

Dear ,

I serve on the Board of Directors of Global Maritime Ministries, a non-profit organization that provides chaplains to the maritime communities in the Port of New Orleans and Port of South Louisiana. We are planning a virtual benefit auction to support this cause that is special to me. The Global Fest online auction will begin on Sunday, October 20, 2024.

Did you know that 90% of the world's goods are transported by ship? Most of the things we use every day are brought to us by seafarers through the port. You likely can understand that these seafarers are essential workers, however they often feel forgotten, isolated, and lonely. Many spend nine months to a year away from home working on the ship, and much of that time is at sea. We minister to the international seafarers who come to our ports on cargo and cruise ships by providing a safe haven for these international visitors at ministry centers in New Orleans and the River Parishes. At our centers, seafarers can call home, use the internet, transfer money home, send or receive mail, talk or pray with a chaplain, receive Bibles in their own languages, and relax in a safe environment. All of these services are provided free of charge. We also serve those who work in the ports and terminals along the lower Mississippi River. The funds raised with the Global Fest auction will directly help our chaplains provide spiritual, emotional, and physical support to international seafarers and local maritime workers.

Will you help by donating a product or service from your business to support this important work? By holding our auction online, we have participants from around the country - which means increased exposure for donors. We will feature your logo and link to your website along with your donated item in the auction. All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. A donation form for auction items can be found here: <https://portministry.com/auction-donation>. Simply fill it out and we'll handle everything else!

If you have any questions, please let me know or feel free to contact Global Maritime Ministries directly at hello@portministry.com.

Thank you for your consideration of my request to help a ministry that means so much to me!

Sincerely,