Dear Evacuteers, supporters, and friends,

When Evacuteer.org was founded over 11 years ago, we had one mission: Help keep New Orleanians safe and supported during a city-wide evacuation. That mission has not changed. But as we all know, the world has changed, and we must change with it.

One of the things that makes the Board of Directors and staff of this organization most proud is our partnership with the City of New Orleans and how we have worked together to execute this critical mission. Over the past decade we have worked with the Mayor’s office, New Orleans Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness (NOHSEP), the New Orleans Fire Department, the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA), and a host of other City agencies to find, train, and manage volunteers to support the City-Assisted Evacuation program (CAE).

While, thankfully, we have not had a mandatory evacuation since Hurricane Gustav in 2008, we know how important it is to be prepared and we could only be prepared because of you and your efforts. We have been working with our partners at the City toward a transition whereby the management and training of Evacuteers will be organized and executed by City staff instead of Evacuteer.org. With the special challenges of a potential evacuation during the pandemic, we have accelerated that transition and going forward the volunteer management aspect of the CAE will be managed by NOHSEP and the New Orleans Medical Reserve Corps (NOMRC).

As the City assumes the responsibility of training and deploying volunteers, we hope you will continue to participate in this effort because the City of New Orleans needs you. We will not be sharing the names and contact information of past and current Evacuteers with the City for the purposes of privacy. Therefore, if you wish to continue serving as an Evacuteer, it is imperative that you re-apply. To continue your service to this important mission, please click here.

In addition to our most important partner – you – I want to thank our other partners and funders, especially NOHSEP and the Arts Council of New Orleans, who have made it possible for us to support this effort for over a decade. Moving forward the Board will focus on how Evacuteer.org can continue to support our city and disaster preparedness in other communities who also face these same risks.

Warmly,

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