

Making a Difference



Last week, we reported on the devastation in Veracruz caused by Hurricane Karl and subsequent flooding. The Mexican government has declared a state of disaster and officials estimate as many as 100,000 families have been affected. A number of our employees lost all of their belongings and have received damage to their homes.

Many of you have asked how you can help. Due to damaged roads and infrastructure, the ability to send goods is limited so they are requesting monetary donations. CMC has made an initial donation. This donation together with your pledge, will be sent to Hector and Sariel Enriquez to distribute to the families accordingly. This will assist each family in replacing necessary items: mattresses, washers & dryers, furniture and other personal items.

Attached is a payroll deduct form if you are interested in making a donation. Donations must be made by October 15th. Click the submit button and it will be automatically emailed to the payroll department.



Getting Involved

Here are a few ways you can get involved this month.



What: 7th Annual Voice of the Wetlands

Why: As Tab Benoit says, "You have to stand for something in Louisiana or you will have nothing left to stand on." Every year, more and more of our coastal wetlands deteriorate. We can reverse this trend. You can read about it at the website below. You can help by attending this free festival in Houma. Food and drink proceeds go to the Voice of the Wetlands foundation.

When: October 8, 9, 10th (festival), October 9th (5K/10K Race)

Where: Southdown Plantation in Houma, Louisiana

Web: Visit www.voiceofthewetlands.org for a full schedule of events.

What: The largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks in the world.

Why: Its Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Show your support and sport your PINK!

When: October 23rd in New Orleans & October 30th in Thibodaux

Web: Visit www.komen.org for more information or to find a race near you.



What: Just Kids at Art

Why: 'Cause you need a reason to get the kids outdoors

When: October 16th, 9am to 4pm

Where: St. Matthews Episcopal School in Downtown Houma

What: Gentilly Fest 2010

Why: Two days of fun for the whole family

When: October 9 and 10th

Where: Pontchartrain Park

Web: Visit www.gentillyfest.com for more information and a complete lineup of music entertainment



Do you have a charity that you would like Energizing Our Community to support? Fill out our survey and tell us about it. If you want more information about the upcoming events, wish to add an event to next month's email or are interested in becoming involved with Energizing Our Community, email us at onthemove@chetm.com.