

HURRICANE KATRINA

# This Sign Means Hope



## *This Is What You Can Do to Help:*

**Hospital employees in Louisiana,  
Mississippi and Alabama suffered  
devastating losses from Hurricane  
Katrina. Some lost everything,  
yet they continued caring for  
their patients and neighbors.**

**See what you can do to help those  
who helped so many.**

**Go to: [www.TheCareFund.net](http://www.TheCareFund.net)**



In areas ravaged by Hurricane Katrina, the hospital "H" also came to mean "hope" ... and "heroes."

Thousands of hospital workers held the line, endured the storm and survived the deluge — to care for their patients.

The stories are just beginning to be told:

At one New Orleans hospital, staff went days without food and water while evacuating patients — carrying some on stretchers, some on their backs — through floodwaters and up eight flights of stairs to waiting helicopters.

In Mississippi, a surgeon performed emergency surgery by flashlight, with flood water rising over his feet and medical equipment failing.

At another hospital, food and supplies ran out, and many of the staff knew that they had lost their own homes. But they continued to accept new patients — treating evacuees and rescue workers alike.

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