

## AFTER HURRICANE IDA, Louisiana Builds Back

On the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina last fall, Hurricane Ida made landfall in Louisiana as a Category 4 storm and brought **catastrophic flooding** to the northeast Gulf Coast. Families in Jefferson Parish are still reeling from Ida's effects as they face the task of rebuilding destroyed homes and businesses in their neighborhoods. At Feed the Children, we

know that disaster response must often extend well beyond the initial need for supplies after a storm hits.

In December, Feed the Children partnered with Kenner Food Bank, Volunteer Louisiana, Volunteer Louisiana Foundation and Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser to make sure families get needed resources as they look toward the future. These organizations hosted a community event to help distribute 25-pound boxes of shelf-stable food, 15-pound boxes of essentials featuring personal care items, toys and an assortment of children's books to **400 families** in the Jefferson Parish area.

Kicking off future Hurricane Ida response efforts in Louisiana, this event announced the benefit concert *Save the Coast* that will aim to support families who continue to struggle with ongoing recovery efforts.

