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CHICAGO, IL- U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-03) is organizing a Hurricane Katrina relief effort to bring badly needed supplies to the hard hit Gulf Coast region.

"After seeing this devastation, like many people I wanted to do something more than simply talk about this tragedy," Congressman Lipinski said. "Therefore, I looked at what we in the Third District could do to help our fellow citizens get back on their feet."

Congressman Lipinski tabbed veteran Congressional aide Jerry Mulvihill and volunteer Catherina Wojtowicz to coordinate the collection and transportation of supplies, including drinking water, diapers, baby formula, canned foods, granola bars, new or gently used clothing and other non-perishable items, to the Gulf states.

"Jerry has organized several successful food drives for the underprivileged individuals in the Third District, and Catherina coordinated a similar relief effort for the victims of the Mississippi River flood several years ago," Congressman Lipinski said. "I am confident our Third District community will generously answer this call for help from our fellow Americans on the Gulf."

More information on contributing to Congressman Lipinski's relief effort can be obtained by calling (312) 886-0481. Items needed in the Gulf Coast region can be dropped off at the Congressman's three district offices: 6245 Archer Ave., Chicago; 19 W. Hillgrove Ave, La Grange; or 5205 W. 95th St, Oak Lawn.

Please call in advance to arrange for dropping off the much-need items for the victims of Hurricane Katrina: Chicago (312) 886-0481; La Grange (708) 354-0524; Oak Lawn (708) 424-0853; or email LipinskiHelps@yahoo.com. Additional drop-off points will also be announced.

Items needed include:

In a duffle bag or backpack

Baby formula

Powdered milk

Canned goods

Dry drink mixes

Individual snack items

Gatorade

Manual can openers

In a backpack or purse

New socks

Hot weather clothes

New underwear

School supplies & bags

Gently used or new gym shoes

Gently used or new baseball caps

Gently used or new baby clothes

In a one-gallon ziplock bag

Toothpaste & toothbrush

Soap & shampoo

Feminine hygiene products & deodorant

Brush & comb

Band-aides

Baby wipes

Shaving cream & razors

In a five-gallon plastic bucket

Bleach

Rubber cleaning gloves

Insect repellent & sunscreen

Flashlights & batteries

Mops & brooms

Paper, pens & stamps

Playing cards

Contributions can also be made to the following relief organizations:

Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund (212) 348-0132 www.bushclintonkatrinafund.org

American Red Cross (800) HELP NOW (435-7669) www.redcross.org

Operation Blessing (800)436-6348 www.ob.org

America's Second Harvest (800)-344-8070 www.secondharvest.org

Adventist Community Services (800) 381-7171 www.adventist.communityservices.org

Catholic Charities, USA (800) 919-9338 www.catholiccharitiesusa.org

Christian Disaster Response (941)956-5183 or (941)551-9554 www.cdresponse.org

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (800) 848-5818 www.cwrc.org

Church World Service (800) 297-1516 www.churchworldservice.org

Convoy of Hope (417) 823-8998 www.convoyofhope.org

Corporation for National and Community Service Disaster Relief Fund (202) 606-6718
www.nationalservice.gov/about/donations/index.asp

Lutheran Disaster Response (800) 638-3522 www.lwr.org

Mennonite Disaster Service (717) 859-2210 www.mds.mennonite.net

Nazarene Disaster Response (888) 256-5886 www.nazarenedisasterresponse.org

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (800) 872-3283 www.pcusa.org/pda

Salvation Army (800) SAL-ARMY (725-2769) www.salvationarmyusa.org

Southern Baptist Convention -- Disaster Relief (800) 462-8657, ext. 6440 www.namb.net/dr

United Jewish Communities (800) 462-8657, ext. 6440 www.ujc.org

United Methodist Committee on Relief (800) 554-8583 www.methodistrelief.org

