

Atlanta Rap Artist TI Raising Relief Aid

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Atlanta based hip-hop and rap artist T.I. has teamed up with a handful of organizations, including David Banner's "Heal the Hood" and Boost Mobile's RockCorps, to provide aid to those still suffering from Hurricane Katrina's devastation.

Well respected rap artist T.I. will join several hip-hop heavyweights today, September 17th for a benefit concert in Atlanta. Scheduled performers include hip-hop and rap artists Boyz N Da Hood, Nelly, 8 Ball, 112, Lyfe Jennings, and many more to be announced. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the concert will go directly to "Heal the Hood."

The concert will take place at the Philips Arena. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets, which cost between \$25 and \$100, are currently available through Ticketmaster.

On Saturday, September 24th, T.I. will perform at Boost Mobile's RockCorps concert at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. The event is exclusively for the organization's volunteers who donated four or more hours of community service. Other's joining T.I. on stage will be hip-hop and rap heavy weights Fat Joe, Young Jeezy, Slim Thug, and Paul Wall.

T.I. has already proven to be a huge voice in raising aid for Katrina victims. On Labor Day, he took to the airwaves on Atlanta's V-103 FM for more than seven hours, petitioning listeners to lend their support. The rapper kicked off the pledge drive by donating \$50,000 of his own and helped to raise over \$263,000, with proceeds going to "Heal the Hood." In addition, T.I. teamed up with a number of his fellow hip-hop and rap superstars, including David Banner and Young Jeezy, for a massive food and clothing drive. The event was held at Atlanta's Club Vision on September 6th and 7th.

Having exploded into the hip-hop mainstream with 2003's RIAA gold-certified "TRAP MUZIK," the Atlanta-based T.I. is unquestionably one of rap's hottest artists. The self-proclaimed "King of the South" followed up his Grand Hustle/Atlantic premiere in late 2004 with "URBAN LEGEND." The acclaimed album -- which includes the smash singles "Bring Em Out" and "U Don't Know Me" -- made a top 10 debut on the Billboard 200 on its way to RIAA platinum certification for U.S. sales exceeding 1,000,000.