

From the Office of the AFM President

Dear Local Officer,

Millions of people have been affected by the recent events related to Hurricane Gustav. Over 100 people have died since the hurricane began in the Caribbean - property damage has been estimated to be as high as \$10 billion. The evacuations that preceded Gustav means that thousands of musicians had to flee the area while leaving behind valuable property in the path of the hurricane.

The AFM stands ready to assist the musicians through the nonprofit Musicians Disaster Relief Fund. But we need your help. Your Local's donations are what make the Fund effective. Each dollar that you send goes to a musician in dire need of assistance.

When Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast region in 2005, the AFM created the Fund and distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to musicians. This was possible only because of the generosity of Locals and musicians throughout North America.

I ask that your Local make a donation to this fund in whatever amount you believe the Local can afford. Also, I ask that you encourage your members to make contributions and give serious consideration to holding fundraisers.

Please visit <https://www.afm.org/donate/index/fund/186> to make a donation online. You can also mail contributions to: AFM, 1501 Broadway, Suite 600, New York, NY 10036. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the Musicians Disaster Relief Fund.

Thank you for your assistance and your commitment to the well-being of all musicians.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Thomas F. Lee

President

AFM

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