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Lori Bertman is a national expert in the emerging field of disaster philanthropy. She is the president and CEO of the Irene W. and C.B. Pennington Foundation, Louisiana's largest private family foundation.

In the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, she organized local and national philanthropic resources to raise more than \$40 million to contribute to recovery efforts. In 2010, she co-founded and currently serves as chairman of the board of the Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP), based in Washington, D.C. She was also responsible for creating the Pennington Disaster Resilience Fund, which is now the Gulf Coast Innovation Fund housed at CDP.

Over the years, Lori Bertman has been awarded with the National Leadership Award, "40 Under 40," 2011's Visionary Leader, an Influential Woman in Business, five red City Year jackets for service, and the Volunteer Activist Award. This year she was recognized with the National Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster's first "Leader Award."