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Local donation drive relieves students after fire at Our Lady of the Lake University

AUSTIN, Texas- **Texas Campus Compact** (The Compact) calls on the Austin community for support after finding that one of their members, **Our Lady of the Lake University** (OLLU), is suffering from the grave effects of a four-alarm fire that occurred last Tuesday evening. The Compact is calling for local and statewide action from individuals, colleagues in education and Texas businesses to donate to the “**Rebuilding Our Lady Fund**” and to participate in the “**Help Rebuild Our Lady**” donation drive beginning tomorrow, **Friday May 9 through Saturday May 17, 2008.**

Clay McPhail, Owner of El Arroyo and the Austin UHAUL are partnering with The Compact to make this donation drive a success in Austin – to help aid the hundreds of displaced students at OLLU. **UHAUL** has provided a truck, at the **El Arroyo** restaurant, located at 1642 W. 5th St Austin, TX 78703 this week. We urge downtown businesses and individuals to, “**Stop. Drink. Donate.**” between the hours of 10 am and 7 pm.

Students are in need of: **non-perishable food items, fans, bottled water** and other necessities as many are without a dormitory room and many have lost some or all of their possessions. Classrooms have been destroyed; OLLU is requesting donations of **technology items such as: projectors, computers, sound reinforcement and smart classroom technology, and wireless laptops.**

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OLLU is an invaluable member of The Compact and our organization is exhausting all efforts to support and help rebuild this wonderful university.

Our mission of empowering a statewide coalition of higher education constituencies' committed to developing service learning and civic engagement partnerships among communities, faculty, and students could not be accomplished without member campuses such as OLLU. It is our belief and vision that a main component of service learning and civic engagement is *involvement*. We are asking the community get involved and help us support OLLU.

Immediate assistance is imperative for OLLU to rebuild its main building and care for its students and staff. “***Stop. Drink. Donate.***” at EL Arroyo this week – Friday May 9 through Saturday the 18, between 10 am and 7 pm or send a monetary donation to:

Rebuilding Our Lady Fund

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Thank you for supporting The Compact & Our Lady of the Lake University.

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