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On behalf of the general membership of the UNA-USA Columbus Chapter, the Board of Directors wishes to express its deepest sympathies and condolences to our colleagues at the Greater Birmingham and New Orleans Chapters, all general members throughout Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, and to all citizens in the southern and southeastern United States who have been deeply affected by Hurricane Katrina. We are appalled by the damage, destruction, injury, and loss of life caused by this, one of the most powerful storms in history. Mother nature has not been kind to the world recently, and we are again called upon to help others in light of this brutal demonstration of power.

One of our sister organizations, The American Red Cross, has sent several thousand disaster relief personnel to the affected areas to provide shelter, food and other humanitarian relief to persons affected by Katrina. Several volunteers from the ARC of Greater Columbus are amongst those answering the call for help. We encourage our general membership and those in the Central Ohio area to contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-HELP-NOW, or at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org), to offer assistance in helping those affected by Katrina. No recourse or amount is too small. We also encourage any interested persons to contact the Greater Columbus Chapter at 614-253-2740 or at <http://columbus.redcross.org> if they are interested in lending physical assistance in the affected area.

Lastly, we humbly ask every member of our community to keep in thoughts and prayers those persons who are suffering through Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath, and those who, in the coming days and weeks, will offer their assistance to ease the pain, if only for a minute.

Whatever your religion or denomination, we are human beings first. No human being should be made to endure this level of suffering alone. Please consider providing whatever assistance you can during this critical time in our nation's history.

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