



World Hope Makes Clean Water for Survivors After Hurricane Laura Downed Vital Water Tower in Lake Charles

Survivors can access 14,000 gallons of safe drinking water produced by World Hope with Katadyn Group's solar-powered Spectra watermakers

World Central Kitchen and the United Way are using clean water provided by World Hope to care for survivors of Hurricane Laura in the city



WASHINGTON D.C. (August 31, 2020) — The city of Lake Charles, Louisiana, was hit hardest by Hurricane Laura and survivors have lost their homes, their livelihoods, and even the most basic resources, including clean water. At the invitation of [GOSHEP](#), [World Hope International](#) assembled an international team of disaster responders and deployed them to Lake Charles, Louisiana. The team flew in from across the United States and Canada through free flights provided by disaster relief aviation partners, Airlink and Sol Relief. The response team have a simple , three step directive:

Step 1: Use Clean Energy to Make Clean Water - Our team of six volunteers are providing the 71,000+ population of Lake Charles with access to clean water for drinking, bathing, and washing their hands. The



ability to properly sanitize is even more important than usual with concerns of COVID-19 cases rising in the already devastated city. World Hope uses the solar-powered [Spectra watermakers](#) that make the highest-quality drinking water with a minimal carbon footprint, so in responding to one disaster we don't contribute to increasingly volatile weather patterns that create such disasters. World Hope has the capacity to produce up to 2,000 gallons of clean water per day, which is freely supplied to survivors as well as fellow NGO partners, World Central Kitchen and United Way.

STEP 2: Supply vital emergency supplies - With the utter devastation brought on by Hurricane Laura, World Hope has received requests from GOSHEP for emergency relief supplies. Later, the City of New Orleans also requested aid for the 6,500+ evacuees its supporting. Our disaster response team secured over \$100,000 in relief supplies from Amazon as well as 2500 hygiene kits and 500 water filters from NGO partner, MAP International and steep discounts from Lowes on tarps and other items. We are sourcing other items as needed.

STEP 3: Encourage survivors and build hope - As World Hope has seen around the world, one of the most important needs following devastation in the presence of compassion and a listening ear. Co-Founder and CEO of [Simple Green Smoothies](#), Jen Hansard, volunteered with World Hope's disaster response team in the Bahamas last year and noted then that receiving survivor stories and bearing witness to the devastation was nearly as important as providing clean water. Both combined inspired hope and began the process of healing from so much trauma. Hansard is one of the responders now providing relief with World Hope in Lake Charles.

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More information and media assets available on the press page.
Interviews with internal spokespeople and volunteers on the ground can be coordinated.

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