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Multi-Agency Disaster Warehouse Available

Baton Rouge, LA (August 26) - A multi-agency warehouse has opened to assist in bringing in much needed donations and supplies to support the recovery efforts across the state. The warehouse is being operated as a partnership with the state and Louisiana VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster). Adventist Community Services, a National and Louisiana State VOAD partner is managing the warehouse operations, supported by an AmeriCorps team.

The warehouse will allow a centralized intake point for donations from local community members as well as businesses across the country. Donations will then be distributed out to support the efforts of non-profits, shelters, and parishes as they respond to the needs in their communities.

How you can help:

A truly compassionate response is based on what is really needed by the survivors of disaster, not assumptions. Confirm the need before collecting and shipping goods. Always arrange logistics in advance to ensure that the shipments can be accepted when they arrive as to not create any delays.

Items always needed:

Canned or non-perishable food, sports drinks, personal care items, work gloves, disposable baby diapers, baby food/formula, can openers (manual), plastic ware, paper products, blankets, disposable adult diapers, cleaning supplies, dust masks, heavy rubber kitchen gloves, flashlights and fresh batteries, non-sterile surgical gloves, mops, brooms, snow shovels, hand tools, kitchen items (new sets of pots and pans/cooking utensils). If unsure, just ask.

What is NOT needed:

There is NO need for new or used clothing.

How to get it to us:

We are encouraging businesses and groups to put together a truckload of supplies. This is the most effective way to make a difference. There is no funding to pay for shipping, so look for a business or trucker willing to donate a trip. Once you have a truck planned and know when it is ready to leave, it is essential that to coordinate logistics before the truck leaves. We need to know a detailed inventory of contents, precise time it will leave, departure point, and estimated time of arrival. All truckloads of donations must be coordinated at least 48 hours in advance of arrival.

How to Pack Materials:

Pack donations so they are not damaged in transit and are easily handled. Pack materials in cardboard cartons. Fill each carton with the same kind of item; mark it clearly with a large marker or other method, such as large paper labels. Organize canned goods by type. Use cartons of small to medium sizes so they are manageable. Maximum weight should not exceed 30 pounds. Be careful not to overfill cartons. Pack cartons in trucks so they will not be easily crushed in transit. Palletized, shrink-wrapped loads are preferred.

Hours for Receiving: Donations will be accepted **Sunday- Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

How to reach us: Email: 2016flooddonations@gmail.com
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Phone: 225-800-2227

Destination- Please ship to: Multi-Agency Disaster Warehouse, 9550 Dawnadele Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809

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We urge everyone to continue to use caution in areas where floodwaters remain. Monitor. DOTD's www.511la.org website for updated road closure information. Look for advisories from your local authorities and emergency managers. You can find the latest information on the state's response at www.emergency.la.gov. GOHSEP also provides information on Facebook and Twitter. You can receive emergency alerts on most smartphones and tablets by downloading the new Alert FM App. It is free for basic service. You can also download the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide and find other information at www.getagameplan.org.