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NHA announces donation for relief efforts for flooding victims in Louisiana

LINCOLN, NEB. — Nebraska Hospital Association's President Laura J. Redoutey, FACHE, announced that the NHA and Nebraska Hospital Association Research and Educational Foundation (NHAREF) are committing funds to those who are suffering in Louisiana from the recent floods. The flooding in south Louisiana has been devastating for many individuals, families and businesses. Unlike a hurricane, there was no warning or time to prepare.

In an effort to provide some relief, the Louisiana Hospital Association (LHA) Research and Education Foundation has established the Louisiana Hospital Employee Assistance Fund to provide support to our family of hospital employees who so desperately need our help. The Nebraska Hospital Association has made a contribution in support of Louisiana and their hospitals. Money raised will go to hospital employees who suffered significant property loss to their homes/residences during the August 2016 flooding disaster.

"By recent estimates, more than 5,000 Louisiana hospital employees suffered significant flood damage to their homes," said LHA President & CEO Paul Salles. "Most of these homes and residences were not insured against an unprecedented 500-year flood of this magnitude, and federal assistance for recovery is significantly limited.

Donations will help evacuated hospital employees keep their families safe and continue providing compassionate care to patients in their communities."

"We are concerned and saddened to hear about our hospital families suffering in Louisiana and are committed to helping our fellow hospitals and their staff," stated Laura J. Redoutey. "We want those affected to know that we are thinking of them here in Nebraska during this tumultuous time."



To make a donation or find additional information about the Louisiana Hospital Employee Assistance Fund, email AssistanceFund@lhaonline.org or call 225-928-0026.

The Nebraska Hospital Association is the unified voice for Nebraska's hospitals and health systems. The association offers collaborative leadership, assisting its members to provide comprehensive care to their communities, improving the health status of those communities. For more information, visit the NHA website at www.NebraskaHospitals.org.

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