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LHA Foundation Establishes Fund for La. Hospital Heroes Affected by Hurricane Laura

September 9, 2020 (Baton Rouge) – The Louisiana Hospital Association Research and Education Foundation (LHAREF) established the [Louisiana Care Fund](#) to assist hospital employees who experienced significant property loss or personal hardship as a result of Hurricane Laura.

“Louisiana hospital employees braved a destructive Category 4 hurricane in the midst of a pandemic, and they remained on the frontlines during a mandatory evacuation to save patients’ lives before, during and after the storm,” said LHA President & CEO Paul Salles. “These hospital heroes, who show extraordinary compassion and commitment every day and during crises, must now begin to rebuild their own lives, and our hope is that this fund will provide a little extra relief.”

Businesses and individuals can contribute online at www.LouisianaCareFund.org or mail a check made payable to the Louisiana Care Fund, with a completed [donation form](#), to the LHA Research and Education Foundation, 9521 Brookline Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Contributions are tax deductible, and all administrative services are being provided in kind so that 100 percent of donations will be used to assist hospital employees affected by the storm.

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About the Louisiana Care Fund

The Louisiana Care Fund is administered by the Louisiana Hospital Association Research and Education Foundation (LHAREF), a 501(c)(3) organization. This fund has been established to support employees of Louisiana hospitals who experienced significant property loss or personal hardship as a result of Hurricane Laura. All administrative services are being provided in kind so that 100 percent of donations will be used to assist employees affected by the storm. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Visit the Louisiana Care Fund website at www.LouisianaCarefund.org or follow the fund on Facebook [@LouisianaCareFund](#). Additional questions regarding the fund can be directed to LouisianaCareFund@lhaonline.org.

About the LHA Research and Education Foundation

The LHAREF is committed to providing hospitals across Louisiana with the resources and support necessary to assist in all-hazards planning and response. The Foundation was created for education and research purposes, which has allowed Louisiana hospitals to gain access to additional expertise and resources through government grant activities and contracts focused on emergency preparedness and quality improvement initiatives. For more information about the LHAREF, visit www.lha-foundation.org.

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