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Lucky Johnson is one that is committed to serving his community. He is truly living in the spirit of being his brother's and sister's keeper.

**Edwin Buggage**  
Data News Weekly Editor-in-Chief

## These are Selfless Times

In these troubling times, where many are in the mode of trying to put the pieces of their lives back together, and in the aftermath of Hurricane IDA, many of us are seeking inspiration that will help us cope the

uncertainty of rebuilding. It is during these times that selfless individuals emerge. Those that truly become their brother's and sister's keeper's. It is these everyday heroes and sheroes that show the best of our great city and its amazing spirit of kindness and giving back.

While there are countless individuals who are doing this work, Lucky Johnson, is going the extra mile and is an example of what is needed in the city right now. With his straightforward approach to getting things

done, he is on a crusade to make life better for the citizens of New Orleans. His holistic approach to service is one to be admired and is a blueprint for those who want to serve others.

"I am a native of New Orleans, I am an actor comedian, philanthropist, activist and father," he says, describing himself in his unmistakable New Orleans accent.

Describing how previous storms prepared him on how to help those during IDA he says, "I went through

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Marlon (10th Ward Buck) Horton (white shirt) and Lucky Johnson (center) work together on creative projects, as well as giving back to the community. Here they are at a recent event, where they fed first responders.

a lot with Hurricane Katrina, and what I went through taught me a lot about survival and what was necessary to sustain in these conditions."

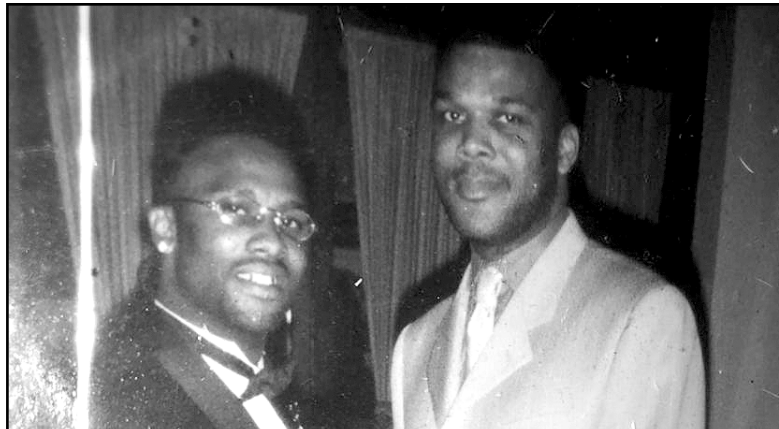
"It helped me prepare to do for myself and others, so I had generators, water, I provided food and essentials, gas for generators, so that power can be on in houses. I also provided toiletries, pampers, wipes and ice. It was a situation where I could help people when they could not help themselves. Not because they did not have the ability, but because of lack of resources. I felt good to be able to perform these duties, and by the grace of God help my fellow citizens get these essential supplies in their time of need."

### Giving a Place of Hope and Refuge

The Lucky Johnson Community Center located in New Orleans East is a beacon of light, providing services that empower and inspire. During these perilous and uncertain times Johnson's Community Center became a place of refuge for those in need.

"Normally, my community center serves multiple purposes that include hosting stage plays, after school tutoring, birthday parties and events, yoga instructions, exercise and these are free to the community."

Continuing he says, "I also do acting classes, a church uses it on Sunday. In storms I transform it to a shel-



Serving others runs in the family, Lucky Johnson pictured with his first cousin media mogul Tyler Perry.

ter, there is a radio station where I do a podcast and I teach kids how to use the equipment. Also, there are boxing classes, self-defense, a restaurant and office space."

When word came that Hurricane IDA would hit New Orleans, and leaving much destruction in its wake, Johnson, leaped into action to help the most vulnerable citizens of New Orleans.

"My community center was a place of refuge for the handicap, the elderly who could not get away and I allowed them to come there and powered it with a generator. I also

own several buses, so I was able to bus people out free of charge to get them to their family and friends in Atlanta, Houston and Tennessee."

### Helping in the Clean-Up Effort

Also, as many have come to see upon returning, that the city is having a problem with trash and debris that are in every pocket of the city. It is a monumental task and will take time. And the elected leadership is working hard to fix this problem, but it is causing concern from the citizens, who for weeks have had

its unsightly presence. Johnson understands these challenges, and is trying to help the residents, and for a nominal fee is hauling away trash bags and debris.

"Weeks later, I am still working hard getting things done, because we have a trash and debris problem. I think those charged with doing this work at the governmental level are overwhelmed and are trying their best with the resources they have, but I decided that I would contribute and do my part. I put a team together to help minimize their workload.

I purchased five dump trailers and hired 20 guys and I have two shifts and we are picking up trash bags, not the cans and also debris. We are hauling the trash to the free site that the mayor has stipulated and the debris in the east."

Understanding that the leadership are doing their part to try to get as much as they can in the recovery effort and realizing the bureaucracy to coordinating his efforts with them. Johnson listened to his inner voice and the cries of the people, who have to live in condi-

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# Bleed Black and Gold Style



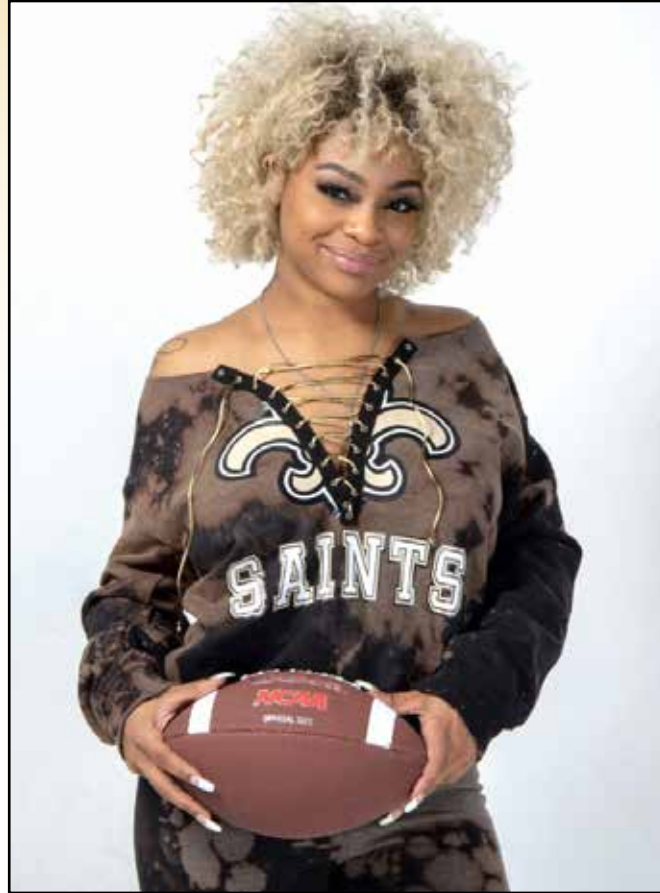
**Tracee Dundas**  
Fashion Stylist

Football season is officially here! And the “Who Dat” nation is beyond ready to scream and shout for our beloved New Orleans Saints! On game day (be it a home game or away), you can’t go anywhere in the state or region for that matter without seeing hordes of fans sporting their black and gold memorabilia. While some preference is to wear their favorite Saints Player jersey or pulling out their Superbowl championship t-shirt, let’s keep it real – this may show your Saints pride, but as a fashion statement it does not make it.

Ever wonder how to show your Saints spirit while retaining your signature chic style? (bold)

A true fashionista is ready to take her (and his) game day style to a whole other level. After all, it’s no secret that the New Orleans Saints have the best color combination in the NFL league. Black is associated with power, strength, authority, and elegance. It is required for all other colors to bring depth and variation; yet black is the absence of color. Gold is illumination, energy, and strength. It symbolizes positivity and a winning attitude. These two colors together are a fierce combination! So, pulling an outfit together that will slay on game day and beyond can be easy and effortless.

Leave the oversize jerseys for the less fashion-conscious individuals and choose chic fashions that will show your team spirit in bravura style. Regardless, of if you’re at the Dome, a sports bar, or house party, the objective is to root the Saints to victory and look fabulous doing it.



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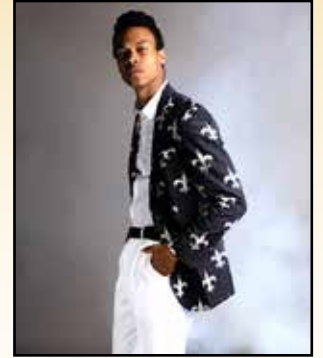
**GAME DAY READY** – V-Neck Saints Fleur de Lis A-Line Pocket Dress | myqueenstyle.com



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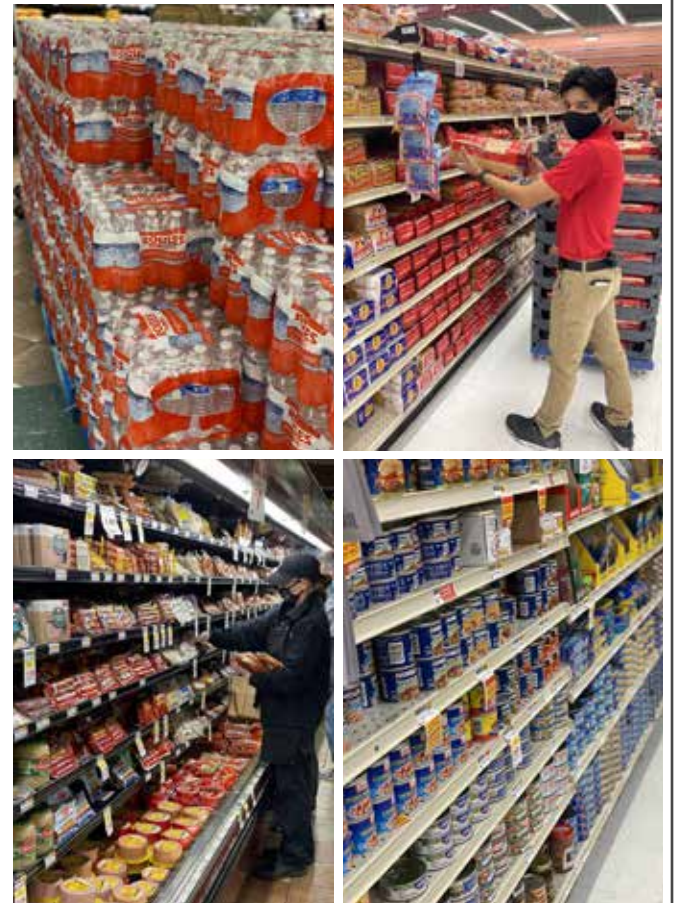
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# Towards a Clean New Orleans

**Eric Connerly**  
Data News Contributor

New Orleans continues to have a problem with trash and debris all over the city in the aftermath of Hurricane IDA. Weeks later city leaders are working hard to get things cleaned up, in this, which is the beginning of a long recovery.

But this did not stop frustrated residents of the City who've endured the rainy conditions last weekend to send a message to City leaders about their dissatisfaction with their response and progress of the cleanup effort.

Marchers peacefully walked from the Marigny through the streets with music playing in the



In post Ida New Orleans for the city is beginning what will be a long recovery process.

background. They eventually arrived at City Hall with some placing small garbage bags near the entrance.

In response to the concerns of citizens, New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell is working to put more boots on the ground by announcing Operations Mardi Gras Clean Up, which pulls city employees from other departments for garbage collection.

This is a story that is far from over, as the City of New Orleans and its residents work towards rebuilding their homes and communities. In addition, city leaders are trying to come up with plans and resources towards the recovery effort.

## State & Local News

# Emergency Food Stamps D-SNAP Available For Those Affected By Hurricane Ida

**Data News Staff Edited Report**

**USDA approves D-SNAP benefits for 25 Louisiana parishes impacted by IDA. Here's how to apply.**

Food stamp qualification rules are temporarily changed to include storm-related damages as part of income calculations, which could allow many households — even those with six-figure incomes — to receive groceries — about \$680 worth for a family of four. People already receiving regular food stamps can't apply.

Applicants have to phone the agency — at (888) 524-3578 — and be interviewed by staff between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Applicants will be asked about income, checking and savings account balances and other financial assets, as well as about a wide range of costs caused by the storm. The interview takes about 22 minutes to complete. Most applicants will



learn immediately if they qualify and for how much.

### Application Schedule

Residents should call the LA-HelpU Customer Service Center to apply and be interviewed for DSNAP on their designated day (according to the first letter of their last name) or on the A-Z days, which are open to all residents in the approved parishes and ZIP codes for each phase. Par-

ishes were assigned to each phase based on power, telephone/internet connectivity, mail delivery and grocery stores are open at the time the DSNAP request was submitted.

### PHASE 1 – September 20-25

E. Baton Rouge, E. Feliciana, Iberia, Orleans, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Washington, W. Baton Rouge and W. Feliciana

- » **Day 1** (Monday, Sept. 20) – Residents with last names beginning with A-F
- » **Day 2** (Tuesday, Sept. 21) – G-M
- » **Day 3** (Wednesday, Sept. 22) – N-S
- » **Day 4** (Thursday, Sept. 23) – T-Z
- » **Day 5** (Friday, Sept. 24) – Open for all (letters A-Z) in the Phase 1 parishes
- » **Day 6** (Saturday, Sept. 25) – Open for all (letters A-Z) in the Phase 1 parishes

### PHASE 2 – September 27-October 2

Ascension, Assumption, Iberville, Jefferson, Livingston, Plaquemines, St. Helena, St. Martin (lower St. Martin Parish ZIPs only 70339 & 70380), St. Mary and Tangipahoa

- » **Day 1** (Monday, Sept. 27) – Residents with last names beginning with A-F
- » **Day 2** (Tuesday, Sept. 28) – G-M
- » **Day 3** (Wednesday, Sept. 29) – N-S
- » **Day 4** (Thursday, Sept. 30) – T-Z

- » **Day 5** (Friday, Oct. 1) – Open for all (letters A-Z) in the Phase 2 parishes
- » **Day 6** (Saturday, Oct. 2) – Open for all (letters A-Z) in the Phase 2 parishes

### PHASE 3 – October 4-9

Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and Terrebonne

- » **Day 1** (Monday, Oct. 4) – Residents with last names beginning with A-F
- » **Day 2** (Tuesday, Oct. 5) – G-M
- » **Day 3** (Wednesday, Oct. 6) – N-S
- » **Day 4** (Thursday, Oct. 7) – T-Z
- » **Day 5** (Friday, Oct. 8) – Open for all (letters A-Z) in the Phase 3 parishes
- » **Day 6** (Saturday, Oct. 9) – Open for all (letters A-Z) in the Phase 3 parishes

Additional information about DSNAP can be found by texting LADSNAP to 898-211 or by visiting [www.dcf.la.gov/DSNAP](http://www.dcf.la.gov/DSNAP).

# Back to the Classroom

## *A Game Plan for Reducing Anxiety*

**Stacy M. Brown**  
NNPA Senior National  
Correspondent

Back-to-school supplies were a bit different this year for 13-year-old Kamsi Anomnachi.

Along with a day planner, an array of pens, and a couple of thick notebooks, Kamsi added

face masks, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and disposable gloves.

"I'm excited to go back, but I am also really nervous," said Kamsi of her middle school in Washington, D.C.

"I have asthma and need to be extra careful. I just don't know how it's all going to work."

Kamsi, like many across the country, spent the last school year in a virtual classroom interacting with other students and teachers only via a computer screen.

Going back to in-person learning with potential restrictions only added to her anxiety.

"Returning to school with other peers may cause some students to think about the added pressure to



connect with others while trying to stay focused on their learning. In addition, it will take time for students to physically, emotionally, and mentally transition back into the full school day routine in person," said Tamela Odom, an elementary school teacher in Washington, DC.

But parents can help prepare their children for what may be a tough transition.

"Talk to your child about what things they are looking forward to upon returning to school and

things that they may feel anxious or nervous about," Odom said. "Brainstorm strategies to help them navigate things they may feel uneasy about."

Kamsi's mom, Benefit, freely emails teachers with questions and regularly talks with Kamsi about her day.

She also designates every Monday evening as family time. As a Jehovah's Witness, she looks for practical Bible-based advice to help with any issues or concerns.

"We review how to display Christian qualities such as love, patience, and respect using articles and videos from jw.org. Also, I have role-playing sessions to help Kamsi with straightforward, respectful answers in different situations," said Benefit.

"This has helped Kamsi feel confident and excited about returning to school."

While coronavirus variants have stoked pandemic anxieties, Benefit has endeavored not to overlook other challenges her daughter may face.

One of their favorite resources is jw.org, the official website of Jehovah's Witnesses that is free to all.

Topics like "What's a Real Friend?" and "Beat a Bully Without Using Your Fists" are addressed in a video series for young people that Kamsi recommends to everyone.

"I really like the website! It has a lot of helpful and practical things, like articles, videos, animations," said Kamsi.

"It will benefit kids if they are anxious about going back to school, the delta variant or anything really. I always share it with everyone."

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tions that if the trash and debris are not moved, are not only eyesores, but can potentially become a public health hazard.

"I am doing this independent; it is too time consuming to wait. The people are in need now. I had a plan to do this and initiated it immediately to make an impact and help my community and those who are in need. It is working out in the city's favor. I am just trying to be helpful and resourceful to alleviate the problem because it is something that needs to be done."

He and his team are getting much love and support in the community for their efforts. Johnson says he feels joy when he is helping others.

"People in the communities across the city are being very supportive and cheering us on. Our effort is an attempt at boosting the morale of our fellow citizens. I know the work I and others are doing stepping outside of what we do to clean up the city will not last forever, but we all must do our part. We all have to come together to get a handle on this. That's all of us, not



Lucky Johnson is reaching out to many of his celebrity friends to contribute in helping in the recovery after Hurricane Ida. (Lucky Johnson pictured with Award winning actor Denzel Washington)

just our political leaders, all hands have to be on deck for the sake of the people and making our city a safe and clean place for all of us to live."

### Lessons from My Parents: Bless to Be a Blessing

Lucky Johnson says his spirit of giving back came from his parents:



"My parents taught me to serve and bless others. To do what is pleasing to God, and I realize his purpose for me," says Lucky Johnson, about his mother Jerry Banks and his father Robert Johnson.

mother, Jerry Banks, and his father Robert Johnson.

"My parents taught me to serve and bless others. To do what is pleasing to God, and I realize his purpose for me is to look out for my people, and I am doing that with 10 toes on the ground, boots on the ground and with the people to make things better."

He's been in films with many A-List stars and counts as friends' people such as Denzel Washington, Halle Berry, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and many others. He is also the first cousin of media mogul and philanthropist Tyler Perry, who is also a native of New Orleans, who also uses his resources to help those in need.

In the wake of Hurricane IDA he says, "I am in contact with some of my friends that are celebrities, and many are willing to help, and so much is needed right now." But it is not only them who can help, but anyone with resources that want to help not just the people of New Orleans, but the River Parishes, please do what you can. Because in these times, we have to truly become our brother's and sister's keeper. It is how we will rebuild and thrive as a community not just in New Orleans, but anywhere where people are in need."

For those who want to help in Lucky Johnson's cause he can be contacted at:

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