



*A heartfelt*

**THANKS Y'ALL**

from your Keesler Exchange Associates



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Tom Harmon  
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Dear Mr. Harmon,

On behalf of the associates of Keesler AFB Exchange, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for the contributions received from AREA.

In total, the AREA donated over fifty-seven thousand dollars in cash and gift cards. These contributions helped almost one hundred employees. The process used to determine the distribution of funds received from the AREA was done by a committee of several members in and out of our exchange. Each associate was required to complete an application to apply for emergency relief. The committee members then assessed the extent of damages sustained and categorized them from minor, major and catastrophic. The total funds were then proportionately divided amongst the different categories and every single applicant received some amount of monetary support.

Knowing that associates from around the world were willing to send donations to help those in need is humbling. You realize that you are a part of a great organization. Nine months after the storm we continue to receive donations from AAFES Exchanges and some donations are sent anonymously—no name or address.

We continue to be optimistic, knowing that it will take time to get our personal lives back in order including providing services to the military community here at Keesler AFB. In the April edition of the Exchange Post we had a feature story update to thank all our family from around the world who so graciously offered their help by way of contributions, providing manpower, vacation leave or spiritual support.

Again, heartfelt thanks go to the AREA. Your support means more than you know.

Sincerely,



DANIEL SCHMIDT  
General Manager  
Keesler AFB Exchange