



“ On August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina caused massive destruction and disruption to the lives of virtually everyone living in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, where many evacuees lost not only homes and possessions but also personal medical records.” - Immunization Information Systems Use During Public Health Emergency, Journal of PH Management and Practice, 2007

There was one exception, however. The Immunization records of Louisiana residents and families were retained in the State’s Immunization Information System. Instead of being lost, the information was available to support the immediate public health emergency and ongoing immunization efforts for families when they returned to their communities as well as for those that moved to every state in the U.S.

At the time, Scientific Technologies Corporation provided emergency technology services and support to public health and clinical professionals throughout the U.S. STC created an information framework that allowed physicians and providers to retrieve the immunization histories of individuals and their families as they sought clinical care, enrolled their children in new schools, and began to re-establish their lives, homes, and medical histories.

As documented in the above paper, in the first month of the emergency, this effort saved over \$4.6 million in revaccination expenses and created countless positive interactions with evacuees simply by availing a health records wherever they went. Access to information allowed the clinical community to determine disease risks, thereby maintaining immunization schedules and reducing the impact of vaccine preventable disease and outbreaks in evacuee centers.

STC’s Bitcoin donation effort was established specifically to support Public Health by funding no-cost technical services and solutions to accelerate the sharing of an individual’s immunization data. The donations are used to create and support information platforms such as smartphone applications, integrated voice solutions, and secure data exchanges that empower individuals to retrieve their records and produce certifications for schools, jobs, camps, and travel. With the support of crowd sourced donations, these tools can be provided at no cost to both public health agencies and consumers. Bitcoin has a growing community and the underlying technology creates new options to encourage digital innovation.

Help us today....Through your Bitcoin donations, together we will do what we can in a small way and it will make a difference not only today but for years to come.

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