Press Release

Evacuteer’s Executive Director, Bonnie Canal, MBCP wins the 2020 DRI Nonprofit Program Leader Award

**Savannah, Georgia:** Evacuteer.org’s Executive Director, Bonnie Canal, MBCP was awarded the Disaster Recovery Institute International Award as the Nonprofit Program leader at the annual DRII conference in Savannah, Georgia.

Disaster Recovery Institute International (DRI) is the oldest and largest nonprofit that helps organizations around the world prepare for and recover from disasters by providing education, accreditation, and thought leadership in business continuity, disaster recovery, cyber resilience and related fields. Founded in 1988, DRI has certified 15,000+ resilience professionals in 100+ countries and at 95 percent of Fortune 100 companies.

Bonnie Canal is a nationally recognized leader in community resilience innovations/strategies, public-private partnerships and is the Executive Director of Evacuteer.org. Bonnie has traveled the US engaging individuals in the conversations of resilience at the community level for 14 years. As a proud native of New Orleans, she is thrilled to share her experiences and expertise back home in NOLA with Evacuteer.org.

“I am honored to receive this award for the work we do at Evacuteer. We stand on the shoulders of giants and are expanding our programs in 2020 to further serve our neighbors. I want to dedicate this award to all the people that lost their lives during Katrina and ensure our city never faces another event like this again. Our work is amplified through the power of us, each of us. Together we will make a difference” said Canal during her acceptance speech.

Evacuteer.org is a New Orleans based nonprofit established in 2009 which brings together the compassion of everyday New Orleans’ residents and government planning to establish a more resilient New Orleans. Their innovative programs include: EvacuGeaux (community assisted evacuation), EvacuStrong (community outreach/neighboring program), EvacuKids (STEM based learning program focusing on environmental science and disaster technology), and EvacuBiz (A SMB program based on internationally recognized business continuity standards).

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