:** Canned or dry food
- **Special Items:** Baby formula
- **Trucks or 4x4s** for transport of food & relief items

#### Our Mission:

RI's mission is to assist disaster victims worldwide without concern for race, ethnicity or religious background. Our programs help save lives as well as rebuild livelihoods. In the immediate phase RI focuses on emergency relief. RI specializes in bridging from the relief phase to disaster recovery and rehabilitation.

RI's programs of assistance include food, health, shelter, education, community development and income generation. RI works at the grassroots level and is registered Private Voluntary Organization with United States Agency for International Development and is an implementing partner of the UN with UN-ECOSOC membership status.

**RI is a registered charity under IRS code: 501(c)3**  
Donations to RI are tax-deductible.

For More Information on Relief International's Programs Please Visit:  
[www.ri.org](http://www.ri.org)