

The Daily Tar Heel

Restaurants to raise funds for relief

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Local restaurants will open their doors this week to help a University organization raise money for Hurricane Katrina relief.

Extended Disaster Relief, a group that raises funds and takes regular trips to Biloxi, Miss., to support victims of Hurricane Katrina, is participating in the National Post-Katrina College Summit.

The weeklong event was put together by the [Gulf Coast Civic Works Project](#), an organization that aims to employ 100,000 Gulf Coast residents to rebuild New Orleans and the surrounding areas.

"We needed to raise some more money, and this was, we thought, a cool idea to get the community involved," said Laura Williamson, EDR co-chairwoman.

Mediterranean Deli owner Jamil Kadoura said his restaurant will donate 10 percent of proceeds from dinner tonight and 5 percent Thursday. While the restaurant might make some profit after donations Thursday, it won't tonight.

"We're not doing it for the profit, we are investing in it," Kadoura said. "It's a wonderful thing.

"I'm really surprised and disappointed that ... more restaurants are not involved."

Bolero's Café, a new Cuban restaurant located on East Franklin Street near the Estes Drive intersection, will donate 5 percent of tonight's proceeds to the cause.

"If it's for something good, I think we can help," manager Pedro Saldana said.

Firehouse Subs and Spanky's each will donate 10 percent of proceeds Tuesday and Wednesday nights, respectively.

Jack Sprat Cafe also will host a bar night Tuesday benefitting EDR.

While some money will go to EDR's trip costs, "the bulk of it will go to Hands On to do rebuilding stuff," Williamson said. EDR partners with Hands On USA, a Gulf Coast volunteer organization.

In addition to fundraising, EDR will screen Spike Lee's documentary "When the Levees Broke" on Thursday and will hold a vigil tonight on the steps of Wilson Library.

"Each college is encouraged to do daily and nightly events of their own," Williamson said.

Students also can learn more about Gulf Coast issues from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today through Thursday in Polk Place.

While EDR has held many fundraising events in the past, this is its first weeklong initiative.

"It's not just us," Williamson said. "It's the UNC campus and the community working together to provide relief."

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UNC's National Post-Katrina College Summit events

Monday:

- ? Eat at Boleros (5 percent of proceeds) or Mediterranean Deli (10 percent)
- ? Learn about Gulf Coast Issues, UNC Campus, Polk Place - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ? Vigil to Stand in Solidarity with Residents of the Gulf Coast, Steps of Wilson Library - 7 p.m.

Tuesday:

- ? Eat at Firehouse Subs (10 percent)
- ? Learn about Gulf Coast Issues, UNC Campus, Polk Place - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ? Go to Bar Night at Jack Sprat

Wednesday:

- ? Eat at Spanky's (10 percent)
- ? Learn about Gulf Coast Issues, UNC Campus, Polk Place - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ? Discussion Panel: "What Now?: Rebuilding the Gulf Coast," UNC Campus, Greenlaw 431 - 7 p.m.

Thursday:

- ? Eat at Mediterranean Deli (5 percent)
- ? Learn about Gulf Coast Issues, UNC Campus, Polk Place - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ? Screening of "When the Levees Broke," UNC Campus, Greenlaw 431 - 7 p.m.