

(September 2, 2005) Lipinski Statement on Hurricane Katrina

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL03) today made the following statement on the devastation of Hurricane Katrina:

"My thoughts and prayers go out to all those impacted by Hurricane Katrina. As we begin to understand the full extent of the damage, the enormity and the urgency of the situation in the Gulf Region, the devastation can seem nearly overwhelming."

"These are the moments when we realize we are our brother's keeper. It is clear that this is a national emergency, and we must all come together to help our fellow Americans immediately."

"I am pleased that Congress has been called back to Washington for a special session to get to work and bring quick relief to the victims of this horrific natural disaster. The passage of \$10.5 billion in relief funding is a clear and unmistakable bipartisan signal to the people of the Gulf Coast region that we are going to do everything in our power to recover and rebuild. However, this funding is only the first step on the long and challenging path to recovery for the entire Gulf Coast region."

"It is difficult to watch this news coverage of this tragedy and not feel a desire to help. Below is a list of organizations you can contact if you want to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina."

American Red Cross <http://www.redcross.org/>

1-800-HELP NOW (435-7669)

Operation Blessing <http://www.ob.org/>

1-800-436-6348

America's Second Harvest <http://www.secondharvest.org>

1-800-344-8070

Adventist Community Services <http://www.adventist.communityservices.org/>

1-800-381-7171

Catholic Charities, USA <http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>

1-800-919-9338

Christian Disaster Response <http://www.cdresponse.org/>

941-956-5183 or 941-551-9554

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee <http://www.crwrc.org/>

1-800-848-5818

Church World Service <http://www.churchworldservice.org/>

1-800-297-1516

Convoy of Hope <http://www.convoyofhope.org/>

417-823-8998

Corporation for National and Community Service Disaster Relief Fund
<http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/donations/index.asp>

(202) 606-6718

Lutheran Disaster Response <http://www.lwr.org/>

800-638-3522

Mennonite Disaster Service <http://www.mds.mennonite.net/>

717-859-2210

Nazarene Disaster Response <http://www.nazarenedisasterresponse.org/>

888-256-5886

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance <http://www.pcusa.org/pda/>

800-872-3283

Salvation Army <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/>

1-800-SAL-ARMY (725-2769)

Southern Baptist Convention -- Disaster Relief <http://www.namb.net/dr/>

1-800-462-8657, ext. 6440

United Jewish Communities <http://www.ujc.org/>

1-800-462-8657, ext. 6440

United Methodist Committee on Relief <http://www.methodistrelief.org/>

1-800-554-8583