

GL 2 - Community Services

September 17, 2008

Subj: A Plea for Support

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

It is hard to portray the physical suffering of catastrophe, but it is even harder to describe the emotional impact on people themselves. In simple terms, our Sisters and Brothers need our help, and they need it fast!

Hurricane Ike has spread a trail of destruction in South Texas and Galveston. In the wake of this disaster, many of our members have lost everything they have worked so hard to achieve in their lives---their homes, cars, furniture---all but the clothes on their back.

Traditionally, in times of tragedies, we have appealed to our membership for donations for our brothers and sisters who are suffering. Invariably, you have responded with warm-hearted generosity. It is in that tradition - and to that spirit of generosity - that we now make this appeal.

Therefore, we are asking you to make a donation to the "IAM Disaster Relief Fund" in care of the Community Services Department, 9000 Machinists Place, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772.

As quickly as these funds are received, they will be distributed directly to IAM Families on the basis of need. Fellow members of our Union need our help. They need it now. We are confident that you will join us in responding to that need.

If you have any questions, please contact Maria Cordone, Director of the Community Services/ Retirees Department at (301) 967-3433 or e-mail: mcordone@iamaw.org.

We thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Fraternally yours,

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