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Monday Night Football Telethon Raises \$5 Million for Hurricane Relief

NFL fans pledged **\$5 million** to the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund during the NFL's **Hurricane Relief Weekend** telethon.

The NFL, its owners, teams and players also raised their collective donations to **\$12 million** over the weekend with major gifts on Monday prior to the New Orleans Saints-New York Giants game at Giants Stadium.

In addition to their own contributions, NFL teams and relief organizations have raised approximately **\$4 million** from fans at stadiums for Hurricane Katrina relief, bringing the total generated by the NFL to **\$21 million**.

The highlight of **Hurricane Relief Weekend** was a 6 ½-hour telethon Monday night on ABC and ESPN in which 35 NFL stars - - past and present - - manned phones at ABC's Times Square Studio in New York, accepting pledges from fans during the NFL doubleheader televised by ABC and ESPN. The Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund will disperse its money to three special funds created by the governors of Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi for the recovery of the region.

The NFL, its teams and players will continue to support Gulf Coast relief efforts throughout the season.

"We appreciate the tremendous response of our fans and everything that our teams and players are doing to support the relief effort," said Commissioner Paul Tagliabue. "We are going to stay at it because all of America is going to have to stay at it."