

When Hurricane Katrina tore through the Gulf States, she left in her wake mass destruction, homelessness, chaos and death.

*Officials estimate that 187,000 school-age children in Louisiana and 160,000 children in Mississippi have been displaced by the hurricane and have lost their homes and all their personal belongings.*

To help, Relief International's Kid-Kits program was launched to focus specifically on the needs of children in disaster areas.



## What are Kid-Kits?

**Kid-Kit's mission is to assist the children affected by natural disasters by providing them with basic items in an effort to help them cope with change and loss.**

Kid-Kits are backpacks filled with items especially for children and include items such as schools supplies, toys and games, books, hygiene items, and candy. Kid-Kits are made possible by students and local organizations assembling & donating bags filled with appropriate items, which Relief International then distributes directly to children in affected areas.

## Want to Get Involved?

**We need your help! Here is how you can get involved:**

- Organize your class, team or organization to start a Kid-Kits campaign. Distribute flyers, spread the word and get people excited. Let us know you are getting involved so we can help spread the word too!
- Establish a drop-off / storage location. If it is ok with you, we will tell others to drop there too.
  - Start collecting items and filling bags. Any bag that zips shut will work.
  - See the list below or go to [www.kidkits.org](http://www.kidkits.org) for appropriate items.
  - Contact Relief International to schedule a pick-up.
  - Spread the word! Tell your friends, family, co-workers, club, sports-team, church group, community organizations what you are doing and encourage them to get involved too!



### Suggested Items

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| ● Note / personal letter to child | ● Sports bottles       | ● Toothpaste/toothbrush      |
| ● Pens, pencils, crayons          | ● Small toys           | ● Comb or brush              |
| ● Paper, notepads, coloring books | ● Small or light books | ● Postcard of your home town |
|                                   | ● Compact games        |                              |
|                                   | ● Non-perishable food  |                              |

**Contributions are Tax-Deductible**

**Contact Relief International for More Information**

**[www.kidkits.org](http://www.kidkits.org)**

**800.573.3332**