

PLEASE HELP THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE IDA!

As you know, Hurricane Ida slammed into South Louisiana and destroyed homes, businesses and infrastructure there. Recovery will be slow, halting and painful.

Those of us who went through Hurricane Hugo here will recall the acute need we felt and the outpouring of generosity our region received from across the nation. But whether or not you did experience Hugo, we have all seen enough evidence in the media of Ida's devastation to understand that folks in South Louisiana are dealing with life-altering losses. The damage, destruction and dislocation outside of New Orleans are even worse than what you see in the heavier coverage of New Orleans.

This is an ideal time to pay back, pay forward, and basically show solidarity with residents of other coastal communities, many of whom are much less able to muster resources than we are.

Below are two charitable agencies that are very local to South Louisiana and offering donation-specific services to folks in need there. Please consider making a contribution to either or both of them to help the people most harmed by Ida. These are non-profit agencies where you can be assured your **Ida** donations will directly and specifically help **Ida** victims, without getting diverted to other purposes. Or if you prefer another South Louisiana charity helping Ida victims, please give to them.

BAYOU COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

This group serves as a conduit to local agencies who provide direct assistance to residents of Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes and the town of Grand Isle.

<https://www.bayoucf.org/disaster-recovery/>

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF HOUMA-THIBODAUX DIOCESE

Your contributions to this group will be directed to people impacted by Ida with no limitations at all based on religious affiliation. But in a heavily Catholic area, they have an existing network to get your donations out to *anyone* who has needs.

<https://catholiccharitiesht.org/disasterrelief>