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Acacia Fraternity
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TO: All Active Brothers and Alumni
FROM: David J. Allen, International President, Acacia Fraternity
RE: Hurricane Relief
DATE: September 27, 2005

THE NEED IS GREAT - THE TIME IS NOW

There are not sufficient words to describe the devastation caused by the recent hurricanes that have hit our coastal states. The tragic loss of life, displacement of survivors, and destruction of property is beyond description. Every one of us has seen glimpses on television and in the newspapers of the carnage caused by Hurricane Katrina. Yet, unless you have been there like some of our Louisiana State brothers and alumni, it still remains unimaginable. Relief assistance will be needed for months and years to come.

Our motto, "Human Service," has never been more meaningful. We Acacians now have an opportunity to put our motto into action in service to our own brothers. Over 80% of our Louisiana State chapter actives and pledges live in areas of south Louisiana. The damage throughout south Louisiana leaves our LSU brothers and their families with no assurance of when they will be able to rebuild or renovate their homes or return to their jobs and professions. The families of our LSU brothers are encouraging their sons to remain in school despite the financial difficulties they are experiencing. It is a time of testing for them and for all of us.

The Acacia Fraternity Foundation and the International Council, with your support, have embarked on a program to provide direct educational support for LSU brothers who are financially challenged due to causes far beyond their control. The Foundation and Council, with the approval of the LSU House Corporation, have established a fund within the AFF to provide financial support for tuition, textbooks, room and board and other educational expenses for LSU Acacians.

All Acacia alumni are encouraged to support this worthy cause. Each chapter and colony is asked to put "Human Service" into action by raising funds for this program. Let us join with others who are extending their hands in friendship and providing financial help to those who have been devastated.

Funds raised or contributed by chapters, colonies and alumni to support our Brother Acacians are tax deductible. Checks, money orders, and credit card contributions can be mailed to Acacia Fraternity Foundation, 8777 Purdue Road, Suite 225, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Checks should be made payable to the Acacia Fraternity Foundation and designated for Louisiana State chapter educational assistance. You may also contribute directly online by going to Acacia's website at http://www.acacia.org/aff_donate.htm and selecting the Network for Good button.

Each chapter and colony is asked to appoint a coordinator for this effort. The brother designated should contact Executive Director Darold Larson [dlarson@acacia.org] or Assistant Executive Director Keith Bushey [kbushey@acacia.org] for more information and suggestions on fund raising.

Acacia is only as great as its membership. The true test of Brotherhood is to stand tall when circumstances are difficult. Let us stand with our LSU brothers in their time of trial and need. Please join together and make Acacia's founders proud.

Fraternaly yours,

David J. Allen, President
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