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Member Letter

Dear NFFN Member: The National Fuel Funds Network is donating \$2,000 from the organization's reserve funds to the Network's Katrina Assistance Fund. The donation is a demonstration of NFFN's support for the important task of providing long term energy assistance in Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi. Since we are asking our members, the energy assistance community and the general public to support the fund, it only seemed fitting that we contribute also.

Immediately after Hurricane Katrina devastated portions of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, the NFFN began planning for a nation-wide drive to raise funds to provide post-Katrina energy assistance to the residents of the stricken Gulf states. The Network will forward all contributions to three charitable energy assistance programs in the states to aid with the current and future home energy bills of the low-income residents of the devastated states. The participating agencies are Project Share of the American Red Cross in Birmingham, The Salvation Army – Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi Division and the Louisiana Housing Trust Fund.

On behalf of NFFN, I thank the individuals who have contributed to the Fund since we launched it on September 7. NFFN also thanks the National Low Income Energy Consortium (NLIEC) for its \$1,000 contribution to the Katrina Assistance Fund. The NLIEC is an organization created to bring together public, private and non-profit sector individuals and organizations dealing with low-income energy issues, and it partners with the Network to produce the Joint Low Income Energy Conferences each year.

I realize that many of you have already contributed to the Katrina relief efforts of other agencies, but I ask that you consider a generous donation to the NFFN Katrina Assistance Fund because it supplements the immediate relief with aid for the longer term and persistent need for assistance with home energy costs. Please donate as generously as you can. Donations may be made through December 31 in three ways:

- Through the existing donation link, Justgive.org, at www.nationalfuelfunds.org.
- At www.networkforgood.org/topics/animal_environment/hurricanes/#RebuildRecover.

- By check, payable to NFFN/Katrina Assistance Fund. The Network welcomes contributions from corporate, foundation, faith-based and other organizations, as well as individuals.

Contributions specifying “For Entergy customers” will be matched dollar for dollar by Entergy, the largest utility in Louisiana and a major electricity provider in Mississippi.

The Network also needs your help to make this unprecedented fundraising drive even more successful. Please use email and the internet to help NFFN spread the word.

First of all, if at all possible, please link the NFFN home page, www.nationalfuel Funds.org, which prominently features the Katrina Assistance drive, to your own home page or other page of your website.

You can also help spread the word by circulating the attached press release or your own write-ups to:

- Internal email lists within your agency or company or associations to which you belong.
- Employee newsletters or bulletins.
- Personal email lists.
- Press lists to which you may have access. NFFN’s national press release is attached. Please feel free to re-circulate it.
- Vendors of your company or agency. They might be seeking a way to donate for energy-related needs, and the NFFN drive is the way for them to channel funds to the affected states.

Thank you so much for your attention and your care,



Carol Clements, Chairperson
National Fuel Funds Network Board of Directors

Fuel Fund Activities

- The Mid America Assistance Coalition (MAAC) is working with the Kansas City Helps, an interfaith effort to raise funds to assist some of the victims of Hurricane Katrina that are relocating in Kansas City, to stage a special fundraising event.

A benefit concert featuring musicians and bands with Kansas City connections will be held on Tuesday, September 27 at the Starlight Theatre. Funds raised through this event will be administered by the Mid American Assistance Coalition and will be used to provide emergency assistance, including utility bill assistance, to the evacuees who have relocated to Kansas City.

More information about this event, the MAAC and Kansas City Helps is available on the internet at www.kansascityhelps.org.

In the News

- ABC World News Tonight is scheduled to air a story on the impact of higher energy prices, including home energy prices, Sunday night, September 25. Check your local ABC affiliate or your local newspaper for times for the broadcast.