

Dear State Presidents, State Presidents-elect and State Offices:

In response to requests from PTA members and units across the country, we have developed the following resources and tools to assist your Hurricane Katrina relief and recovery efforts.

- The new **Hurricane Katrina Adopt-a-PTA program** is designed to help PTAs across the country coordinate their efforts to assist those hurt by Hurricane Katrina. This online program allows PTAs to register their needs - for their schools, for other non-PTA schools in their community, for displaced children and families, or any other type of support to help the families and communities affected by Hurricane Katrina. Through the online "needs form," PTAs can provide details about who they are, where they are located, and what kind of support they need. The search function allows potential donor PTAs to review needs based on type or geographic location. Donor PTAs are then encouraged to directly contact the PTAs in need of "adoption" by responding to the contact person listed and coordinating the donation of specific items. [<http://www.pta.org/adoptapta>]
- The **information center** on National PTA's website will link you to information about relief and recovery efforts from government agencies (such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the US. Department of Education) and private agencies (such as the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army). [http://www.pta.org/archive_article_details_1126557597812.html]
- National PTA's Hurricane Katrina **bulletin board** allows members from across the country exchange news and ideas about relief and recovery efforts. [<http://www.pta.org/ptaActivePage.asp?pg=bb>].

Please share these resource and tools with your units, districts, councils and state leadership. And, once again, thank you all so very much for your concern and support for the children and families affected by Hurricane Katrina.

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