

Anesthesiology residents scrub in for day of service at Second Harvest

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Residents volunteered alongside faculty to pack snack bags at Second Harvest Food Bank.

Residents in the Anesthesiology Department at Tulane University School of Medicine had already planned to volunteer at Second Harvest Food Bank, then Hurricane Ida greatly increased the need to get food out to local communities. As southeast Louisiana continues to recover from the storm, anesthesiology residents and their faculty mentors scrubbed in together for a meaningful day of service.

“I am extremely proud of our residents for taking the initiative to organize a volunteer opportunity for both faculty and residents to work together and give back to our community,” said Dr. Katherine Cox, Anesthesiology Residency Program Director. “We were able to contribute in a small way with recovery efforts for those that continue to be affected by Ida’s devastation. Although the past eighteen months have consistently presented new challenges, I am grateful for the opportunity to work with a group of compassionate, driven young physicians who truly value the community that we serve.”

The group formed an assembly line to assemble snack bags for people in areas hit hard by the storm. By the end of their day of service, the Anesthesiology Department team had packaged close to 2,200 snack bags.

“It was great to have the chance to continue the tradition of Tulane’s Anesthesiology Residency program volunteering with Second Harvest Food Bank, especially in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida,” said anesthesiology resident Blake Winston. “We’ve all been impacted in one way or another by the hurricane, and it was a privilege to have the chance to help out in a small way and pack supply boxes for members of the community in need.”

Read more about Second Harvest Food Bank’s Hurricane Ida response [here](#).