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Please join us in helping those devastated by Hurricane Katrina

**ORGANIZATIONS ACCEPTING MONEY:**

American Red Cross  
800-HELP NOW (435-7669)

America's Second Harvest  
800-344-8070

United Way of the DuPage Area  
[www.ubdupage.org](http://www.ubdupage.org)

**ORGANIZATIONS ACCEPTING DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS**

Adventist Services- 800-381-7171

Catholic Charities 800-919-9338

Christian Disaster Response  
941-956-5183

Christian Reformed World Relief  
800-848-5818

Convoy of Hope 417-823-8998

Feed the Children 800-525-7575

Lutheran Disaster Response  
800-638-3522

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance  
800-872-3283

Salvation Army 800-SAL-ARMY

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief  
800-462-8657 ext.6440

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## Being Prepared What You Can Do Now For Yourself and Your Family

Being prepared for all types of emergencies is an ongoing process. No one knows when a disaster could strike. Preparedness is the key to successfully handling any crisis ranging from a natural, man-made, or technological disaster.

Learn about the hazards and risks in your area and your community's plans for warning and evacuation. You can obtain this information from your local emergency management office or your local chapter of the American Red Cross and then consider ways to reduce your family's risk.

Throughout our county, we face a myriad of possible hazards including threats from floods, thunderstorms, lightning, tornadoes, winter storms, extreme cold and extreme heat, fires, hazardous materials incidents, explosions, biological or chemical threats and a dispersion of a radiological device (RDD).

While being prepared for every event may not be possible, a general preparedness plan can reduce fear, anxiety, injuries and property losses that accompany disasters.

Communities, families, and individuals should know what to do in the event of an emergency and where to seek

shelter if required. Families should be ready to evacuate their homes and take refuge in public shelters and know how to care for their basic medical needs.

Disasters disrupt hundreds of thousands of lives every year. Each disaster has lasting effects, both to people and property. If a disaster occurs in your community, local government and disaster-relief organizations will try to help you, but you need to be prepared as well. Local responders may not be able to reach you immediately, or they may need to focus their efforts elsewhere. Therefore, it is critical that you have a plan to allow you to help yourself and your family until emergency personnel arrive on the scene.

Families should plan and prepare to be self-sufficient for at least three days. Below is a minimal list of required items. A complete list can be obtained by visiting [www.citizencorpsdupage.org](http://www.citizencorpsdupage.org) or [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) :

- One gallon of water per person per day, for drinking and sanitation.
- Three-day supply of non-perishable ready to eat food per person.
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit

The need to prepare is real and preparedness can yield real benefits.

For more information go to <http://www.citizencorpsdupage.org>