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**Association for Government Accountants Raises \$12,000 to Help Members
Affected by Hurricane Katrina**

ALEXANDRIA, VA, — The Association for Government Accountants (AGA) has raised nearly \$12,000 through its Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort. Donations will be distributed among AGA chapters in the Gulf Region so the money can directly help AGA members affected by the devastation.

“We want to help our members who are rebuilding their lives in the wake of Hurricane Katrina,” said AGA Executive Director Relmond Van Daniker, DBA, CPA. “We are grateful for the generosity of all of those who have contributed.”

As soon as Hurricane Katrina struck, AGA created a separate web page -- www.agacgfm.org/katrina.aspx -- to update its 15,000 members nationwide on the plight of fellow government accountability professionals in the battered regions. The Web brought forward moving reports from AGA members like Linda Lewis, who belongs to the New Orleans Chapter:

“Our home was located in New Orleans east. The water level rose above the rooftop in my neighborhood and was over 12 feet in our surrounding neighborhood. We have lost everything including the new car I bought last year. It’s all gone.”

Mary “Sunny” Wisely of AGA’s Baton Rouge Chapter shared her home with two displaced families. She reported: “One family’s home was in Lakeview so the assumption is the house was flooded to the rooftop. The other family is from the adjoining parish. Keep us in your prayers.”

To date, AGA has raised \$11,918 and individual AGA chapters nationwide are planning fundraisers, such as the New York Chapter’s upcoming golf outing.

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