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Musician and Broadcast Host John Tesh Will Lead “The Katrina Convoy” To Slidell

The St. Tammany Parish Public School System, City of Slidell, and the Red Cross will share the generosity of musician and broadcast host John Tesh, his syndicated radio show audience and Operation Blessing International when a convoy of “shelters on wheels” loaded with supplies and musical instruments rolls into Slidell this week. The convoy will be lead Tesh, who organized a hurricane relief fundraising drive through his syndicated radio show heard on more than 220 affiliate stations across the country. A special event to present ten shelters and other items is scheduled for 10:00 a. m., Thursday, October 13, at the Slidell High School stadium.



St. Tammany Parish Public School System Superintendent Gayle Sloan will be presented keys to the ten shelters, which are to be used by School System employees as temporary residences while their homes lost

by Hurricane Katrina are being replaced. The School System also is expected to receive some new musical instruments to help replace those lost at schools throughout the System.

Slidell residents will be beneficiaries of a variety of supplies that Slidell Mayor Ben Morris will accept on their behalf. Included in the supplies will be tools and toys that will be collected at the convoy staging area in Birmingham, Alabama, on October 11.

The Red Cross also will receive a donation to help with their continuing recovery efforts in Slidell.

Representatives of Operation Blessing International will take part in the event as well. A portion of the funds used to acquire the used transportable housing was donated by the organization, which has had volunteers working in the Slidell area since Hurricane Katrina struck the area. Donations of motor homes and travel trailers also were accepted during the relief drive. During his visits to hurricane affected areas, Tesh recognized that housing was one of the most critical needs and concentrated much of his efforts on providing housing relief.