

HOW TO VOLUNTEER OR DONATE RESOURCES FOR HURRICANE GUSTAV RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

Americans interested in volunteering or donating to Hurricane Gustav response and recovery efforts can visit www.volunteer.gov <<http://www.volunteer.gov/>>. Coordinated through USA Freedom Corps in partnership with government and nonprofit partners, this site is the Federal hub for volunteer opportunities, donations and resources to meet pressing needs in affected communities.

Faith-based and other community organizations willing to assist with volunteer efforts can also contact their state Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) point-of-contact at:

www.nvoad.org/AboutUs/StateVOADs/tabid/76/Default.aspx.

In addition, local Citizen Corps Councils have helped to lead local preparedness efforts in many communities across the country. Organizations willing to join local response and recovery efforts can visit www.citizencorps.gov <<http://www.citizencorps.gov/>> to find local Citizen Corps points of contact.

Individuals may also choose to volunteer through the American Red Cross (www.redcross.org <<http://www.redcross.org/>>).

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

To apply for individual or public assistance, or to aid others in doing so, see www.fema.gov/assistance or call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).

SBA Disaster Loan Information:
<http://www.sba.gov/hurricanes/index.html>

IRS Tax Relief in Disaster Situations:
<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=108362,00.html>

IRS Tips, "As Hurricanes Bear Down, Taxpayers Should Safeguard Their Tax, Financial Records:"
<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=186007,00.html>