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People who wish to contribute to the relief effort are urged to beware of charity scams, which

* Make sure the organization is legitimate. Some illicit organizations will try to confuse you

* Never respond to or click on a link within an e-mail asking for money and claiming to be from

* Be skeptical of telephone solicitations. Never give out your personal or credit card informa

* Give a check or money order made out to the organization, not an individual.

What are the best ways to help? The following is a partial list of organizations:

FINANCIAL HELP

American Red Cross

Provides emergency shelter, food, water and other critical assistance.

(800) HELP-NOW

www.redcross.org

America's Second Harvest

Donations help transport food to victims and secure additional warehouse space to assist membe

(800) 344-8070

www.seconddharvest.org

VOLUNTEER GROUPS

Habitat for Humanity

Helps repair and rebuild homes damaged by the hurricane.

(229) 924-6935

www.habitat.org

Salvation Army

Provides food, drinking water, cleaning supplies and other necessities.

(800) SAL-ARMY

www.salvationarmyusa.org

Convoy of Hope

Provides supplies and other disaster relief, sponsoring outreaches to the poor and suffering.

(417) 823-8998

www.convoyofhope.org

ANIMAL RESCUE

Humane Society of the United States

(888) 259-5431

www.hsus.org - NU

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