

United Way of Southwest Louisiana
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St. Landry-Evangeline United Way
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United Ways respond to flood disaster

United Ways offer giving, volunteer opportunities to help flood disaster victims

Lake Charles, LA – United Ways across South Louisiana are accepting donations and volunteers to assist those impacted by flooding in the region.

St. Landry-Evangeline United Way, United Way of Acadiana, United Way of Iberia and United Way of Southwest Louisiana have partnered to launch the Greater Acadiana United Way Disaster Fund. To donate, text keyword **FLOOD2016** to **41444**, visit each individual United Way web site or contact the individual United Way.

United Way-supported programs with nonprofit partner agencies help provide food, clothing, counseling and other services.

"We are greatly concerned for everyone affected by this devastating, record flooding," said United Way of Southwest Louisiana President and CEO Denise Durel. "We embrace this opportunity to help our neighbors in their time of need. United, we are all interlinked - as neighbors, as communities and as the SWLA region."

United Way of Southwest Louisiana services the parishes of: Jefferson Davis, Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu and Cameron. United Way of Acadiana services the parishes of: Acadia, Lafayette, St. Martin and Vermillion. United Way of Iberia serves Iberia parish. United Way of St. Landry – Evangeline serves the parishes of: St. Landry and Evangeline.

United Ways are partnering with local residents and partners in the non-profit sector, businesses, faith-based sector and government to help people through the recovery process.

Volunteers are also needed in the hardest hit area, Acadiana. Immediate needs are for shelter volunteers, but a training class is required prior to shelter service. American Red Cross is training people who want to assist in the various shelters in the region on Sunday at 1 p.m. at United Way of Acadiana at 215 E. Pinhook Rd. Interested individuals are invited to attend this training. No pre-registration is required.

United Ways are also working with Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) to assess all other volunteer needs. Once those other volunteer have been identified, a United Way representative will contact registered volunteers with additional information. You can register to volunteer for emerging volunteer needs at www.unitedwayofacadiana.org.

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