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COACHES TEAM UP TO HELP REBUILD THE GULF COAST

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AllCoachNetwork.com and coaches all across America have teamed up to raise money for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. A major online sports auction will highlight the effort, with one hundred percent of the proceeds going directly to Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization that builds homes for low incomes families.

The website AllCoachesCare.com has been created to provide more information on to give coaches a place where they can make their contribution to the online auction.

“This is something that all coaches, male and female at every level must get involved with,” says Virginia Tech men’s basketball coach Seth Greenberg who is heading up the effort among coaches. “As coaches we always talk about the team concept. If we are going to make any impact on the hurricane relief efforts, we need to come together as a team to assist all those who desperately need our help.”

Greenberg is the organizing chairman of the committee, which is made up primarily of college coaches, but the Virginia Tech coach is stressing that all coaches need to be involved.

“I can’t stress that point enough. Everyone should be involved. As coaches we are always rebuilding our own programs. “Coaches Care” was created to help and now we have an opportunity to help rebuild the Gulf Coast of the United States working with the great folks at Habitat for Humanity.”

Others on the committee include John Brady (Louisiana State University), Brian Cleary (University of Cincinnati), Joe Dwyer (AllCoachNetwork.com), Orlando Early (University of Louisiana-Monroe), Tim Floyd (USC), Frank Haith (University of Miami), Angela Lento (AllCoachNetwork.com), Rick Stansbury (Mississippi State University), John Thompson III (Georgetown University) and Willis Wilson (Rice University).

The organizing committee has already confirmed participation from many high profile coaches, including Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech), Mike Krzyzewski (Duke), Lute Olson (Arizona) and Texas Tech head coach Bob Knight.

“America has the greatest reputation in the world for helping others whenever and wherever disaster strikes,” says Knight. “Now, more than ever, it’s important for us to contribute to those who are in need. Your assistance is really beneficial and will be greatly welcomed and appreciated.”

Knight has donated a Big 12 tournament Experience to the online auction. This package will include transportation and lodging (team hotel) when they travel to Dallas for the 2006 Big 12 tournament (March 9-12). This package will include hotel room (team hotel) for 2 and 2 tickets to the Phillips Big 12 tournament (seat location TBD).

The goal of the organizers is to raise money through an online auction and cash donations. AllCoachNetwork.com will administer the auction in conjunction with Snappy Auctions eBay Drop-Off Stores. SnappyAuctions.com will handle all of the listing and shipping of items for the auction, which will begin on Sept. 14 on eBay.

“We are so pleased to have the opportunity to help raise money for the eventual reconstruction of New Orleans and the entire Gulf coast through Habitat for Humanity. Snappy Auctions’ online presence on eBay, combined with the efforts of the coaches and AllCoachNetwork.com, will provide people another way to contribute to this unprecedented initiative.”

Coaches can make their contribution to the online auction by going to www.allcoachescare.com and clicking on “Submit Your Item.” This website will also act as information source for all things related to the effort.

All money raised through the auction will go directly to Habitat for Humanity, which will be administered by MissionFish.org, the official non-profit liaison for eBay. Coaches interested in making a monetary donations can make checks payable to “Coaches Care / Habitat for Humanity.”

Checks should be sent to:

AllCoachNetwork.com
129 Cottage Street
Norwood, MA 02062
Attn: Coaches Care

Sometime in late September, AllCoachNetwork.com will announce the total amount raised through “Coaches Care” to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

“There are no words to describe what has happened in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi,” says Angela Lento who is the co-founder of AllCoachNetwork.com. “As Americans we are always the first to help those around the world in need. Now it’s time to help our own. It’s important to understand that everyone can help to make a difference and that every little bit counts. It is great to see the coaching community doing its’ part, but it’s important that everyone continues to help.”