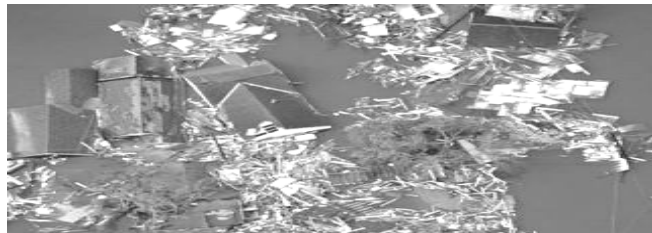


Hurricane Katrina



Mother Nature's Devastation...



On August 23, 2005, Mother Nature began to show its true power. The storm launched its way up the Gulf Coast, covering an area of over 180,000 square miles. It took quite a few days to begin its horror of fate and loss, but on August 29, it hit hard, with a wind speed of over 175-mph, finally calming down on August 31. Over this course of about nine days, much occurred: destruction, distraught, death, and devastation. This hurricane is one that has affected many innocent lives, and will affect the fate of many others in our nation.

Hurricane Katrina, as they call this face of Mother Nature's fury, will be recognized in history as America's worst natural disaster, a title that will forever be remembered. The areas directly hit by Katrina were Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, especially Greater New Orleans City. 80% of New Orleans is currently submerged under water. Those that are still missing will have to be rescued after clearing sewage pipe leaks and other chemical wastes excreted from industrial plants. The lesser impacts of the hurricane affected areas as follows: Bahamas, South Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, and the Virginias. The damage created is tremendous, with costs ranging from \$20-75 billion. Hurricane Katrina is said to be the costliest Atlantic storm of all time. It also happens to be the cause of the most loss we have ever faced in a hurricane. The fatalities range from 335-1,335 people directly, and 118 indirectly. This number is increasing by the day, including the number that have been brutally injured. One million are currently homeless, and five million people are living without any electricity. Many say, that power in those areas will only be effectively running in about two months. 20,000-30,000 of the one million that are homeless are being sheltered in buildings that have not been destructed such as football stadiums, schools, and other constructions. These innocent people will be taking refuge in various shelters for weeks, or even months. Though we can not return what and whom these victims have lost, we can give them prayer and support.

The Tamil Association of Greater Delaware Valley (TAGDV), will appreciate all of the help and donations we can receive through this course of reform and reconstruction for the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. All of our donations will be directly given to organizations such as the American Red Cross who are directly involved in helping these Katrina Victims. Please also send your suggestions regarding organizations that are involved in helping these victims. **Please donate generously!** May our prayers be with the victims and their families during this devastating time. "The Highest prayer in this world is service." Thank you for all of your support during this time of sorrow and loss.

Please make all checks payable to:

Tamil Association of Greater Delaware Valley

Note: Hurricane Relief Fund, Katrina

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Together, let's make a difference. We can. We must.

With Best Regards,
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