

# **A Letter From Arnie Fielkow**

## **CEO, Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans**

We are receiving daily updates from JFNA and will be passing those along to you. There are many areas in which we can lend our help, but I thought one of the best ideas discussed was the “buddy” system. New Orleans is probably the best community in the country to guide those affected on what lies ahead, including such things as insurance, contractors, emotional support and much more, and we look forward to the creation of a volunteer database which can ultimately be useful to those in Texas and western Louisiana.

Again, thank you for your passion and generosity! Our Federation staff and leadership look forward to partnering with you!

Sincerely,  
Arnie Fielkow

### **ARENAS IN WHICH FEDERATION WILL BE ADDRESSING HOUSTON'S COMMUNITY RECOVERY/REBUILDING:**

**Financial** - Federation will be collecting funds. Schooling - We will be looking to absorb any families in need of schooling.

**Housing** - Happy to house any who need shelter? Visit the Jewish Federation of San Antonio website at [www.jfsatx.org](http://www.jfsatx.org) and follow the “Community Inventory Survey” link on their homepage.

**Jewish holidays** - All synagogues ready to welcome families to celebrate with us.

**Community Volunteers** - Visit [www.jewishnola.com/harvey](http://www.jewishnola.com/harvey) to register for all kinds of volunteer opportunities.

**Relief items** - Items are being collected at Metairie JCC.

- Gift Cards (min. of \$25) to Target, CVS, Walgreen's, HEB, Bed Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Lowe's, and Wal-mart
- Cleaning supplies (cleaning spray, sponges, mops, spray bottles, buckets)
- Shovels
- Non-perishable food items (pop-top cans, individually packaged snacks)
- Bottled water
- Advil/Tylenol/Aleve/Aspirin
- Diapers and wipes
- Tampons/pads
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Heavy duty trash bags
- Bleach
- Work gloves
- Safety goggles
- Teddy bears/toys for children
- Blankets
- Android/iPhone chargers