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Amid Cancer Alley Fight, Environmental Justice Groups Join forces for Ida Recovery
Local organizations provide crucial supplies to River Parish Residents.

October 6, 2021 (River Parishes, Louisiana) -- From fighting the harmful pollution of industries such as petrochemical and grain to speaking out for the protection of the burial grounds of the enslaved, The Coalition Against Death Alley (CADA), Concerned Citizens of St. John Parish, Rise St. James, Inclusive Louisiana, and the Descendants Project are no strangers in collaborating for change in the River Parishes, the area also known as Cancer Alley. On Sunday, October 10th, these groups are collaborating once again in providing a massive supply distribution for hurricane recovery as they also recover from the ravages of the storm. In partnership with the Orphan Grain Train, members of the environmental justice groups will go door to door or provide drive-up distributions in their respective areas with much-needed supplies and food to assist in Ida recovery.

The collaboration began with a generous donation from the Orphan Grain Train and the efforts of Reverend Gregory T. Manning, who reached out to the groups to organize and distribute the supplies. The groups were the ideal place to start as each has been assisting their communities in hurricane recovery since the storm. Founder of The Descendants Project, Jo Banner states “these supplies will go a long way in our efforts to help the community recover. We are excited to work with Rev. Manning and the other environmental justice groups in bringing this support to the River Parishes.”

Assistance from mutual aid organizations and volunteers throughout New Orleans is another crucial component of the distribution. Volunteers are helping the various groups organize and distribute the items for each group. In addition, Celtic Studios in Baton Rouge is providing space and a forklift for the unloading and assembly of the donated supplies and food that will be then delivered to each area.

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