

BET Networks Remembers the Tragic Event and Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina with New Original BET News Special "KATRINA 10 YEARS LATER: THROUGH HELL IN HIGH WATER" Premiering on Wednesday, August 26, at 8 PM ET/PT

Hosted by BET News Correspondent Jeff Johnson

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NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- On the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, BET Networks will premiere a new original BET News Special "**KATRINA 10 YEARS LATER: THROUGH HELL IN HIGH WATER**" that will follow a diverse group of people who survived Katrina and now, 10 years ago. The water has receded from this life-altering event, and what has emerged - are stories of resilience. The compelling stories of people who have fought against all odds to rebuild their lives and their communities. Hosted by **BET News Correspondent Jeff Johnson** and featuring award-winning actor **Wendell Pierce (The Wire, Treme)** "**KATRINA 10 YEARS LATER: THROUGH HELL IN HIGH WATER**" premieres on **Wednesday, August 26 at 8 PM ET/PT**.

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The one-hour BET News special will explore the devastating impact of Katrina and its effect on communities, schools and culture of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast region. This special will feature firsthand accounts from survivors such as Robert Greene as he relives the horrifying events of the storm that resulted in the death of his mother and 2-year-old granddaughter. The special will also feature interviews with New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, Principal Doris Hicks of MLK High School in New Orleans, artists PNC (Partners N Crime) at their recording studio in New Orleans and B Mike who has used art in New Orleans to transform a neighborhood left dilapidated by the storm and inspired his community.

BET.com will stream exclusive outtakes from the special and publish bonus companion content, including a video that explores the journey of a family displaced from their native New Orleans and forced to restart their lives in the DC Metro area. **BET.com** will also celebrate the beauty and resilience of the Crescent City through its music by dipping through a gumbo of sounds with artists like Lil Wayne, Jay Electronica, August Alsina, Big Freedia and others as they share their experiences and distinct perspectives about the storm and the aftermath. Additionally, **BET.com** will feature various photo flipbooks with scenes from the Hurricane, including a look at how the storm affected New Orleans. Join the conversation on social media by logging on to BET's multiple social media platforms by using hashtag: **#Katrina10Years**; and following us @BETNews.

"KATRINA 10 YEARS LATER: THROUGH HELL IN HIGH WATER" is Executive Produced by Candi Carter for New Chapter Entertainment.

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