

Louisiana Flood Overview 2016



On Friday, August 12, rain began falling in Louisiana. In some of the hardest-hit areas, it rained for days. Rivers ran backwards, levees overflowed and the water kept rising. Nearly one third of Louisiana's parishes (similar to counties) were underwater. Lingering effects associated with the flood will be felt for a prolonged period of time as residents start the process of sifting through the destruction, cleaning mold and repairing water damage.

60,646

Displaced due to household damage

30,000

People rescued

12,000

People seeking refuge in shelters

109,398

People or households requesting FEMA aid

25,636

National Flood Insurance Program claims filed

The **HHI Disaster Response Team (DRT)** deployed to Louisiana to assess the flooding needs and coordinate kit and product distribution with partner organizations in Louisiana. Because of HHI's partnership with Airlink, the flights for the DRT were donated. The DRT established contact with our partners in Louisiana to help distribute essential medical product to several locations around Baton Rouge, inspect neighborhoods and help coordinate logistics.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

Groups built Hygiene Kits for residents who were displaced by the floods, thanks for your support.



Corporate Partners



Partners in Louisiana

Baton Rouge First Church of the Nazarene, Cancer Services, Catholic Charities, Convoy of Hope, Eunice Community Health Center, Congressman Garrett Graves & Senator Regina Barrow, Save the Children.



Product shipment donated by FedEx.

Due to the large-scale flooding, the challenge of finding locations to unload trucks for distribution increased. Through HHI's membership with the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (National VOAD) efforts to coordinate relief, placing shipments exactly where product is needed the most, were made possible.

A value of over \$150,000 medicines & medical supplies were shipped

10,000

Hygiene Kits distributed

12,000

J&J bottles of sunscreen

109,398

Coloring books & crayons

25,636

Blankets

PowrServ

Hygiene Kit Building Events

Several volunteer groups immediately started building Hygiene Kits to help support the victims of the Louisiana Flood.



Henry, our youngest volunteer, sits triumphantly on top of the pallet of Hygiene Kits his volunteer group assembled.

The following organizations conducted **PowrServ events** in response to the flood in August:



232

Volunteers

464

Hours Spent building kits

2,700

Hygiene Kits built

Stories

In the 25 years Laura and Dale have lived in their Central Louisiana home, they had never experienced flooding like this. During Hurricane Katrina, they lost their roof and had flood waters up to their front stoop. This time, Laura and Dale were not spared. The massive rainfall and flooding which occurred in August 2016 showed them no mercy. Water flowed into their one story home, devastating everything in its path, and forcing the couple out. Staying in a shelter at night, Laura and Dale began the long cleanup process. While sorting through and emptying the 25 years of accumulated possessions and memories in their home, the couple is also battling the characteristic late summer heat and humidity of Louisiana.



The **Heart to Heart DRT** met Laura and Dale while delivering cleaning supplies, water and HHI provided Hygiene Kits to them and other countless families like them throughout Louisiana. The Hygiene Kits provide much needed personal care items, including toothbrushes, washcloths and soap to those affected by the floods. With bathtubs, sinks, and the entirety of people's daily essentials ruined by the flood waters, the hygiene kits are a comfort and greatly appreciated. Having the ability to clean themselves allows people a sense of normalcy and optimism in the midst of cleaning up the devastation of their homes and putting their lives back together.

Meet Alice, a strong willed woman who made it out of the LA floods, but her home did not. Pictures show her neighborhood and what they have lost as a community in central Louisiana. The dirt on the car shows the stark reality of how deep the water was in her neighborhood.



Local Media Coverage

KMBC 9 (Rachel Santschi)

<http://www.kmbc.com/9-can-help/heart-to-heart-international-helps-louisiana-flood-victims/41331426>

KSHB 41 NBC (Megan Strickland and Terra Hall)

<http://www.kshb.com/news/local-news/local-volunteers-create-hygiene-kits-for-louisiana-flood-victims>

HHI is listed on the Charity Navigator responder list for Louisiana Floods.