

# *Baton Rouge Area Foundation*



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## **The Irene W. and C.B. Pennington Foundation Donates \$1 Million to Hurricane Katrina Displaced Residents Fund**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, September 8, 2005—The Baton Rouge Area Foundation announced today that the Irene W. and C.B. Pennington Foundation donated \$1 million to the Hurricane Katrina Displaced Residents Fund, which will benefit people evacuated to Baton Rouge from the hurricane impacted areas in Greater New Orleans. This fund will support programs in the areas of housing, food, education and healthcare.

Founded in 1982, the Irene W. and C.B. Pennington Foundation, a private family foundation, supports nonprofits and agencies that provide direct service to people in need, especially in the areas of human services and education. William E. Hodgkins, Executive Director, commented, “We realize that our region’s enormous losses will not be easily reclaimed and will require tremendous public and private support. It is important that we make basic care a priority, and ensure that each evacuee has access to food, water and shelter. Beyond that, the Hurricane Katrina Displaced Residents Fund will focus on providing adequate education and healthcare for evacuees.” For more information about the Irene W. and C.B. Pennington Foundation, visit [www.penningtonfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.penningtonfamilyfoundation.org).

The Baton Rouge Area Foundation is a community foundation, a nonprofit organization, composed of over 300 charitable funds with over \$375 million in assets established by individuals, families, corporations and organizations. Since 1964, the Foundation has made grants in the areas of Arts & Humanities, Community Development, Education, Environment, Human Services, Medical/Health, Religion and Scholarships. For more information about the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, visit [www.braf.org](http://www.braf.org). For more information about either of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation’s Hurricane Katrina Relief Funds, visit [www.foundationsforrecovery.org](http://www.foundationsforrecovery.org).

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