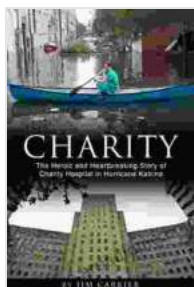


The Heroic and Heartbreaking Story of Charity Hospital in Hurricane Katrina

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Charity Hospital in New Orleans was a symbol of both the devastation and the resilience of the city. The hospital was flooded with eight feet of water, and the patients, doctors, nurses, and staff were forced to endure unimaginable conditions. Despite the chaos and danger, the staff of Charity Hospital continued to provide care to their patients, even as they themselves were suffering from the effects of the storm.



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The story of Charity Hospital in Hurricane Katrina is a heroic and heartbreaking one. It is a story of courage, compassion, and sacrifice. It is a story that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.

The Hospital

Charity Hospital was founded in 1736 by the Ursuline nuns. It was the first hospital in New Orleans and the oldest continuously operating hospital in the United States. Charity Hospital provided care to the poor and uninsured of New Orleans for over 250 years.

The hospital was located in the heart of New Orleans, just a few blocks from the French Quarter. It was a large, sprawling complex with over 2,000 beds. Charity Hospital was a vital part of the city's healthcare system, and it played a critical role in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

The Storm

Hurricane Katrina made landfall in Louisiana on August 29, 2005. The storm was one of the most powerful hurricanes ever recorded, and it caused widespread devastation across the Gulf Coast. New Orleans was particularly hard hit by the storm, and the city was flooded with over 12 feet of water.

Charity Hospital was one of the many buildings in New Orleans that was flooded by the storm. The hospital was completely surrounded by water, and the patients, doctors, nurses, and staff were trapped inside. The floodwaters contaminated the hospital's water supply and sewage system, and the hospital quickly became a breeding ground for bacteria and disease.

Despite the dangerous conditions, the staff of Charity Hospital continued to provide care to their patients. The doctors and nurses worked tirelessly to keep the patients alive, even as they themselves were suffering from the effects of the storm. The staff also worked to evacuate the patients from the hospital, but the evacuation was slow and difficult.

The Aftermath

The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina was a difficult time for New Orleans and for Charity Hospital. The hospital was heavily damaged by the storm, and it took months to repair the building and get the hospital back up and running. The staff of Charity Hospital was also traumatized by the storm, and many of them left the city.

Despite the challenges, Charity Hospital eventually reopened its doors. The hospital has since been rebuilt and renovated, and it continues to provide care to the poor and uninsured of New Orleans. The story of Charity Hospital in Hurricane Katrina is a reminder of the resilience of the human spirit.

The Book

The Heroic and Heartbreaking Story of Charity Hospital in Hurricane Katrina is a book by Sheri Fink. The book tells the story of the patients, doctors, nurses, and staff of Charity Hospital who endured unimaginable conditions in the aftermath of the storm. The book is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of New Orleans, the impact of Hurricane Katrina, or the resilience of the human spirit.

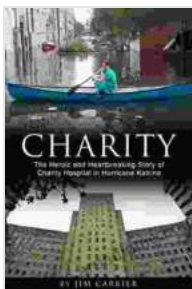
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