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## **Much Needed Southern Hospitality Rolling into Amityville Gregory Connects with Louisiana Trucking Company to Help Deliver Relief Supplies**

*AMITYVILLE, NY*— Louisiana is known for its *lagniappe*, that's Cajun for "a little something extra". Now, in the wake of Superstorm Sandy, a Thibodaux trucking company — with an assist from Suffolk County Legislative Majority Leader DuWayne Gregory (*D—Amityville*) — is delivering some extra southern hospitality to Amityville residents still reeling from the natural disaster.

A 53-foot tractor trailer is expected to roll into the parking lot of Amityville High School and be offloaded by local volunteers Monday morning November 19th. The truck, and its desperately needed contents (blankets, non-perishable foods and other necessities), will arrive courtesy of the Aribie Family Trucking Company based in Thibodaux Louisiana . A small city in Lafourche Parish, southwest of New Orleans, the Aribie's connection to Long Island is through their daughter-in-law, who is originally from Amityville.

The Arabie's chose Amityville, as its donation recipient because it reminded them of their own hometown of Thibodaux. They said it's a community of blue collar, hard-working, resilient people. The Arabies said while it's so far away, the troubles they are now facing hit close to home. What started as a small company initiative is now spreading across southeast Louisiana. Donation sites have been set up in several parishes throughout southwest Louisiana.

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The Aribie family got hooked up with Gregory through Laura McVeety Pawlewicz, the daughter of former Babylon Town councilwoman Ellen McVeety. Locally, their task of offloading and getting the relief supplies to those in need will be a multi-pronged effort with Gregory and McVeety Pawlewicz seeking volunteers from all quarters in the community.

“This kind of cross-country effort really is what makes me proud of America,” says Gregory of the assistance enroute from Louisiana. “It doesn’t matter if you’re from a blue state or a red state, during a crisis like this; we all are from the red, white and blue.”

You can follow the trucks progress on the road through its Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/lagniappefromthebayou](http://www.facebook.com/lagniappefromthebayou). You can follow the trucks on their route to New York, and see pictures of donations being handed out.

If you’d like to help the distribution effort, or if you know somebody who needs any of the supplies coming, please contact Legislator Gregory’s office at (631) 854-1111.

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