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H'wood aid for the Big Easy

Org raises coin for Katrina victims

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While seven years have passed since Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, there's still much rebuilding to be done. And that's precisely why a big crowd gathered on Aug. 22 at Bugatta in WeHo.

The evening, dubbed the Big Easy Juke Joint, raised coin for Aid Still Required.

"Parenthood's" Jason Ritter referred to Katrina as one of the "huge American tragedies," and recalled being there as a kid when his dad, John Ritter, was invited to lead a Mardi Gras parade.

"My folks had to sneak me in to see the floats because I was only 6, and not allowed to see all of that," he recalled.

Aid Still Required's founder Hunter Payne said, "The Lower 9th Ward has been abandoned with no infrastructure, no grocery stores and (there's) one liquor store where the people go to buy their food."



Andrea Herz Payne and Hunter Payne raise coin at Bugatta.