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### **Sen. Jason Crowell Commends Southeast Missourians for Compassionate Response to Hurricane**

JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. Jason Crowell, R-Cape Girardeau, extends his appreciation to Southeast Missourians for their compassionate response toward victims of Hurricane Katrina. Crowell's Senate office has received numerous phone calls and e-mails from constituents asking how they can be of service during this trying time for citizens of the Gulf Coast Region.

"Missourians have been spurred into action by this horrible natural disaster that has destroyed lives along the Gulf Coast," Crowell said. "I urge those who are interested to donate their time and resources to helping Hurricane Katrina victims put their lives back together."

Crowell encourages Southeast Missourians to contact the State Emergency Management Office in Jefferson City by phone at (888) 526-6664 or online at [www.sema.dps.mo.gov](http://www.sema.dps.mo.gov). The American Red Cross is in need of blood donations and other means of assistance. To see where volunteers are needed, visit online <http://redcross.volunteermatch.org/>, or to give blood, call 1-800-448-3543 or visit online [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org).

"The need for volunteers and blood donors will extend well past the point in which the initial shock of the disaster wears off," Crowell said. "The efforts of the overwhelming number of people from Southeast Missouri who have expressed their desire to help are invaluable in the healing process for those whose lives have been devastated."

With Gov. Matt Blunt's recent appointment of Adjutant General King E. Sidwell, of Southeast Missouri, as the state's Hurricane Relief Coordinator, Crowell feels confident that volunteer support and relief efforts will be successfully organized in a state-wide move to provide relief for the hurricane victims.

"I, along with the countless other Missourians, am keeping Hurricane Katrina victims in my prayers as they attempt to deal with the loss of their loved ones and start their lives over," Crowell said. "And I applaud each and every person who is doing what they can to make those new beginnings easier."

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