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Rep. Brossett Asks Community to contribute to "Merry Christmas from the Big Easy to the Big Apple"

NEW ORLEANS – State Representative Jared Brossett and St. Paul’s Homecoming Center (SPHC) are reaching out to bring Christmas cheer and much needed help to victims of Hurricane Sandy in Brooklyn, Coney Island, Staten Island, and the Jersey Shore. Rep. Brossett, Chairman of the Select Committee on Hurricane Recovery and board member of SPHC, is encouraging the community to help fill an 18-wheeler, with new or gently-used items, that will travel to the Bread of Life Church in Long Island, New York.

"80% of District 97 was underwater due to Hurricane Katrina. As we continue to rebuild our community, it is important to remember those that aided us when we were in need, and assist those that have suffered from Superstorm Sandy." Brossett said. "I am proud to be a part of this effort to bring children's toys, household items, and baby supplies to families, in time for the holidays. I urge my colleagues and residents in District 97 to participate and make a donation as well."

"New Orleans has benefited from thousands of East Coast volunteers to help rebuild, now it's our turn to give them a helping hand. As St. Paul's has done since Katrina, we are committed to bringing our disaster recovery efforts wherever the need remains," says Connie Uddo, St. Paul's Homecoming Center Executive Director.

The following, new or gently used, items are needed: toys, bed linens, towels, blankets, diapers, baby formula, strollers, books, games, household appliances, cleaning supplies, sweaters, coats, and warm weather clothing.

The truck will leave New Orleans on December 15, and arrive in the Northeast on December 17, just in time for the holidays. Donations will be accepted until December 14, and can be dropped off at the following locations:

Lakeview:

St. Paul's Episcopal School
6429 Canal Boulevard
8 am-3 pm Monday-Friday

Gentilly:

St. Paul's Homecoming Center
1509 Filmore Avenue
9 am-3 pm Monday-Friday

Mid-City:

Rouse's Mid City
400 North Carrolton Avenue
7 am-11 pm Daily

Uptown:

Audubon Zoo
Main Membership Window
6500 Magazine St
10 am-4 pm Monday-Friday
10 am-5 pm Sat & Sun

If you would like to give a monetary donation this holiday season, St. Paul's Homecoming Center will also be purchasing gift cards for the victims of Hurricane Sandy. For further information on how to assist the victims of Isaac or Sandy this holiday season, including volunteering in the Northeast, call the St. Paul's Homecoming Center at (504)644-4125, or visit their website at www.stpaulshomecomingcenter.org.

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