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**Mississippi Aquarium and iHeart Media partner with
Edison Chouest Offshore to help the people of Port
Fourchon, LA**



Photo Courtesy The Advocate

GULFPORT, MS – Mississippi Aquarium and iHeart Media are partnering with Edison Chouest Offshore to directly help the people of Port Fourchon and Lafourche Parish Louisiana, which took a direct hit from Hurricane Ida.

Edison Chouest Offshore (ECO), the parent company to Gulfport shipyard facility Gulf Ship, sustained significant damage from Hurricane Ida. Both ECO's corporate headquarters in Galliano and its major facilities in Port Fourchon took a direct hit from the major Category 4 hurricane's landfall.

Every home in Lafourche Parish sustained damage from the storm and the communities do not have electricity nor water and may not for weeks. Food is scarce, and there is little to no gasoline available in nearby areas. Local hospitals, clinics, and other health services were also damaged by the storm and can not fully serve the community.

Mississippi Aquarium will be accepting donations for the people of Port Fourchon and Lafourche Parish from 8 am until 1 pm Sept. 9-12 (Thursday through Sunday) at the Aquarium's security office at 1401 22nd Ave. in Gulfport. All donated items will go directly to the people in need in Lafourche Parish.

Those who drop off approved items from the list below will receive a code good for 25 percent off a general admission ticket. The discount cannot be used for experiences such as SeaTrek, etc. Blackout dates apply.

Approved items for donation:

Non-perishable food items, canned or boxed

Water

Bleach

Cleaning Supplies

Personal hygiene items (toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant)

Packaged clothing (t-shirts, socks) NO USED CLOTHING

About Mississippi Aquarium

Mississippi Aquarium, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, is a premier institution delivering an awe-inspiring experience that supports animal research and conservation. Mississippi Aquarium is committed to animal welfare and the majesty of the gulf and beyond. The Aquarium sits on 5.8-acres and contains over 80,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor exhibits connected by landscaped walkways with plants that represent all the physiographic regions of Mississippi. For more visit msaquarium.org

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