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Dear Member Institution:

Do you know the benefits of being a member of SHER? The Savannah Heritage Emergency Response group is a coalition of museums, libraries and institutions with historic sites, objects, archives, and landscape or animal collections. We exist exclusively to provide mutual support and training to our members and to collaborate with CEMA, the Chatham County Emergency Management Agency. In an emergency, CEMA mobilizes its Emergency Operation Center and SHER volunteers have a seat at the Natural, Historic and Cultural Emergency Support Function desk (ESF-11). When a hurricane forces evacuation of the City, SHER volunteers will return to volunteer at the desk. If sites sustain damage, SHER volunteers will be able to inform staff about damage enabling staff to implement salvage and recovery plans. In order to be effective, SHER volunteers need to have contact information for staff members authorized to make decisions and allocate resources to protect their collections.

There is no cost for membership and the only requirement is the completion of the membership form with staff members' mobile numbers. This year SHER and CMA are sending out membership information jointly. Please take the time to complete and return the form.

SHER volunteers will continue to work to provide tools and information to our member institutions. Hurricane season is upon us. Please take a few minutes and complete this form so that we can update our records.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sherryl Lang
SHER volunteer