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Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc., and its Employees Provide Aid to Hurricane Laura Victims

On October 10th, 2018 Hurricane Michael made landfall in Florida’s Panhandle, devastating the livelihood of residents in Bay and surrounding counties, including Panama City, Florida. Residents proved their resiliency by adopting the motto, “850 Strong,” and by relying on those who came to help- whether family, neighbor or stranger from hundreds of miles away who answered the call to provide and distribute needed supplies.

No stranger to the necessity of community after a major disaster, Eastern Shipbuilding Group and its employees have jumped in to help those hit hardest by Hurricane Laura by holding a companywide Hurricane relief supply drive. Laura, which made landfall near Cameron, Louisiana as a category 4 on August 27, brought 150 mph winds and near 15-foot storm surge. As residents of Southwest Acadiana began to return, they quickly found that their homes and valuables were either severely damaged or destroyed.



CNN photo of damage near Lake Charles, LA

Today, just short of two years since Hurricane Michael, Eastern and its employees are giving back the same sort of care and aid to those impacted by Hurricane Laura that was offered to them. In a letter detailed to all Eastern Employees, Executive VP/COO Ken Munroe wrote, “We all know very well the destruction that can be caused by hurricanes as we all lived it during Hurricane Michael. This is our time to return the favor to others who are suffering and to those people that helped us during our time of need.” Eastern and its employees have already loaded and



ESG employee, Richard Morgan, delivers supplies as featured on United Way of Acadiana's Facebook

shipped two truckloads of supplies to those in Southeast Louisiana and is looking to fill a third.

“The destruction caused by Hurricane Laura to people’s homes, businesses, stores, churches and livelihoods has caused great pain and suffering. Your

donations will help ease the pain and give

those people hope for recovery.”



James Burkett, ESG Warehouse Manager, along with the shipping and receiving staff, preparing for the next truckload of aid to SW Acadiana

To stay up to date with the efforts of Eastern Shipbuilding Group’s donations to Hurricane Laura relief, please visit Eastern’s [Facebook page](#).