

Friend Ships

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Dear Friends:

Thank you for the wonderful help you provide each month! At home base, Port Mercy, we've had three church teams and two ships engineers who have come to help! They have worked alongside the crew aboard the ship, in the greenhouse, on the grounds, in the food ministry and more. What a blessing these visiting workers are!

SEA HAWKS of 2023-2024 are learning engineering aboard ship. According to the Chief Engineer, they are progressing at an amazing rate and accomplishing so much! This team graduates in July. Please pray that the Lord order their footsteps as they make their plans for the future. On August 5th, we welcome a new class of Sea Hawks.

STOREHOUSE ONE is going great! We are blessed with beautiful food coming in every day and going out to organizations and churches who feed families in need, the homeless, the elderly and those recovering from addictions. What a joy it is to see truckloads of food go out every day.



TEAM ISRAEL continues to bless the community in the south by helping city workers and assisting local charities to distribute food and commodities and provide services. Please pray for continued protection over them, that the Lord orders their footsteps and for peace to come to all of Israel!

ACTIVATION OF DISASTER RELIEF SHIP In the aftermath of a hurricane, there is widespread destruction and an absence of the essential elements of everyday life. Power is out; water systems compromised; communications interrupted. There is limited access to fuel, food and clean water. Hotels are damaged and out of service or are at capacity, full of government emergency personnel who have rushed in to restore power and other critical infrastructure. Many religious institutions are damaged with their staff evacuated and unable to return.

Introducing Disaster Relief Ship PELICAN'S NEST



People need help. They need encouragement and spiritual support. Volunteer teams are able to offer services unavailable through government channels. They cook and serve hot meals, knock on doors to check on residents, clear debris, provide temporary roofs, distribute commodities, offer spiritual support, rescue pets, sandbag and so much more.

Thanks from government officials on previous Friend Ships Disaster Relief Missions:

“ . . .I never imagined all the resources that came to our aid. When not one but two ships of relief sailed into our port, I thought that we were fortunate to have your help. However, as the weeks wore on, I could not keep up with the large number of volunteers that came to our assistance..”

“Your quick response to some of the hardest hit disaster areas have been noted the world over. Consequently when you returned to the Island to help us we knew that we were in good (God’s) hands. . . You have helped Galvestonians by providing needed supplies, feeding thousands of people a day, providing tarp, gutting homes and removing debris for the elderly and disabled.”

“You have helped so many in these communities; offering them food and helping them clean and gut their homes. What you have contributed to this community is priceless. Every part of your organization is appreciated dearly for all the things you are able to do for the communities you assist in disaster relief.”



Volunteer church teams are waiting to come in to help the devastated neighborhoods but without housing, electricity, clean water, food and communications, it is all but impossible. This is where *Pelican's Nest* comes in! She will sail into port with thousands of gallons of fuel and water, food, needed supplies, helicopter support and satellite communications. The ship arrives with housing for 100 + volunteers, a watermaker to desalinate thousands of gallons a day, meeting/planning rooms, electronics, a fully equipped galley and hundreds of tons of heavy-duty vinyl to protect damaged homes, hygiene products, cleaning supplies and food.

The Friend Ships crew at Port Mercy has started reactivation of *Pelican's Nest* (formerly *Challenger*) preparing her for a new name and a new mission! A work team started the process of chipping and painting decks. Chief Engineer Gunter Meza, the crew, Sea Hawks and local volunteers have begun to tear down and check all systems including generators, main engines, air conditioning, refrigeration, plumbing, galley, laundry and more, making repairs as necessary. Their progress has been amazing, as the wonderful ship comes to life!





After all systems are restored, electronics reactivated and upgraded, decks chipped and painted, the final step will be drydocking. Below is the quote we received for drydock from Bollinger Shipyards. The cost will total \$150,000-\$180,000. If the Lord puts it on your heart to help us with this cost, we would really appreciate it! Donations may be made on our website at www.friendships.org or by mail to Friend Ships, 1019 N. 1st Ave. Lake Charles, LA. 70601.



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Company: Friend Ships, Inc.
Bid Number: FCH24-078
MV: Challenger

Date: 5-6-24

Item No. 1	Dry-dock & Launch	Total Estimate: \$	15,000.00
	Bollinger Fourchon, LLC to provide standard keel blocks for dry-docking the vessel once up on dock and under repairs are completed Bollinger Fourchon, LLC will then launch the vessel from dock. (note: if special blocking plan is needed it will be added cost) Customer to provide docking plan for the vessel.		
Item No. 2	Blast / Paint Water Line To Keel	Total Estimate: \$	87,880.00
	Bollinger Fourchon, LLC to provide the labor, material, and equipment to blast / paint the WL to Keel of the vessel and apply owner furnished paint. Price is based on Comm. Blasting areas on board the vessel		
Item No. 3	Anodes	Per Anode: \$	285.00
	Bollinger Fourchon, LLC to provide the labor, material, and equipment to crop/off and renew zinc anodes on board the vessel, as marked by owner rep.		
Item No. 4	Sea Chest / Overboard Valves	Price Per Inch: \$	325.00
	Bollinger Fourchon, LLC to provide the labor, material, and equipment to remove all sea chest and overboard valves, clean, inspect, and re-install as needed. (No Scaffolding Included In Pricing)		
Item No. 5	Polish Propellers	Total Estimate: \$	7,200.00
	Bollinger Fourchon, LLC to provide the labor, material, and equipment to polish the (2) propellers in place on board the vessel.		
Item No. 6	Shorepower Connection	Total Amount: \$	550.00
	Shorepower Usage	Per Day: \$	200.00
Item No. 7	Fire Main Connection	Total Amount \$	550.00
Item No. 8	Competent Person	Per Day: \$	200.00
Item No. 9	Marine Chemist Certificate	Per Cert: \$	1,200.00

*Bollinger Fourchon, LLC is responsible for the disposal of all scrap metal and debris.
 Bollinger Fourchon, LLC bid does not include any cost to gas free any area on board the vessel
 Bollinger Fourchon, LLC proposal is valid for a period of 30 days from the date issue.
 Bollinger Fourchon, LLC also states all coating and thinners used on the project shall be in compliance w/ NESHAP guidelines. All prices are base on handling and disposal of non-hazardous material only. Should hazardous material be found on board the vessel, then the costs associated with their containment and removal shall be billed to the owner, as needed or other wise stated.*

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