

*****FRA supports Victims of Hurricane Katrina *****

By: Karen Bouchard

Thanks to 156 dedicated Florida racquetball players who traveled to "The Body Mill" in Clearwater on Sept. 9-11, 2005 for the Regional Doubles Championship, the Florida Racquetball Association was able to send a check to The American Red Cross in the amount of \$3500.00 in order to help the victims of the recent Hurricane Katrina. This marks the first time in history that the FRA has ever made a charitable donation to a cause, however all board members were in total agreement that this was certainly the time to step up! Signs were posted at the tournament letting players know where the profits from this years event would be spearheaded and response was nothing but positive. A donation box was also placed on the tournament desk for those wishing to donate their \$5 ref fees for the cause and over \$200.00 was put in this box over the course of the weekend. This is definitely the most ref money ever collected for various causes since I have been on the FRA Board, proudly letting us know how generous and compassionate our players are!

Not only was a significant amount of money collected for a great cause but a lot of really good racquetball was played throughout the weekend (and then there was the "not so good" racquetball, but I won't digress into my own personal style here....). Complete results are posted on our web site so you can see for yourself.

A huge THANK YOU to our entire membership here in Florida for your support and to those 156 players who came to Clearwater and made our event so special this year --- not only in terms of racquetball but also for The American Red Cross and the victims of Katrina.

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