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This year, all of us were moved to give to those most in need. But so many so-called "humanitarian" charities contribute to anti-gay causes. Which ones are safe?

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The Rainbow World Fund, started five years ago by Jeff Cotter, makes giving easy. Not only does donating through the fund guarantee a homophobia-free contribution, it also raises the visibility of LGBT philanthropy, which otherwise wouldn't be tracked as such.

Case in point: In just two weeks, the Rainbow World Fund raised more than \$250,000 for Hurricane Katrina relief through events ranging from impromptu beer busts to gala concerts. Click on the charity's Web site and you'll see similar efforts for humanitarian crises all over the globe, from Cambodian landmine clearance to Honduran water safety, from eradicating hunger in America to HIV education in South Africa.

Cotter's organization doesn't isolate gay victims or causes. Instead, it directs LGBT volunteer efforts and funds to the people who need it most, showing the world that our community cares while working to make it a better place.

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mcgp51... (12/7/2005 8:45 PM PST)

We all know we love them all, so lets vote for the penguin! That poor Humbolt Penguin deserves something, he was dumped for a she-penguin, was scrutinized by the media but given no oppurtunity to spea...

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I will vote for the Spanish Prime Minister; Paul Martin was more opportunistic then your preamble led on.

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