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Community Foundations launch disaster relief site

FoundationsforRecovery.org will raise money for relief, recovery work

Three community foundations in Louisiana have launched a website to raise funds for disaster relief, such as hurricanes, including Hurricane Ike.

People wanting to contribute to help people affected by Ike can do so at FoundationsForRecovery.org, which has the Recover Louisiana fund to assist after disasters in the state.

FoundationsforRecovery.org was first launched by the Baton Rouge Area Foundation after Katrina. The project raised more than \$45 million to pay for food, shelter and other needs; and to provide expert knowledge to reinvent South Louisiana, such as a regional plan to create vibrant towns and cities while preserving the coast and wilderness.

After Gustav, the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, the Northshore Community Foundation and the Community Foundation of Southwest Louisiana raised money to recover from the widespread destruction caused by the storm. Then, the three foundations chose to expand the project, providing an avenue for collaboration among community foundations to raise money and pool resources to help after disasters.

About Foundations for Recovery: It is a project of community foundations to raise money for disaster relief and for rebuilding stronger and smarter after disasters, such as hurricanes and wildfires. After Hurricane Katrina, the project raised more than \$45 million for relief and recovery across South Louisiana, using money from donors around the world to pay for shelters, food and short-term needs. Then, the donations paid for strategies to build a stronger and smarter Louisiana to mitigate the effects of future disasters and to improve the quality of life. Foundations for Recovery expects to add more community foundations to respond to future disasters.

About the community foundations: For more information about the community foundations in this project, visit their websites – Baton Rouge Area Foundation, which has a 40-year history, at BRAf.org; Northshore Community Foundation at NorthshoreFoundation.org and Community Foundation of Southwest Louisiana at FoundationSWLA.org.