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United Heritage CU Contributes to Hurricane Katrina Survivors

Donations and Commitment of Volunteer Work Pour in From Staff

AUSTIN, Texas (Sept. 15, 2005)—United Heritage Credit Union has mobilized its employees in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, which hit the Gulf Coast region August 29, 2005. “We have members who have been directly and indirectly affected by Hurricane Katrina,” said President/CEO, Buddy Schroeder. “We are trying to do everything in our power to help the people of the affected areas recover after such a devastating loss.”

United Heritage took steps as a company by donating \$25,000 to the Texas Credit Union Foundation’s *Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Fund*, which is raising money to be disbursed by league or state foundations to be used at the local level. These funds will be used to provide housing, food and transportation to credit union and league staff, volunteers and members. The lending department of United Heritage is also helping the people of the Gulf Coast region, by authorizing extended payment terms, lowered interest rates, lowered payments or a combination thereof. The lending department, along with management, will take each of the requests on a case-by-case basis analyzing the level of need. Also, effective immediately and until further notice, United Heritage will be granting 0.00% interest on all Service Member’s Relief Act (SMRA) requests and will also automatically update all active SMRA accounts to reflect the 0.00% interest.

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Employee Contributions
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Employees of United Heritage are also getting involved outside of work. Diane Thresher, Symitar System manager, volunteered her time with the Food Bank of Austin sorting food for hurricane victims at the old Home Depot in Sunset Valley, TX, and individuals in the lending department have come up with an extra \$1,200 to contribute to the Texas Credit Union Foundation. In addition to volunteer work and fundraising, the Credit Union is also offering two hours of regular paid time off for its employees who wish to donate blood in the name of Hurricane Katrina survivors.

“Our hearts go out to everyone who has been affected by this storm,” said Jenny Laudadio, director of marketing/community relations. “We hope that by offering assistance to those in need we can help speed up the recovery process. It’s going to be a long road, but every little bit helps.” For more information on Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, please contact Jenny or Amanda.