Habitat For Humanity: Resource Guide

Ongoing

Generated November 20, 2026 · 39 open facilities · closed facilities are not listed · call before you go: details change quickly

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Temple Emanu-El

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web www.ourtemple.org/dnn/Home/tabid/54/Default.aspx
Service Temporary

Tornado Relief
Teyn Yad Update 6/14/11

Current Critical Information for Volunteers

All volunteers must sign the attached agreement- click & download here (on website)

For a list of available activities- click & download here
Need-To-Know Info (on website)

Not all activities are available at any given time. The more notice the volunteer groups give us the better.

There is a limit to how many volunteers we can house at any given time. The more notice the better

There are age limits to certain jobs. Construction, demolition, and cleanup are 18 years or older

15 years old is the minimum and some activities require 16 year minimum

For correspondence and info about our Teyn Yad Efforts, please email: teetornadorelief@gmail.com

Volunteer assignments will be made through Habitat for Humanity and the Red Cross. Please check this page frequently for updates about all our projects and needs.

Current Needs-

1. Housing summer Volunteers
We are expecting volunteers from synagogues all across the United States to arrive in Birmingham ready to join our relief efforts during the summer.

We still have a need for more TEE host families to house them for the months of June through September. Please email Bob Gross for more info and to sign up.

2. Organizing summer children's activities
The children of families displaced by the storm will need something to keep them occupied and happy during the summer months while their families try to rebuild their homes and their lives. Volunteers will be needed to create, provide and supervise these programs.

Services offered: Construction, * Volunteers (ANY/ALL types); Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Volunteer Housing (FREE); Volunteers, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes-Floods-Wind Storms; American Red Cross; Habitat For Humanity
Updated Jun 19, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8646

LTRC, R.O.C.C. (Recovery Organization for Coffee County)

Info/Hotline · Open

LTRC, VOAD
202 South Edwards Street, Enterprise, AL 36330

Phone (334) 347-1011
Serves Coffee County
Eligibility Impacted by Tornado 3/07
Service Temporary

The Recovery Organization of Coffee County (ROCC) was formed following the March 1 tornado in Enterprise. ROCC was made up of faith-based organizations, social service agencies and concerned individuals with one common goal; to assist individuals affected by the tornado with their unmet storm related needs.

The work of ROCC was accomplished by gathering volunteers, materials resources, and monetary donations to meet the needs of those who were affected.

ROCC used damage information collected immediately after the storm by the American Red Cross Disaster Assessment Team and door-to-door surveys to gather as much accurate data as possible. This information was immediately passed on to other

agencies to assist the agencies in delivering fast, accurate services. Member agencies supplied immediate emergency assistance for the first 30–days after the disaster.

On April 1, 2007, a location was established for ROCC to start the enormous task of offering long–term recovery. Using a nationally–established criteria process, ROCC agreed to process long–term recovery applications for assistance.

During the first three months ROCC sent 274 cases to the Citizen's Committee appointed by Mayor Kenneth Boswell. The Citizen's Committee was responsible for distributing the monies donated to the City of Enterprise by individuals from across the country.

ROCC provided the trained caseworkers who worked directly with clients to apply for these funds. Funding decisions were made by the Citizen's Committee and distributed through the Chamber of Commerce.

ROCC's caseworkers and consumer advocate assisted clients in applying for insurance benefits, FEMA grants as well as a variety of unmet needs specific to each client's situation.

Verified unmet needs such as household items and home repair were then presented by the caseworkers to the ROCC for monetary disbursements which were paid to the provider of those goods or services. Assistance was provided based on each individual family's needs.

Volunteer hours provided by ROCC caseworkers and their consumer advocate totaled 8,276 hours.

An estimated monetary amount based on a pay scale of $10.00 an hour would amount to a staggering $82,760.00. FEMA provided assistance to 1,383 homes in Coffee County for a total of $1,099,496.00.

ROCC is proud to announce that a large portion of funds donated directly to ROCC are being used to sponsor two homes to be built by Habitat for Humanity Groundbreaking for these homes will be Sunday, March 2, 2008.

ROCC has evolved from an unmet needs committee for a single disaster to a permanent VOAD group (Volunteer Organizations Assisting in Disaster). The Volunteer Organization Assisting in Disaster has applied for 501(c) 3 tax–exemption status. Representatives from Enterprise, Elba, Kinston and New Brocton are working together to form a countywide organized plan for the recovery process before the next disaster.

The ROCC is an example of how the community, partnering agencies and local volunteers can work together to make recovery possible in times of disaster. Now is the time to plan for the future by supporting the countywide VOAD. All groups, organizations, churches, agencies or individuals are invited to become active members of the Recovery Organization of Coffee County.

For more information, contact Hugh Weeks at 565–3129 or Mindy Collier at 393–1072.

Services offered: Case Management, LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Case Management, Tornado Survivors; Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC), Unmet Needs Committee Meetings; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee Advice; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2007 Georgia/Alabama Tornado; Catholic Charities; Habitat For Humanity; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated May 31, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3040

HERO (Hale Empowerment & Revitalization Organization, Inc.)

Info/Hotline · Open

1120 Main Street Greensboro, AL 36744, Greensboro, AL 36744

Phone 334–624–0842
Web www.herohousing.org
Serves Sawyerville, AL
Service Permanent

9/12/11 Requested 12–15 first aid kits. They were sent out next day.

6/6/11– No longer a drop–off location. When rebuilding starts they will be a VRC.

Anyone that wants to make a donation of personal items, i.e. towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, hand towels, towels, washclothes, cleaning supplies, feminine products, clothes, toilet paper, paper towels, water, bedding, shampoo, body wash, canned food, non–perishable food can be dropped off at the HERO office downtown for the Sawyerville victims.

Services offered: Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Disaster Relief Supplies; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Youth, Leadership Development; Youth Program
Campaigns: 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; AmeriCorps; Ending Extreme Poverty; Habitat For Humanity
Updated Sep 12, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8031

Habitat for Humanity, Alabama & AL Assoc. of Habitat Affiliates

Info/Hotline · Open

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Web www.alabamahabitat.org
Serves Statewide
Eligibility Applicants must have income 60% of area median income and below. Must show need, willingness to partner and ability to pay back a no interest loan.
Checks payable to AAHA (Alabama Association of Habitat Affiliates)
Service Permanent

Click on "show" (on item line below) to see more information on specific projects.

Services offered: Plumbing Fixtures * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Plumbing, Sinks, Bathroom; Plumbing, Toilets
Campaigns: 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes-Floods-Wind Storms; Habitat For Humanity; VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
Updated Feb 22, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1185

CAN (Coordinated Assistance Network) – 2011 AL Tornadoes

Info/Hotline · Open

Various, AL

Web www.can.org/our-partners/local
Service Temporary

Local Affiliates of Participating Agencies

These agencies have registered users with CAN and represent both client or resource management.

Alabama:

Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program
American Red Cross Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter
American Red Cross Birmingham Area Chapter
American Red Cross Central Alabama
American Red Cross Coffee County Chapter
American Red Cross DeKalb County
American Red Cross Huntsville, AL
American Red Cross Lee County Chapter
American Red Cross Limestone County Chapter
American Red Cross Madison-Marshall County Chapter
American Red Cross Northwest Alabama
American Red Cross Wiregrass Area Chapter
Autauga County Family Support Center
Boat People SOS Alabama
Catholic Services of Baldwin County
Catholic Social Services of Alabama
Catholic Social Services Mobile
Catholic Social Services Robertsdale
Center for Urban Missions
Collat Jewish Family Services
Community Action of BECMC
Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.
Escambia County LTR Services
Family Guidance Center of Alabama
Habitat for Humanity in Mobile County
International Community Center
Lutheran Disaster Alabama
Mobile Community Action
Monroe County LTRC
NDRN ADAP
River Region United Way
Temporary Emergency Service of Tuscaloosa County, Inc.
The Salvation Army Bessemer
The Salvation Army Coffee County
The Salvation Army Dale County
The Salvation Army Mobile/Baldwin County Alabama Area Command
The Salvation Army Montgomery (Citadel) Alabama
Tri-Coastal Community Outreach
South Alabama Agency on Aging
United Methodist Church Disaster Recovery Ministry Alabama West-Florida Conference
United Ways Alabama 2-1-1 Connects*

United Ways of Alabama
United Way of East Central Alabama
United Way of Northwest Alabama
United Way of Marshall County Alabama
United Way of South Baldwin
United Way of Southwest Alabama
Vermillion Faith Community of Care
Volunteer and Information Center **
Volunteer Mobile

Services offered: Case Management, Long–Term Case Management; Long Term Recovery Support; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction)
Campaigns: 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; American Red Cross; Boat People S.O.S.; CAN (Coordinated Assistance Network.); Catholic Charities Social Services; Habitat For Humanity; Salvation Army; United Way; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is not a member, but is "affiliated")
Updated May 18, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8360

Chile

Habitat For Humanity (HFH), Chile – 2010 Chile Earthquake

Info/Hotline · Open

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Service Temporary

2010 Chile Earthquake
Habitat for Humanity will respond to a devastating 8.8–magnitude earthquake that struck off the coast of Chile, 200 miles southwest of Santiago.

Habitat for Humanity in Chile has promoted good accommodation for over 3,500 families for over 7 years and is duly qualified to give a serious answer in this type of disaster.

However, our ability to respond effectively to this disaster requires the support of donors, volunteers, churches, corporate partners and all those organizations that want to join the cause. Please make your donation today to help families rebuild and repair their homes.

We ask you keep in your prayers the members of the Habitat team in Maule Chile – Bio Bio – Araucania – Metropolitana – Valparaiso found in the affected regions

Source from:
http://www.habitat.org/intl/lac/45.aspx

*** History
In 1998, a network of local residents and international stakeholders recognized the need for an organization that would address the challenges of inadequate housing conditions in Chile. Thanks to support from Habitat for Humanity International, the organization established official legal status in 2001, and by March of 2002 the first three homes were built in Caldera.

Habitat Chile has now assisted over 3,500 families to obtain adequate housing. There are Habitat projects in each of the five regions of the country (Antofagasta, Valparaíso, Región Metropolitana, Maule, Bio Bio and Araucanía).

Habitat houses in Chile are designed according to the location and each region's construction methods. For example, homes are built with cement blocks the north and wood in the south. All houses use natural light, ventilated interior spaces, durable materials and simple construction plans.

*** Housing need in Chile
Chile is a highly urbanized country, with roughly 86% of its 16.4 million residents living in urban areas. In 2001, 9% of the urban population is considered to suffer slum conditions, up from 4% in 1990. (UNdata)

Since 1906, Chile's government has been involved in low–cost housing solutions, typically in the form of subsidies. In the 1970's, the government made a drastic cut to the state spending on housing, resulting in a housing deficit that the country is still in efforts to overcome. In 1990, the Aylwin government increased funds for housing by 50% and made public housing programs more available to the low–income sectors in an attempt to freeze the existing deficit. (Rex A. Hudson ,ed. Chile: A Country Study. Washington: GPO for the Library of Congress, 1994)

Within this context, Habitat Chile's principal success, and main source of funding, has been through ongoing partnerships with government programs. These partnerships combine established housing subsidies with Habitat's technical assistance programs and creative housing solutions. With additional support and leadership from organizations such as Habitat, government housing

and subsidy programs successfully encourage low–income sectors to obtain legal property through formal channels, creating a more secure foundation for each family's future.

*** Model projects
Habitat for Humanity Chile supports several initiatives, in addition to traditional home construction.

*** Building homes without borders
This project addresses the situation of 200 low–income families living in precarious housing conditions and in urgent need of a solution. These families cannot access credit nor government subsidies. The project engages businesses, volunteers, partner organizations and the community to build new, basic, homes as an immediate shelter solution, and to provide families with financial education for the long–term future.

*** "Kimun Ruka"
As a result of projects focusing on the native peoples of the region, 75 indigenous Mapuches in the fifth and eight regions of Chile now own homes that both improve their living conditions and respect their aesthetic traditions. "Kimun Ruka", in the Mapuche language, means "knowledge and wisdom of living." Through collaboration with Mapuche architects and tribal authorities, this project aims to revive the construction designs and techniques of the Mapuche people.

*** Bring our children home
Children with life–threatening illnesses in Chile are often permanently relocated to facilities with the professionally–recommended living conditions for the medical attention they need. In cases where the children remain in the home, inadequate housing conditions can put the effectiveness of their medical treatment at risk. In response, Habitat Chile is construction bedroom home–additions and improvements that comply with these standards, in order that they may continue medical treatment in a safe environment and under the care of their families.

*** Leadership school
A program that provides local housing authorities the opportunity to directly participate in the learning process of their communities. The school has two graduating classes each year, with 35 facilitators and 600 families for each session. Classes emphasize savings and efficient administration of resources with specified family–oriented plans for housing, education, health and career development.

*** Financial education
This project is aimed at educating and accompanying partner families in the planning and administration of their home economy. The manuals and methodology used are the result of a project designed by Habitat for Humanity International and financed by Citi Foundation. Through a series of workshops, families learn to administer their income and expenses, and learn to design a budget, analyze and control their expenses, and follow a savings plan. Families are also informed about the risks and advantages of taking out loans with Habitat for Humanity or other organizations.

*** Complete Houses
In addition to the projects above, Habitat for Humanity Chile continues to build complete homes. Homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor, helping to build their houses and the houses of others, together with volunteers. Their monthly payments go into a Local Rotating Fund, which allows the construction of new homes.

Services offered: Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities
Campaigns: 2010 Chile Earthquake; Habitat For Humanity
Updated Mar 2, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5531

FL

Highlands Emergency Recovery Operation (HERO)

Volunteer Camp · Open

Disaster Relief
P.O. Box 8945, Sebring, FL 33870

Phone 863–202–0702 (cell)
Web www.habitathighlands.org
Hours 9 am – 4 pm M–Fri EST
Serves Highlands County, FL (Sebring, Avon Park, Lake Placid)
Service Temporary

Update via call to Jane Breylinger 3/23/07

HERO (Working w/Highlands Habitat for Humanity) is involved in new home construction and mainly roof repair and construction (METAL supplies needed as they hold up better than shingles to hurricanes) as a result of the 2004/2005 FL hurricanes. Building materials and construction volunteers are still very much in demand as well as Drywall and Insulation

materials. Some interior projects are being worked on at this time.

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Is E–Mail address read daily? Yes

Website address, if any: www.habitathighlands.org

SERVES: Highlands County (Sebring, Avon Park, Lake Placid), FL

Speciality: Recovery and rebuilding from 2004 & 2005 Hurricanes

Description of volunteer needs: Unskilled and skilled workers for construction – both repair and building – of houses.

Skills volunteers are required to have: Enthusiastic workers

Useful Skills: General construction and any trade skills

Tools or supplies volunteers should bring: Good spirits and a willing attitude to help others

Will volunteers need to bring any money or material, such as for housing: Please call for specifics

Length of time volunteer can help: Any help is appreciated, hourly, daily, weekly

Size of volunteer team: Varies, generally 5 to 26

Are individual volunteers welcome? Yes

Age restriction, if any: 16 –18 years needs adult supervision

Denomination/affiliation, if any: Everyone is welcome

If yes, must volunteer be a member: No

Any other restrictions: No

Housing provided for volunteers, if any: FREE housing, please call for specifics

Meals provided for volunteers, if any: Lunch mainly, please call for additional information

Any additional notes: Other local outside activies: near lakes for scuba diving and jet skis. Sixty miles from major Florida attractions.

Approximate date the project started: Jan–01–2005
Estimated date the project will end: Dec–31–2008
Information Updated: Aug–09–2006

Services offered: Construction, Building Material Reclaim/Reuse/Recycle; Construction, Home Repair, Volunteer Services; Construction, Roofer, Volunteer; Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers)
Campaigns: Habitat For Humanity
Updated Jan 24, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/961

GA

VOAD, GA HQ

Info/Hotline · Open

Coalition of Voluntary Orgs
GA
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Bob Tribble has scheduled a meeting in Americus with the Faith Based Community to start the process of forming a Long Term Recovery Committee. See First Methodist Church, Americus, for details.

GAVOAD: Partnership Before, During, and After Disaster

Terra reports on the VOAD status meeting of 3/3/07: The meeting went REALLY well. All bases covered.

Services offered: Support for "All" Disasters
Campaigns: 2007 Georgia/Alabama Tornado; 2009 SouthEast Floods, September; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Regional/County; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Habitat For Humanity; Humane Society of the United States, The; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; UMCOR Relief Network; United Way; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); World Vision
Updated Feb 7, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1124

Haiti

CHF International – 2010 Haiti Earthquake (SHELTER SUPPLIES/DEBRIS REMOVAL/SHELTER CONSTRUCTION)

Info/Hotline · Open

USA MAIL ADDR: 8601 Georgia Avenue, Suite 800, Silver Spring, MD 20910 USA, Port–au–Prince, Petit–Goave and others

Phone 301.587.4700
Web www.chfinternational.org
Serves Port Au Prince (PaP) (namely Delmas, Petion–Ville, Cite Soleil, Port Au Prince and Carrefour). Grand Goave, Jacmel, Petit Goave, Leogane, Petit Guinee, Cap Haitien, Martissant St. Marc and Gonaives as well as a host of other Haitian Communities
Service Temporary

FROM RELIEF WEB:

Protecting Gonaives, Haiti from Future Flooding

Source: CHF International
Date: 01 Nov 2010

When the hurricanes and tropical storms hit Haiti in 2004 and 2008, one of the most affected cities was Gonaives (170 kilometers north of Port–au–Prince). With funding from USAID, CHF International has been implementing projects to help protect the city from future catastrophes. The program focuses on improving drainage and flood control within the city of Gonaives as well as in the surrounding areas. Projects include constructing drains and canals, stone terracing and reforestation to prevent soil erosion, and expanding catchment systems. The program also provides short–term employment for local residents who participate in the construction efforts.

FROM RELIEF WEB:

Innovative CHF Program Recycles Haitian Earthquake Rubble for use in Recovery Effort
Source: CHF International
Date: 28 Oct 2010

October 28, 2010—CHF has launched an innovative new program in Haiti that is turning buildings destroyed by the January 12 earthquake into valuable sand and gravel that is being used in the recovery effort.

CHF's program, called CRUSH (Creating Rubble Recycling Solutions for Haiti), was launched in Petit–Goave on October 18 and is intended to eventually expand to several sections of the earthquake–affected area.

The CRUSH program is currently using 10 portable rock crushers supported by a total of 284 workers to process rubble at 9 sites in Petit–Goave. The portable crushers were built by Red Rhino Crushers in the United Kingdom, representatives of which came to Haiti in mid–October to train CHF local staff in how to use and maintain the machines.

CRUSH is unique in that it is the only large–scale program in Haiti that is actively converting rubble into material that can be used on–site to improve communities affected by the earthquake. Among other uses, CHF has been using sand and gravel to construct cement platforms for its shelter program. Additionally, CHF is accumulating gravel for use in critical road projects identified in concert with the local government, and will soon be delivering gravel to serve as floors of schools still operating out of tents.

The CRUSH program is also unique in that it dramatically reduces the transportation costs and bureaucratic obstacles associated with other rubble removal programs in Haiti. Suitable, approved rubble dump sites in virtually all parts of Haiti are either of insufficient size or are so far away from affected areas that they are cost prohibitive both in terms of time required to access them as well as money required to fuel the trucks. Processing the rubble on–site is much cheaper overall and will allow CHF to operate much more efficiently than other rubble removal programs in Haiti.

In less than two weeks, CHF's crushers have already processed nearly 1,000 cubic meters of rubble to produce an equivalent amount of sand and gravel.

Petit–Goave Mayor Marc Roland Justal was complimentary of CHF's program. "I love the new rubble recycling program that CHF is implementing here," said Justal as he toured one of CHF's recycling sites. The mayor continued, "Instead of just throwing rubble into the ocean or rivers, we can dispose of it on site and for useful purposes." The mayor promised to collaborate with CHF to identify the best possible uses for the processed rubble, in particular key dirt roads that would be reinforced by adding a layer of gravel.

The CRUSH program is paid for by USAID and will continue through February 2011.

FROM RELIEF WEB:

CHF Continues Reforestation and Erosion Control Efforts in the Rural Mountains of Haiti

Source: CHF International

Date: 16 Oct 2010

October 16, 2010—CHF is completing the third week of a three–month soil conservation and reforestation project in Marre Danjour, a rural mountain community high above downtown Petit–Goave.

Only 5 kilometers south of downtown Petit–Goave, the farming community of 5,000 is also the site of a crucial watershed – it hangs directly over the Riviere La Digue, the largest river in the area, and one that constantly threatens the city center during the rainy season. While the riverbed marking the lower boundary of the project site lies 300 meters (1,000 feet) above sea level, the upper reaches of the watershed climb up to more than 1,000 meters (3,300 feet). The area is the origin point of much flooding in the area, so CHF is installing terracing and vegetation that will mitigate against topsoil erosion as well as slow the velocity of water runoff.

CHF's work at Marre Danjour covers 50 hectares of land and will, when complete, account for 10 kilometers of stone terracing. Additionally, CHF will use the terraces to plant 2,000 fruit saplings, 2,000 hardwood saplings, 1,000 bamboo shoots, and 75,000 seedlings of various erosion–mitigating grasses and tubers.

CHF currently employs 132 residents of Marre Danjour to work on the project, each of whom receives at least US$5 per day for their effort. In addition to stabilizing the topsoil and preventing catastrophic downstream flooding, workers will take home a combined US$42,000 in salaries alone, a major stimulus for the economy of this rural community.

Since launching work in Petit–Goave in 2007, CHF has completed soil conservation and reforestation projects that have protected 250 hectares of land, all of it in rural mountains and foothills.

CHF's project at Marre Danjour is paid for by a generous private donation from the Brickman Group, a U.S.–based landscaping specialist. Established in 1939, Brickman is a leader in the commercial landscape industry with over 160 branches serving 29 states in the US. For further information, please visit their web site at www.brickmangroup.com.

per email from CHF:

WHERE WE ARE WORKING RIGHT NOW: We are working Port Au Prince (PaP) (namely Delmas, Petion–Ville, Cite Soleil, Port Au Prince and Carrefour). We are also working in Grand Goave, Jacmel, Petit Goave, Leogane, Petit Guinee, Cap Haitien, Martissant St. Marc and Gonaives as well as a host of other communities across Haiti. For a map of our operations, please visit the website at www.chfinternational.org *

CASH FOR WORK PROGRAM
http://www.chfinternational.org/node/34048

CHF–Haiti Blog Update – Feb. 17, 2010: CHF Cash for Work Teams in Petit Goave Receive First Payroll

From the website: January 29, 2010 - CHF International (CHF) began its second phase of cleanup in Haiti yesterday by partnering with Haitian communities to clear essential routes through Port au Prince.

Nine “High Impact Labor Teams”, each consisting of 12 people including a supervisor, fanned out across the municipality of Delmas to clean up key routes through the area. CHF provided teams with hats, gloves, t–shirts, wheelbarrows, boots, pickaxes, shovels, sledgehammers and hacksaws to remove rubble from roads and sites of destroyed buildings. This complements CHF’s ongoing work with CHF–trained Haitian Caterpillar operators who have been clearing large amounts of debris from roads and Ministry buildings since the beginning of this week.

Working with the local mayors, who recruit community members, each team member works from 7:00am–1:30pm daily and is paid 200 Gourdes per day for their work - more than twice the average daily income in Haiti per day and equivalent to $5.00 US dollars. The objective of the work is not only essential clean up, but also to get people back to work in a constructive way, ensure they have income to provide for their family, and begin to revitalize the Haitian economy.

“We are hoping to employ up to 3,500 people within the next few months throughout Port–au–Prince for the clean–up,” says Alberto Wilde, CHF’s Country Director in Haiti. “Cash for work programs will be essential for kick–starting the Haitian economy after the earthquake and for helping families, many of whom have lost everything.”

FACEBOOK –
http://www.facebook.com/pages/CHF–International/23853558594

Services offered: Cleanup, Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Donations, Disaster Fund; Heavy Equipment, * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Jobs, Cash For Work Program; Services, Disaster Mitigation; Shelter, Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Tools * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2010 Haiti, Hurricane Tomas; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Habitat For Humanity; MSF (Médecins Sans Frontières) – Doctors Without Borders; Save The Children; USAID
Updated Nov 5, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5309

Habitat For Humanity – HFH (SHELTER/CAMP CLUSTER) – (2010 Haiti Earthquake Response)

Shelter · Open

Faith–Based Disaster Relief/Recovery
Operational Headquarters; Habitat for Humanity International; 121 Habitat Street; Americus, GA 31709–3498 USA; 1–800–422–4828; Administrative Headquarters; Habitat for Humanity International; 270 Peachtree Street NW; Suite 1300; Atlanta, GA 30303 USA; 1–800–422–4828; HAITI

Phone 509 22453787 ~ http://www.habitat.org/intl/lac/89.aspx
Web www.habitat.org
Serves Haiti
Eligibility Impacted by the 2010 Haiti Earthquake
Checks payable to Habitat For Humanity
Service Temporary

CAMP CLUSTER WEBSITE: http://groups.google.com/group/cccmhaiti

http://www.habitat.org/disaster/active_programs/haiti_earthquake.aspx

Habitat's response in Haiti
Habitat is implementing immediate relief efforts and addressing long-term shelter solutions for low-income families.

Based on current information and past experience with international disasters, Habitat is planning a multi-phrase strategy of response:

Phase one: relief

•Emergency shelter kits
Emergency shelter kits are designed to help families make immediate repairs and construct emergency shelter. They will be distributed to families by Habitat employees and partners.

•Re-establish operations
Habitat has been operating in Haiti for over 26 years, but the Habitat Haiti office building was destroyed in the earthquake. As part of our immediate response, it will be vital to assist Habitat Haiti in restoring its capacity to fully participate in the recovery efforts.
Phase two: rehabilitation

•Rehabilitation and cleanup
We will assist with the removal of debris and salvaging of materials that can be recycled into new shelter. We will also assist in the rehabilitation of homes that have repairable damages.
Phase three: reconstruction

•Transitional shelters and core houses
We plan to replace destroyed homes with transitional shelters. Improvements and additions to transitional shelters can be made over time—turning them into permanent core houses.
We will also rebuild in ways that reduce risk and improve construction quality in Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas.
Phase four: recovery

•Habitat Resource Centers
These centers are designed to enhance local systems that support housing development and improvements. Through the centers, we identify gaps in the local supply of housing materials, designs, finance and skills and provide services that support local livelihoods.

Original e-mail Message:

From: Habitat for Humanity NCM office
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 15:20:11 -0500
Subject: Habitat for Humanity in Haiti

Dear Friend of Habitat,
We thought you would want to know what Habitat for Humanity is doing in Haiti to help with the earthquake recovery effort.
We understand that the Habitat for Humanity office in Haiti was destroyed and at least 10 of the 50 Habitat staff members based there are currently accounted for. No assessment has been possible yet of the approximately 2,000 Habitat homes built in Haiti, nor of those homeowners. Please pray for all the people of Haiti and for our teams there, as well as for the many humanitarian outreach efforts underway.

An assessment team from Habitat for Humanity International's Disaster Response department is currently making its way to Port-au-Prince from the Dominican Republic, which shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti. Upon arrival they will make contact with the Haiti Habitat staff and begin assessments of the quake's impact. They in turn will connect with other organizations such as World Vision, World Concern and CARE, among others.

Many of have asked us about the need for volunteers. Volunteers are not being recruited or deployed at this time and will not be until the situation is more stable and Habitat can be certain its volunteers would be safe. Habitat for Humanity has been working in Haiti for more than 26 years and our hearts go out to everyone there.

In Partnership,
The staff of Habitat for Humanity North Central Massachusetts

Habitat for Humanity International is assessing the impact on affordable housing and response options in Haiti after a major earthquake struck near Port-au-Prince on Tuesday

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (Jan. 13, 2010) — Habitat for Humanity International will respond to a 7.0 earthquake near Port-au-Prince and is currently assessing the impact on affordable housing.

“Habitat for Humanity will mobilize all available resources to address shelter solutions for low–income families affected by the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti on Tuesday,” said Torre Nelson, area vice president of Habitat’s Latin America Caribbean office. “We are closely monitoring the situation and have been in contact with Habitat for Humanity Haiti. We will begin Habitat’s recovery efforts as soon as possible.”

“Habitat for Humanity is sending an assessment team into the impacted area,” said Kip Scheidler, senior director of Global Disaster Response at Habitat for Humanity. “Once we know the full magnitude of this disaster, we’ll begin Habitat’s recovery process.”

Habitat has been at work in Haiti for 26 years and will use its local expertise and mobilize resources as part of the rebuilding efforts. Habitat has provided more than 2,000 families with housing solutions through a variety of initiatives, including new home construction, progressive building, home repairs and improvements. It also builds capacity in construction skills, disaster mitigation and financial literacy and works in coordination with community and government agencies.

Early media reports estimate that 3 million people were affected. Haiti’s ambassador to the U.S. has called the quake a “catastrophe of major proportions.”

Habitat’s ability to respond effectively to this disaster will require support from donors, volunteers, corporate partners and other community organizations. Donations can be made at https://www.habitat.org/cd/giving/donate.aspx?link=227.

About Habitat for Humanity’s Disaster Response
Habitat’s Disaster Response focuses on the housing needs that arise from natural disasters and humanitarian emergency conflicts. Habitat offers expertise in technical information; program design and implementation; and disaster response policies, protocols and procedures. We also provide support and informational resources for disaster mitigation and preparedness—helping communities in disaster–prone areas protect themselves against future threats.

About Habitat for Humanity International

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built, rehabilitated, repaired or improved more than 350,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1.75 million people. For more information, or to donate or volunteer, visit www.habitat.org.

Habitat for Humanity Haiti
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http://www.habitat.org/disaster/active_programs/haiti_earthquake.aspx

Text "Habitat" to 25383 to make a $10 donation to Habitat's recovery efforts. The donation amount will be added to your phone bill.

Services offered: Building Materials, Building Program/Materials Kits, FREE for Qualified People; Construction, Home Repair, Volunteer Services; Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types); Services, Disaster Mitigation; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Volunteer Opportunities, International; Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; CARE–International; Habitat For Humanity; World Concern; World Vision International
Updated Sep 28, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4922

IA

Corridor Recovery

Info/Hotline · Open

Non–Profit Disaster Recovery
PO Box 11246, Cedar Rapids, IA 52410

Phone Volunteer Hotline: (319) 540.4810 / Agency/Homeowner Requests for Help: (319) 540–4815
Web www.corridorrecovery.org
Serves Linn County, IA
Service Temporary

Corridor Recovery is a non–profit organization which was created to provide resources for local agencies to distribute flood–recovery information to the public in a critical time of need. When the flood–waters peaked, Corridor Recovery quickly became the primary resource for materials and information for Eastern Iowa communities.

Corridor Recovery continues to provide up–to–date information and resources to help the recovery process. Our goal is to provide help to local agencies, organizations, businesses and communities to rebuild and recover from the devastation, offering hope for a stronger future.

For Agency or Homeowner Requests for Help,
call (319) 540–4815

info @corridorrecovery.org

START July 19, 2010
Personal Possessions Replacement Program

Completed applications will not be accepted at City Hall or the Community Recovery Center.

Beginning July 19, 2010 program administrators will begin contacting applicants to discuss their application and request any additional information necessary to complete the program. Initial payments could begin in August 2010.
The Personal Possessions Replacement Program provides up to $10,000 in assistance to flood–impacted, owner–occupied households to replace personal possessions lost in the Flood of 2008. The program will reimburse for eligible purchases made to date and can make direct payments for large purchases to ease cash flow situations. This program is funded through Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) revenues as it is designed to match federal funds previously received for personal flood recovery. The program is expected to provide assistance to about 1,400 residents with approximately $10.5 million from LOST.

For more information about the program, please call AmeriCorps VISTA at (319) 540–4819. More details are available in the Flood Recovery Programs section of the City's Web site at http://www.cedar–rapids.org/city–news/flood–recovery–progress/floodrecoveryprograms/personalpossessionsreplacement/Pages/default.aspx.

Serve The City update 7/2/08:

Serve The City, a continuing partner with Corridor Recovery, is transitioning from the disaster phase into the Long Term Recovery phase. Effective immediately we are wholeheartedly supporting Corridor Recovery as the new volunteer center is opened. We are handing off volunteer deployment to the community led resources of which we are a part. All volunteers that registered with Serve The City on a paper registration and wish to continue to volunteer should go to www.corridorrecovery.org and register. On behalf of those we were able to help, we extend a heartfelt 'thank–you' to every volunteer who has served their community in these first three weeks. Together, we will rebuild our communities.

Serve The City
Charles Daugherty, Executive Director

To volunteer – go to www.corridorrecovery.org and complete the volunteer registration.

If you registered on paper forms – we need you to please register again under the jobs that are posted.

Services offered: Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Maps, Flood Maps; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports
Campaigns: 2008 MidWest Floods; Habitat For Humanity; United Way
Updated Jul 25, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3296

ID

Community Action Partnership

Walk–in Resource · Open

Assistance Center
4942 Industrial Ave. East, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

Phone 208–664–8757 Fax: 208–664–8586 (888) 725–3663
Web www.acommunityactionpartnership.org/index.html
Hours Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm.
Serves Kootenai County
Service Temporary

ABOUT COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Community Action Partnerships were created in 1964 under legislation signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Approximately 1,000 CAPs are located across the country and are the premiere network in community building, service delivery and low–income advocacy in this country.

Thousands of Americans will reach self–sufficiency because of Community Action Partnerships. We identify problems and help find real solutions by offering life skills classes and job training, housing assistance, nutrition programs, child care and family development programs.

Devoted staff and volunteers, generous donors and dedicated program participants are the reasons why Community Action Works!

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks, Seniors/Elders; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals, Information & Referral (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Legal Information & Resource Referrals (For Elders/Seniors); Construction, Home Repair, Volunteer Services; Counseling, Financial, Home Buying Process; Facility: Food, Emergency Food Center; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Housing, Mortgage Loan Deferment Assistance; Financial Assistance, Medical, Prescription Assistance; Financial Assistance, Medical, Prescription Assistance (For Seniors/Elders/Disabled); Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Food Distribution, Food Boxes (For Seniors/Elderly); Medical Equipment, LOAN ONLY; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Homeless, Services for the Homeless; Services, Respite Program/Services; Services, Senior/Elderly Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Evacuation, Special Needs Evacuation Shelter; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types); Transportation, For Seniors/Elders; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Youth, Leadership Development; Youth Program
Campaigns: AmeriCorps; Habitat For Humanity
Updated May 22, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2824

Japan

Habitat for Humanity Japan

Info/Hotline · Open

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JAPAN WEBSITE:
http://www.habitatjp.org/

From the site:

Donate to Help Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Victims

bp1_R.jpgAn 8.9–magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Japan on Friday, March 11. The resulting aftershocks and tsunami destroyed homes, crushed cars and killed hundreds of people.

Habitat for Humanity will assess the damage caused by the earthquake in Japan to help as needed. To respond effectively, we need your help. Please make a donation to help Habitat serve families affected by this disaster. Your kind support would be highly appreciated.

◇POSTAL BANK ACCOUNT
Account Number: 00100–2–278431
Account Holder: HFH Japan

* Please don't forget to put your name, address and "Japan Quake" to inform us that your support should go to Japan.

◇BANK ACCOUNT
Bank Name: Mitsubishi Tokyo UFJ Bank, Shinjuku–Nishi Branch Office
Account Number: 0029513 (Savings)
Account Holder: □□□) □□□□□ □□□ □□□□□□□ □□□□

* Once the transfer is completed, please notify us that your donation funds are meant for the Japan Quake Relief. Also, please include your name and contact information.

* If you need a receipt, please let us know.

◆Volunteers

While the Tohoku Pacific Offshore Earthquake comes to reveal its severity, Habitat for Humanity Japan has been receiving increasing numbers of offers to volunteer in the hit area. However, please note that we are not recruiting volunteers at this moment.

All staff is doing our best, with priority on preparing a proper disaster response program that properly serves the needs of the victims. We will be recruiting volunteers once we are ready to implement the program. Please stay in touch with us by updates on web site and announcements via e–magazine.

We are deeply moved by your kind offers, however, we are too busy to respond to your individual inquires right now. Your understanding is highly appreciated.

Thank you for your continuous support to Habitat for Humanity Japan.

Services offered: Donations, Disaster Fund
Campaigns: 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; Habitat For Humanity; Japan Platform (JPF)
Updated Mar 15, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7759

LA

Community Center of St. Bernard

Walk–in Resource · Open

Non–Profit Disaster Recovery
1107 Le Beau St., Arabi, LA 70032

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Contact	Contact the site or go to the site curing hours posted at www.ccstb.org
Email	ccstb@ccstb.org, ccstbp@yahoo.com
Web	www.ccstb.org
Checks payable to	The Community Center of St. Bernard
Service	Temporary

From the Site 6/10 – OIL SPILL UPDATE:

Since 2006 the Community Center of St Bernard has been here to help St Bernard families get the assistance they need, whether it's food, clothes, medical care, legal aid, counseling, or other services. Today the residents of St Bernard Parish, who have already survived Hurricane Katrina, are facing another disaster as the Gulf Oil Spill spreads, moving ever closer to their coastline. The oil spill is threatening the fish and seafood that many St Bernard families depend on to earn their living. A commercial and recreational fishing ban is currently in effect, and fishermen are signing up for our food pantry so that they will be able to feed their families until they can find other work. The Community Center is here, ready to help them in any way we can. But we can't do it alone. Please donate now so that we can continue to provide essential services like food and clothes to families in need.

With government estimates showing that more than 800,000 gallons of crude oil are now spilling out every day, the situation is becoming increasingly desperate. The federal fishing bans now cover one–third of the Gulf Coast, and commercial fishermen and other St Bernard residents who depend on the commercial and recreational fishing industries are signing up for the Community Center's food pantry so that they will be able to feed their families until they can find other work. The demand for basic services like food, clothes, and information are all up by more than 20% for the past month, with more families needing help every day.

9/5/08 LTel:

Spoke to Iray, they will be back to full operation Mon. 9/8 and are ramping up to distribute to the St. Bernard Parish community with the expecationt that the many evacuees returning will have a need to replace spoiled food and be financially challenged as a result of evacuation.

Americorps is delivering water, but he's going to assess if other hot spots need it more than they do before accepting it.

He's put in a request through the state for volunteers to assist next week with food distribution.

He asks that once Gustav efforts settle down to conference to update his facility entry in the database.

Services Available from the CCSTB:
(see schedule for services at www.ccstb.org)

Free local and long–distance phone service
Free fax send and receive
Free internet access with technical assistance if needed
Wireless internet access
Distribution center for food, clothes and toiletries
Food stamp assistance (LA DSS staff visits CCSTB every week!)
"Road Home" grant application assistance
Performance space for local musicians and artists
Computer training classes
Space for neighborhood gatherings, community meetings and support groups
Satellite office space for other agencies
Laundry facilities (coming soon!)
Community suppers
Family movie nights and other family–oriented gatherings
Yoga classes
Free Legal Clinics
Free Mobile medical van stops at CCSTB weekly

The Community Center of St. Bernard Parish is a grassroots, nonprofit organization that is committed to creating a vital community space for residents and volunteers who are working together to rebuild the Parish, post–Katrina.

Socialization is key to the rebuilding of St. Bernard Parish. Isolation is one of the most damaging effects of Katrina. Residents need a place to come together daily, to share a

meal as well as their unbelievably surreal stories with others who understand. It's natural and human to eat together, especially in New Orleans where food is so much a part of the culture. Residents need free phones and the internet to rebuild their businesses.

They need a respectful place to feel comfortable taking donated supplies that arrive for them from all over the world. And they need to feel that they're contributing to the recovery process, too. No matter how hard they hurt inside.

The Community Center of St. Bernard will offer a non–political, non–denominational, safe and inclusive space to assist residents in their return home, where they can gather to reconnect as they rebuild their lives, businesses and neighborhoods.

The Community Center of St. Bernard
R.M. Iray Nabatoff
Executive Director
ccstbp@yahoo.com
504–617–2580

Donations Welcome!
The Community Center welcomes donations of canned foods, used clothing and books, personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and baby care items for free distribution to local residents through our Mustard Seed program. All items should be in good condition and food should not be opened or spoiled. For more information about making a donation, please contact Mustard Seed Distribution Manager Jason Horwitz at 504–281–2512.

The Community Center is currently seeking computers, Pentium IV or better, and flat panel monitors to upgrade the media lab, which provides free computer classes and internet access, as well as free telephone, printing, copying and faxing services.

Office needs: copier paper, Pentium IV or newer computers, flat panel monitors.

Mustard Seed needs: receipt printer (with usb connection), nonperishable food items, toiletries, cleaning products, donated or discounted forklift, and 14–16' box truck. Also clothing (good quality), toys and baby products.

There are also many hands–on volunteer opportunities available at the Community Center. To learn more, please go to www.ccstb.org/images/volunteers.pdf or phone the Community Center Office at 504–281–2512.

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Food Stamp Outreach; Assistance, How to, File Food Stamp Application; Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Counseling, Emotional; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Cleaning/Clean Up Supplies (Post Disaster); Distribution, Clothing Distribution (To the Public); Distribution, Clothing, For Disaster Survivors; Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Community Center; Facility: Food, Emergency Food Center; Food Distribution, Emergency/Disaster Food Distribution; Food Distribution, Food Bank (Public Distribution Available); Food, Non–Perishable Food * (ANY/ALL Types of Canned, Dry, Drinks, Snacks); Jobs, Paying; * KITS, TOILETRY/COMFORT KIT, NEW Items ONLY; * KITS, TOILETRY KIT w/Towel; Library Services * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Dinner; Meals, Hot Meals; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services: Legal Assistance for Disaster Survivors; Services, Tech, Fax Access (to USE a fax machine); Services, Tech, Internet Access; Services, Tech, Phone Access; Support for "All" Disasters; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Computer Lab; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining ; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Youth, Leadership Development; Youth Program
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2008 Hurricane Ike; 2010 Oil Spill Gulf of Mexico; America's Second Harvest; AmeriCorps; Catholic Charities; Habitat For Humanity; United Way
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St. Bernard Project

Walk–in Resource · Open

Non–Profit, Disaster Recovery
8324 Parc Place, Chalmette, LA 70043

Phone	(504) 277 6831
Web	www.stbernardproject.org/v158
Serves	St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana
Checks payable to	St. Bernard Project/IH Center
Service	Temporary

FACEBOOK –
https://www.facebook.com/stbernardproject

FROM THE UNITED WAY SITE 6/10:

United Way Impact Partners At Work

St. Bernard Project, a United Way partner agency, is responding to the spill by expanding their mental health clinic to Lower St. Bernard and Plaquemines and creating jobs for fisherman through their Good Work Good Pay (GWGP) program. The Center for Wellness and Mental Health will have increased hours of operation and will attempt to hire local shrimpers and/or their spouses as community outreach workers and peer counselors. The GWGP program will hire, train and pay livable, union–level wages with full benefits to local fishermen affected by the oil spill (as well as other local under– and unemployed individuals and war veterans.)

The Oil Spill and SBP (From the site)

The immediate ramifications of the oil spill and the long–term impact will result in mental health problems for the residents of St. Bernard, Plaquemines and Orleans parishes reports Michelle Many, Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Professor in LSU's Department of Psychiatry. The recent oil spill has already brought a blow to the prolonged recovery from Katrina, and LSU clinicians report that residents are suffering from re–traumatization. "Much research has shown that people who have a history of PTSD (as a quarter of Katrina survivors do), have an increased risk to develop PTSD again."

Uncertainty about the scope of the spill and the impact on residents' livelihoods, is causing increased stress. Receiving assistance checks makes many fishers feel a sense of shame. These feelings, along with the loss and anxiety about the worsening situation in the Gulf, can be triggers for major depression, anxiety and other acute mental health problems. Finally, because many shrimpers and fisherman are self–employed, they do not have health insurance and cannot afford to seek services from the other mental health providers in the community.

Via focus groups, we have learned:

1. fishermen are desperately afraid that they will not be able to support their families, and that generation–surviving employment, lifestyle and recreational pursuits will be forever foreclosed;
2. fishermen are staying away from home because they fear they will contaminate their families if they participate in cleanup and because they do not know how to healthily communicate with their family members about their anguish;
3. wives/partners do not know how to communicate with their husbands/partners to allay their own fears or to sooth/comfort their husbands;
4. suicidal ideations, debilitating anxiety and depression are increasing dramatically for people whose lives intertwine with a water–based culture; and
5. residents are amenable to receiving mental health and wellness services because they know that their current mental status will further debilitate them.

SBP's Proposed Solutions: Expand mental health services and create jobs

1. Conduct training and provide support for a Peer–to–Peer wellness and counseling program using a model that was effective post 911 in NYC;
2. Provide 42 additional clinical hours of free licensed mental health and wellness services
3. (one–on–one and group sessions) in current Chalmette location of our Center for Wellness and Mental Health; Replicate our Center for Wellness and Mental Health in Lower St. Bernard and in Plaquemines Parish and provide at least 70 clinical hours each week in each location;
4. Hire wives and family members of fishermen to conduct community outreach and referral services.

FROM THE SITE:

St. Bernard Project's Center for Wellness and Mental Health

Three years after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita rendered uninhabitable all 27,000 homes in St. Bernard Parish, less than 50% of the population has returned. Even for those who have returned, many are not yet living in their homes. Nearly 2,000 families still reside in FEMA trailers, and thousands of others live in FEMA/DHS supported housing (ending in March 2009) or in over–crowded family houses. In St. Bernard nearly 75% of the 25,000 homeowners did not have adequate insurance. These homeowners, following the recommendations outlined by FEMA’s flood maps, did not purchase flood insurance because they were told that their communities were not at risk of flooding.

Nearly two years after the federal government initiated its Road Home program to help families return and rebuild, an unacceptable number of homeowners are still waiting for assistance. According to a report published by the Brookings Institution in August 2008, only 70% of all qualified applicants for federal Road Home assistance have received funding through the program. To further compound the problems with the Road Home program, an independent study determined that the majority of Road Home recipients did not receive sufficient funds to rebuild. The small size and slow pace of the grants being awarded has resulted in an unnecessarily slow recovery for residents in St. Bernard Parish.

St. Bernard Project's Rebuilding Program is succeeding where others have failed. Our program serves financially challenged clients in three categories: elderly, disabled, and families with small children. By utilizing volunteer labor, skilled supervisors and affordable building supplies, we are able to return clients to their homes by completing volunteer labor in just 12 weeks. The cost to the Project is approximately $12,000 per home. To date the Rebuilding Program has completely rebuilt 167 families’ homes. We are currently at work on more than 30 damaged homes.

In order to further contribute to the health and stability of the area, SBP developed a partnership with LSU to open the Center for Wellness and Mental (CMWH). The CWMH will be offered from a private section of the St. Bernard Project's office, a place that residents have visited to access our Rebuilding Program and in which they have developed strong institutional thrust. By operating the CWMH under the same roof as the Rebuilding Program, residents will benefit from a one–stop shopping model that will minimize the stigma that is often associated with accessing mental health services.

The CWMH will begin offering services January 19, 2009 for participants in the St. Bernard Project and other St. Bernard residents including children, adolescents, adults and families. The CMWH will offer both group and individual services including The Welcome Home Program, which will be available to all new participants/families of the St. Bernard Project as they begin the rebuilding process to encourage and support the "psychological rebuilding" that optimally should accompany the structural rebuilding of homes.

St. Bernard Project's Good Work Good Pay Program PDF Print E–mail

SBP recognizes the immense value of our 20,000+ volunteers. The work they have done in the past and will continue to do in the future is a vital component of our mission. However, we realize that a disaster relief model relying solely on volunteers –– and a disaster relief model that takes four and a half years (and counting) to return families to their homes can become even more effective. SBP believes it has found an innovative and replicable solution.

Our newest program, the Good Work Good Pay (GWGP) Program, will hire returned war veterans and other local under and unemployed individuals to build and rebuild affordable housing units. We will pay our new employees livable, union–level wages with full benefits. This will give us the skilled and consistent workforce needed to not only rebuild homes more efficiently for those who owned their homes before Hurricane Katrina, but also to create brand new affordable housing for our lowest income clients.

GWGP will not replace the volunteer–driven rebuilding model that is so essential to our mission but, rather, will work in tandem with it. By using the two programs to complement each other, SBP will be able to keep costs low while substantially increasing the number of units it can complete in a single year. In 2009, SBP was able to return 100 families home. In GWGP's first year, we anticipate completing a minimum of 186 homes. In that same first year, SBP will create over 30 living wage–paying jobs for veterans returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Executive Director, Zack Rosenburg, explains how SBP arrived at this innovative solution: "In New Orleans there is an unmet demand for 20,019 affordable housing units and at the same time, we have an unemployment crisis which is amplified in the case of veterans. One in nine veterans are currently unemployed. Our country's returned veterans are not just statistics – they are people who have faced great danger and put themselves at great risk during their tours of duty. This is a solvable problem and we intend to solve it."

Veterans face a variety of challenges when trying to reenter the workforce upon returning home. Robert Pearson, 23 years of age and a former paratrooper explains, "A job counselor once told me that some employers consider a military record 'almost like having a felony' because of the negative, unstable emotional health issues associated with armed service."

While many employers avoid hiring veterans, SBP sees this as an incredible opportunity. A recent study showed that 88% of veterans surveyed said that disaster relief is something they, personally, consider to be "very important" as they move forward in their civilian lives.

"True, some may suffer from post traumatic stress disorder," admits SBP's Director of Construction and himself a veteran, Jim MacQueen. "But veterans are mature, accustomed to following directions, understand the advantages of teamwork, are problem solvers and I am so excited to begin working with them. It will do great things for our organization."

Zack believes SBP is creating a program that can be replicated around the country. "While our city had the misfortune of Katrina, cities across the United States are struggling with the same blighted properties, high unemployment rate, and lack of affordable housing as New Orleans. We believe we are creating a model for recovery that will not only help New Orleans and other natural disaster–affected areas, but will also help any city suffering from the deterioration that accompanies economic disaster."

The St. Bernard Project is a grassroots, nonprofit rebuild organization that provides direct rebuilding, financial and community support to families in St. Bernard Parish, La. who were displaced and devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Our mission is to break down barriers that hinder families from returning to their homes and community.

The St. Bernard Project offers the following services to residents of St. Bernard Parish:

Support A Family Network: Provide building supplies (mainly drywall, roofing and electrical materials) and/or volunteer assistance to help families rebuild their homes.

Tool Co–op: Loan tools and equipment to residents.

Community Center: Provide vital meeting, leisure and computer use space for residents whose community centers have disappeared.

How You Can Help
Volunteer! We can?t operate without volunteers to assist in rebuilding these homes. There is no experience required ? we will teach you everything you need to know!

To sign up, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Janie Strachan at janie @stbernardproject.org or (504) 261 0345. If space is available, please download and read the Volunteer Arrival Packet.

Services offered: Community Outreach Programs; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Demographic Served: Veterans; Donations, Disaster Fund; Drill Bit Sets; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Community Center; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Information Resource, Online Networking, Twitter Page/Twitter Feeds; Insulation, Walls, Construction; Jobs, Paying Jobs (For Disaster Survivors); Services, Tech, Fax Access (to USE a fax machine); Services, Tech, Internet Access; Services, Tech, Phone Access; Testimonies (Comments by Folks); Tool Lending; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Volunteer Training; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers); Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online; Volunteer Work Orders/Projects (provided by this facility)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2010 Oil Spill Gulf of Mexico; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; AmeriCorps; Church of the Brethren Disaster Response; CWS ~ Church World Service; Habitat For Humanity; Salvation Army; United Way
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SWLA Volunteer Housing & Coordination Center

Volunteer Camp · Open

Non–Profit Disaster Recovery
1104 Recreation Blvd., Lake Charles, LA 70611

Phone 337–217–0428 Fax: (337) 217–0431
Web swlavols.org/index.html
Eligibility Impacted by 2005 – Hurricane Rita
Service Temporary

2/4/08 LTel:

Spoke to Cathi Talent/Vol. Coord. All information on the website and in the database is current, up to date and accurate w/ exception to some staff changes and clarity of their services.

NOTE: Their organization is funded through 2010. Once rebuilding is completed, this site will function as an ermergency response/incident command. Work orders for rebuilding are coordinated with Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, United Way, UMCOR, etc., but if you are an 'UNAFFILLIATED' group or individual volunteer, you are more than welcome to coordinate your stay with this volunteer camp.

June '08 – 20 volunteer spots still open
July '08 – 70 volunteer spots still open

SWLA is proud to boast that they have a steady flow of volunteers and many repeat groups of volunteers come back because their stay is very pleasant and
the housing amenities are homey and comfortable.

ANY AND ALL types of volunteers, whether skilled or not are welcome. They need help in warehouses, kitchens, yard clean up, painters, construction, etc. They can put anyone to work no matter what your skill set is.

Director: Billie Jean Bauer pipsdirector@yahoo.com 337–217–0428
Volunteer Coordinators:
Cathi Talent (OUT OF AREA VOLUNTEERS)cathitalent@yahoo.com
Rhonda Trahan (LOCAL VOLUNTEERS–SECRETARY FOR FACILITY) swlavols@yahoo.com
SWLA Housing Center Project Manager: Scott Shelton scottshelton@yahoo.com

From the website:

How can we do this ?

With the help of other non–profit organizations in our community....

Donations (from those who have already stayed here and those not able to come and help) and lots of need for volunteers in this area.....(You will not be asked for a donation but you are welcome to give)

When we first got into the volunteer project one of the first things that came to our attention was the need for

housing these volunteers !! We had MANY volunteers willing to come to this area to help the only problem was there was no where for them to stay.

We had lots of opportunities to sign them up with but still no place for them to stay!!!

We had people calling us everyday CAN we come help? Yes you can. Was our answer! Their very next question was is there anyplace for us to stay?

Our problem was not if they could get here, if they could feed them selves, or if they were willing to work hard when they got here! It was simply....WHERE WOULD THEY STAY??

Most of our churches and other organizations were full to capacity and running over and also very drained...

What was the answer...

A HOUSING CENTER....that could hold these volunteers..... Not only to have a place to sleep but to have a place to cook shower and relax after a hard day of work in the Louisiana heat.....

Want to VOLUNTEER come to .....Southwest Louisiana....Where we need...a HAND UP not a HAND OUT!

Services offered: Directories, New Orleans Volunteer Camps; Events, Community Meetings; Facilities: Bathroom Facilities (For Volunteers); Facilities: Shower Facilities for Volunteers; Facility: Community Center; Housing, Volunteer Housing ($ Donation Appreciated); Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Kitchen, Kitchen Privileges (For Volunteers); Management, Volunteer Coordination Services; Services, Employment, Internship Program; Support for "All" Disasters; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers); Volunteer, Volunteer Referral Services; Volunteer Work Orders/Projects (provided by this facility); Youth, Leadership Development
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Rita; 2008 Hurricane Ike; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; AmeriCorps; Friend Ships Unlimited; Habitat For Humanity; Salvation Army; UMCOR Relief Network; United Way
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Parkway Presbyterian Church Disaster Recovery Mission

Volunteer Camp · Open

Faith–Based Disaster Recovery
6200 Camphor St, Metairie, LA 70003
Phone (504) 733–1644 or 504–733–1647 allie@ppc.nocoxmail.com Allie Quinn
Web www.parkwaypresbyterianchurch.org
Hours 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. M–F, CST
Serves Metairie, LA
Service Temporary

Location Region: Greater New Orleans, LA

Speciality: Disaster Recovery in Greater New Orleans from 2005 Hurricane Katrina

Description of volunteer needs: Our work is currently focused on bringing relief and hope to people by gutting out their homes and doing yard work so that rebuilding can begin.

Skills volunteers are required to have: No particular skills are required.

Useful Skills: Construction–related skills are helpful.

Tools or supplies volunteers should bring: Bedding, food, personal items, sunscreen, bug spray, work clothes, and hard–soled work shoes.

Will volunteers need to bring any money or material, such as for housing: Money will be needed for food, personal expenses, and entertainment. There is no charge to stay at the church.

Length of time volunteer can help: Daily, weekly, monthly or longer

Size of volunteer team: Up to 30

Are individual volunteers welcome? No

Age restriction, if any: Age 16 and up; ages 16 to 18 need adult supervision.

Denomination/affiliation, if any: Presbyterian Church, USA; all are welcome

If yes, must volunteer be a member: No

Any other restrictions: Volunteers must be in good general health.

Housing provided for volunteers, if any: An air–conditioned room, restrooms, and showers are provided. Volunteers provide their own bedding.

Meals provided for volunteers, if any: A modern commercial kitchen is available for use. Volunteers provide their own food.

Any additional notes: Groups wanted. Volunteers provide their own transportation.

Approximate date the project started: Sep–01–2005
Estimated date the project will end: Dec–31–2010
Information Updated: Jul–28–2006

Services offered: Case Management, Hurricane Survivors; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Cleanup, Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Events, Blood Drive; Facilities: Bathroom Facilities (For Volunteers); Facilities: Laundry Facilities (For Volunteers); Facilities: Shower Facilities for Volunteers; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Volunteer Housing ($ Donation Appreciated); Kitchen, Kitchen Privileges (For Volunteers); Services, Tech, Internet Access; Services, Tutoring Services; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; America's Second Harvest; Boy Scouts of America; Catholic Charities; Habitat For Humanity; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; UMCOR Relief Network
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Habitat for Humanity – New Orleans Area

Info/Hotline · Open

Housing Resource
New Orleans, LA

Phone Phone: (504) 861–2077, Fax: (504) 866–6004
Web www.habitat–nola.org
Serves Greater New Orleans
Service Temporary

See Website for:
– long list of contacts, including email addresses
– a description of the application process

Mailing Address
P.O. Box 15052
New Orleans, LA 70175

Office Address
7100 St. Charles Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70118

Services offered: Buildings; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Housing, Affordable Housing Builder, Gov't Sponsored; Housing, Affordable Housing, Ownership Program; Housing, Subsidized/Low–Income Housing; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; Habitat For Humanity
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Rebuilding Together – New Orleans (RTNO)

Volunteer Camp · Open

Non–Profit
New Orleans, LA

Web www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Community%20Outreach/Rebuilding_Together/index.htm
Service Temporary

Rebuilding Together New Orleans (RTNO) is currently looking for Americorps volunteers. RTNO is a local affiliate of the national nonprofit, Rebuilding Together, and since Katrina has helped over 37 low–income families return to their storm–damaged homes.

Americorps positions available include:

(10) Americorps Direct positions to assist with homeowner repairs

(3) Americorps VISTA positions to help with volunteer management grants/resource development, and community outreach

(1) Americorps VISTA position in partnership with Tulane University to coordinate service–learning students and serve as the RT Information Officer.

Americorps volunteers receive a living stipend, an end–of–term education bonus or cash stipend, and a health insurance plan.

For more information and how to apply, please email:

RTAmeriCorps@yahoo.com

From the website:

Rebuilding Together New Orleans is a neighborhood revitalization program of the Preservation Resource Center. The program was formerly called Christmas In October. It is a local affiliate of Rebuilding Together U.S.A., based in Washington, D.C. The program pays for repairs for eligible low–income elderly and/or disabled homeowners in targeted neighborhoods. By improving the homes of low–income elderly and/or disabled homeowners, Rebuilding Together helps to initiate an upward spiral of neighborhood resurgence and civic pride. The program works with financial contributions from the City of New Orleans, corporations, foundations and individuals, donated materials and volunteer labor. Rebuilding Together is a marvelous celebration of what's right in New Orleans and gives those who care an opportunity to stand up for our city and improve the quality of life for many of its citizens.

Services offered: Cleanup, Disaster Debris Removal, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, House Gutting, Volunteer Services; Construction, Home Repair, Volunteer Services; Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Management, Volunteer Coordination Services
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; AmeriCorps; Habitat For Humanity
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Habitat for Humanity – Bayou Area

Volunteer Camp · Open

Disaster Recovery/Rebuilding
1087 Highway 3185; P.0. Box 691, Thibodaux, LA 70302
Phone (985) 477–6999 ext 224 (To Volunteer)
Web www.bayouhabitat.org
Serves Bayou Areas – Terrebonne & Lafourche Parishes
Eligibility Impacted by Hurricane Katrina, Rita, Gustav & Ike
Service Temporary

Hurricane Gustav and Ike Update

Update as of Thursday, September 18th at 4:30: Unfortunately, I must now add Hurricane Ike to this update. While Hurricane Ike made landfall in Texas, the southern region of the Bayou Area Habitat service area received devastating flooding. After Hurricane Rita in 2005, it was estimated that Terrebonne Parish (where the Bayou Blue subdivision is located) had approximately 10,000 homes, businesses and structures in the southern part of the parish take on flood waters. Current estimates for Hurricane Ike is that over 15,000 have taken on water and some estimates are upwards of 20,000. Needless to say, we have been getting quite a few calls. Fortunately, no Bayou Area Habitat homes are included in those numbers.

Like many in this area, we are still assessing the needs while also still continuing to build for those affected by Katrina and Rita in 2005. We are anticipating an increase to our current building pace; however, this pace will be based on the amount of funding that is received and the amount of volunteers that offer their services.

If someone would like to donate funding, please email:

Jarrett Hawkins at: jhawkins@bayouhabitat.org or call at (985) 447–6999 ext 227

To volunteer, please email:

Aimee Bourgeois at: labourgeois@bayouhabitat.org or call at (985) 477–6999 ext 224.

Update as of Friday, September 12 at 11:00 AM: As you can see from the picture above, not all Bayou Area Habitat homes survived Hurricane Gustav. This home belongs to Shanell Henderson and is located at 811 Church Street in Thibodaux. Despite

the total loss, Shanell, who has been in the home since 2002, has a great outlook even though she was told by FEMA that they will be unable to assist her. We are staying in touch with Shanell and assisting her through the insurance process.

Other than Shanell's home, Bayou Area Habitat homes faired well as approximately 60 – 70% of homes had no damage at all and of the homes that did have damage it was limited to siding, shingle and soffits. For the many volunteers who came to work as part of Hurricane Recovery from Katrina and Rita in Bayou Blue, the subdivision looks great considering what took place. Furthermore, the office regained power on Tuesday and is up and running.

All in all, things could have been much worse for Bayou Area Habitat and this region, but we still have plenty of work to do. The staff is currently working on a needs assessment for the area as we have begun to get quite a few phone calls from families in need of housing following Gustav and we also anticipate many calls because of the flooding that is currently taking place with Ike.

We are extremely grateful for all of the prayers that we received for us to get through Gustav and we are additionally grateful for the donors and volunteers who have contacted us. If someone would like to donate funding, please email [Jarrett Hawkins] or call at (985) 447–6999 ext 227 or if someone would like to volunteer, please email [Aimee Bourgeois] or call at (985) 477–6999 ext 224.

Thanks again for your prayers and support and please keep the Texas and Southwestern Louisiana coast in your prayers with Hurricane Ike currently on track to make landfall there.

Update as of Saturday, September 6 at 2:00 PM: I have been able to make it back to the area to check on my, other family members and Bayou Area Habitat homes, and while the damage to homes and businesses is not overwhelming, it is still very bad. There were too many power lines snapped in half or trees leaning on them to count. The current report is that by October 1, all power will be returned, but as I type this I am hearing about more and more areas with electricity being returned. All in all, I thought the damage would be much worse, but the damage was still bad enough that Bayou Area Habitat will be extremely busy with many, many phone calls for assistance and I am positive that the staff will be ready.

As for the Bayou Area Habitat office building, one office had a window broken with a good bit a water getting in and even worse, two big lights in the front office are filled with water from a roof leak I presume. On a good note, the ReStore appears to have survived without damage and will be open for business once electricity on returned.

Since I have been getting quite a few emails about the subdivision in Bayou Blue, it did do fairly well as there were quite a few homes with siding and shingle damage but nothing that appeared structural. Residents were finally allowed back into Terrebonne Parish Friday morning, so we will likely starting hearing more about damage. I hope to get a report on all of our Bayou Area Habitat homes very soon.

Please keep this area, and all areas along the Gulf Coast, in your prayers as the current projected path of Hurricane Ike is not very favorable for Bayou Area Habitat or many other Habitat affiliates along the coast.

Jeremy

Update as of Tuesday, September 2 at 8:30 AM: I, and the entire staff, are all currently still out of the area as no one is being allowed back into the area with Terrebonne Parish not allwoing residents back in until Friday at noon. Power is out for up to a couple of weeks according to some reports and cell phone usage is in and out. From the reports that I have recieved, none of the homes in the subdividision in Bayou Blue received any major damage, although there are many with shingles, siding and some awning damage. As of now, unless I, or another staff member get word, about Bayou Area Habitat homes, there will likely not be another update until early next week as staff will have to also assess the damage to their and their families homes. All in all, I think we have come through this with mostly bumps and bruises, but we will not know the full story until the entire staff is back.

Thanks for the prayers and best wishes,

Jeremy

Habitat for Humanity's Gulf Coast Recovery program needs volunteers to help with rebuilding efforts along the Gulf Coast . HFH is looking for energetic volunteers who want to make a difference in the lives of hurricane–affected families, meet other people dedicated to eliminating substandard housing, and rebuild communities in areas devastated by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Volunteers, either skilled or unskilled, are needed to help with framing, roofing and painting. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

Services offered: Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2008 Hurricane Ike; Habitat For Humanity
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Operation Nehemiah – 2012 HURRICANE ISAAC

Volunteer Camp · Open

Non–Profit, Faith–Based, Disaster Recovery
DORMS/MAIN OFFICE; 400 No. Rampart, Ste. 27; New Orleans, LA 70125; ALL DONATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:; P.O. 73722 Metairie, LA 70033–3722, LA
Phone Fred Franke 504–782–3337 ffranke@cox.net

Web www.operationnehemiah.com
Hours Best hours to call: 8:00 am – 9:00 pm, CST
Serves Louisiana
Service Temporary

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· Wheelbarrows
· Work Gloves
· Safety Glasses
· Hard Hats
· Ice Chests
· Gatorade–Type Water Dispensers
· Shop Rags (good quality)
· Paper Towels
· Styrofoam or Heavy Duty Disposable Plates
· Disposable Drinking Cups
· Disposable Forks, Spoons, Knives

IMMEDIATE PRIORITY:

GIFT CARDS
· Home Depot & Lowes & Ace Hardware Gift Cards…to make purchases
· VISA Gift Cards…to make purchases
· Restaurant Gift Cards…to help feed volunteers and volunteer coordinators if need be

URGENT NEED:
I just received word from our Main Office & Dorm Location. Our dorms suffered little damage. However, the ceiling caved in on my office. Our insurance doesn't include this loss. I have some folks cleaning up right now! My computers, printers, phones, and copier may be a total loss…as well as our wood furniture, file cabinets, and refrigerators. We're going to need immediate help with this in order to get our office set up right away. Obviously desktop computers and printers would be an immediate need! I'm sure that we can get them locally.

SUPPLIES AVAILABLE LOCALLY:
One local Home Depot received 2 Tractor–Trailer loads of generators this morning. Many of these Supplies Will Be Immediately Available Locally! We would need Funding to access these items right away. Food stores, hardware stores, appliance stores…they are all beginning to open…many without any power…but, they are open and they are receiving the necessary goods needed.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED:

Operation Nehemiah can house up to 165 Volunteers in their dorms located in New Orleans, LA. Three meals will be provided (M–Fri.),

as well as bathrooms and showers separated for men and women. Please coordinate directly with them to agree to an appropriate donation for your stay to cover the costs of volunteer housing. It is suggested you bring as many tools and supplies as possible to assist with mud out muck out projects for flooding, as well as ice chests to have on work sites. Parking on the street near the dorm runs $8–$12 per day and is the volunteers responsibility. The location is in a safe and secure neighborhood. This type volunteer work requires you be in good physical condition.

Also needed are helpers for the warehouse, distribution of relief supplies donation collection and office duties. Some volunteer positions do not require physical labor so if there are those on your team that want to do lighter duty tasks, bring them along.

Contact Fred Franke: Cell – 504–782–3337 or ffranke@ cox.net

Services offered: Adopt–A–Family, Families That Want To Be "Adopted"; Cleanup, House Gutting, Volunteer Services; Cleanup, Mud–Out, Muck–Out, Flood Cleanup, Volunteer Services; Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Directories, New Orleans Volunteer Camps; Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Facilities: Bathroom Facilities (For Volunteers); Facilities: Shower Facilities for Volunteers; Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Warehouse, Warehouse Space
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2012 Hurricane Isaac; ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now); Habitat For Humanity
Updated Sep 2, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/841

MA

Acton–Boxborough–Stow Interfaith Laity's (RESOURCE DIRECTORY) (CHURCH DIRECTORY)

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
Acton – Boxborough, MA 01720

Phone See Notes for List of Contacts
Web users.bicnet.net/~abil/index.html
Serves Acton – Boxborough – Stow
Eligibility Residents in need
Service Permanent

From the website:

Private and Government Sources of Help

Member Organizations (Faith Groups)

ABIL: ACTON–BOXBOROUGH INTERFAITH LAITY

St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Roman Catholic)
South Acton Congregational
Acton Center Congregational
United Church of Christ Boxborough
West Acton Baptist
Acton Friends Meeting
Temple Beth Elohim
Nashoba Valley Church, Vision, Inc.
First Parish Church of Stow and Acton
Islamic Center of Boston
Good Shepherd Episcopal
Rotary International

FOR RESOURCE REFERRALS, GO TO THEIR WEBSITE:

http://users.bicnet.net/~abil/index.html

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(listed by organization)

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Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Battered Women ; Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Disabled/ Handicapped; Advocacy, Domestic Violence; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Migrants/Immigrant Workers ; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks; Advocacy, Special Needs Folks, Seniors/Elders; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to Find, Emergency Food Assistance; Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Case Management Referrals; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Disabled, Accessible Housing Referrals for Disabled; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Referrals (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Information & Referral (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Assistance, Referrals, Shelter Referrals, Youth Focused; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Community Outreach Programs; Counseling, Spiritual; Directories, Directory of Churches; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Directory of Services, Disabled Services; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Online Database Resource; Directories, Special Needs, Services for Special Needs Folks; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Hotline * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Youth Services; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Church/Worship Services; Services, Emergency Services; Services, Emergency Services, Senior/Elder; Services, Senior Programs; Services, Social Services, General Social Services; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Networking Group, Employment/Professional Networking; Social Event, Networking Group, Families; Social Event,

Networking Group, Families w/Young Children; Support for "All" Disasters; Vouchers * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; American Baptist Churches–USA; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Gross Inequity; Government, City/Town Agency; Habitat For Humanity; Hindu Disaster Relief Community; ICNA Relief USA (Islamic Community); Islamic Community; Jewish Family Service; LDS ~ Lutheran Disaster Services; Lion's Club; Lutheran Disaster Response; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Neighborhood Network; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Rotary Club (Local Civic Group); UMCOR Relief Network; United Methodist Disaster Response; United Way
Updated Dec 14, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3835

FEMA Region 1 VAL (Voluntary Agency Liaison) – Massachusetts

Info/Hotline · Open

FEMA
99 High Street; 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02110
Phone (617) 956–7506
Web www.fema.gov/about/regions/regioni/regioni.shtm
Service Temporary
Campaigns: 2010 Massachusetts Flooding; 2010 New England Flooding; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Aidmatrix; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; AmeriCorps; Catholic Charities; Citizen Corps; COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster); Connecticut Association For Community Action – CAFCA; EMA (Emergency Management Agency) Regional/County; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency), County; Government, Federal; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security, National Shelter System (NSS); Government, FEMA (this item ONLY for actual FEMA/HQ contacts/entries); Government, FEMA VAL contacts/orgs/entries; Government, US Government Agency (This Site IS a Gov Agency); Government, US Government Site; Habitat For Humanity; Hands On Disaster Response; LDS ~ Lutheran Disaster Services; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; LTRG, Long Term Recovery Group; Lutheran Disaster Response; Medical Reserve Corps; Mennonite Disaster Service; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Salvation Army; Tri–State LTRG (New England); UMCOR Relief Network; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member)
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Presbyterian Church

Walk–in Resource · Open

Faith–based Humanitarian Outreach
330 Concord Road; Route 27 and Concord Road., Sudbury, MA 01776
Phone (978) 443–9151
Web www.pcsudbury.org/mission.html

Rev. Dr. D. William McIvor

Our Outreach and Service Mission Statement is:

We are called to reach out, in our service and in our finances, to those outside our faith community who need our help. (See Matthew 25:31–46) As a team, we encourage everyone in the church and community to participate actively in Christian outreach and service, and facilitate and coordinate their participation.

We encourage you to participate in any of the following outreach and service opportunities. Some are opportunities to give financially to those who need our support. Others are opportunities for you to get personally involved in service to others. Either way, these will be experiences of Christian giving of ourselves and our resources that you won't soon forget. Also see our Outreach and Service Bulletin Board in the upstairs hallway just outside the church office.

PRESBYTERIAN COFFEE PROJECT

The Presbyterian Coffee Project is a new way to help people in need while enjoying fellowship and an excellent cup of coffee. Presbyterian congregations that participate are supporting fair trade––practices which complement our mission with farmers in Latin America, Africa and Asia, as well as our commitment to stewardship of the natural environment. We purchase this coffee for our Fellowship use.

You can purchase coffee at wholesale prices by using the order form on the web or available in Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP AT WINGATE

Worship at Wingate began in 1990 as a project of PCIS Deacons in response to the concerns of the family of the late Edith Person. Mrs. Person was a devout Presbyterian who had been relocated from Florida to the Wingate Nursing Home in Sudbury and there found herself without an outlet for worship in the tradition meaningful to her. The Wingate worship–fellowship outreach became an immediate success, not only for Edith but also for many other residents of the facility. Worship at Wingate was then and remains to this day the only Protestant worship conducted at the facility.

The Worship at Wingate monthly worship is enthusiastically embraced by residents, and praised by their families and the Wingate staff. The program has grown significantly. From a handful of residents, attendance has more than tripled and now averages 30 and occasionally reaches highs of 40+. Volunteers (many from our Junior, Senior and Confirmation Classes) have led worship,

provided music and engaged Wingate residents in fellowship on the third Sunday of each month. Each resident receives a bulletin–order of service with hymns at each service. The Wingate staff notes that many residents keep them at their bedside after the service and between our visits. Special Christmas cards commemorating Christ's special meaning for older folks were distributed to each resident congregant and special provision is always made for time with those unable to attend the service.

More help is needed, particularly in getting patients/residents from their rooms to the service. Simply put: the more volunteers we have…the more opportunity the Wingate folks will have to get to the only Protestant worship service they have! Volunteers are also needed to provide special music and to lead worship.

The commitment required is generally not more than one hour once a month. If you can help (whether each month or once or twice a year) please contact Pete Raymond or leave a message at the church office 978–443–9151. The need is great. We don't want to neglect somebody because we haven't the manpower to get to them. It's only an hour spent with some wonderful folks for whom the hour means so very much.

SALVATION ARMY MIRACLE KITCHEN

On the second Friday of the month, every two out of three months, our church sponsors a dinnertime meal at the Salvation Army soup kitchen in Framingham. This has proven to be an excellent way that people can become involved in a very rewarding mission. This activity is organized in such a way that there are many ways an individual can participate, yielding a wide variety of opportunities. You can cook a meal, and/or you can help us serve.

Sudbury Food Pantry

The Sudbury Food Pantry supports over 100 families in the Sudbury area.

Please leave any donations of food, soap, diapers, etc. in the baskets in our entryway.

The food pantry needs volunteers to distribute food at the Food Pantry at Our Lady of Fatima Church. If you could volunteer a few hours on 2 to 4 days a month, please contact a member of O&S.

Neighbor to Neighbor

SURPRISED? Yes, there is need right in our own backyard in Sudbury!

Over the last six (6) years, a small portion of our mission dollars have gone to support the "Neighbor To Neighbor" program, a partnership of our church's Outreach and Service Team with the Town of Sudbury social worker. Did you know that some of the needs satisfied through your offerings were:

· Short term interim medication for an 80 year old widow with breast cancer who could not afford her doctor's prescribed dosage.

· Life long monitoring (You know: I've fallen and I can't get up) for 6 months for an 82 year widower.

· Hearing aid for single mom, deaf in both ears and unemployed.

· Short term fuel assistance for 79 year old widow whose husband died, and she had no money or understanding how to manage finances.

· Tuition to day camp at Longfellow's Children's Center for a 10 year old with behavior problems.

· Phone bill payments for terminally ill mom, with mentally ill husband and 2 small children.

These are only a sampling of the many short term emergency needs we have been able to respond to through God's love and your pledges and offerings.

Senior In–Home Fix–It Program: We need people to do very small odd jobs for local elderly who live at home. They need help with such simple things as getting up on step stools to change light bulbs.

Middlesex County Prison Coordinating Committee

An organization that the Outreach and Service Team supports is the Middlesex County Prison Coordinating Committee (MCPCC). This one–of–kind citizen group is composed of members of the faith community who monitor and support programs relating to county–level corrections. The committee is led by a dedicated executive board that meets once a month.

The committee accomplishes much with very little, all toward "a ministry of the whole prison system… The correctional officers, the staff, the administration, and the prisoners." Some MCPCC activities have included:

Collecting used books for the prison library
Facilitating discussion of prison issues
Collecting winter jackets and sweatshirts
Advocating for chapel space
Supporting a chaplain's discretionary fund
Encouraging treatment programs for gambling, drug and alcohol abuse
Awarding prizes for art and poetry contests
Advocating on behalf of officers and staff concerning salaries and working conditions

The MCPCC has had a long and successful life thanks in part to our donations through the Outreach and Service Team. Money donated goes toward paying a small stipend to the committee's coordinator, as well as for other minor expenses including postage for their monthly newsletter.

SEASONAL OUTREACH

January - Roxbury Church Social Impact Center

The RPC Social Impact Center, Inc. is partnering with the Roxbury Presbyterian Church to raise funds to renovate space in the lower level of the Roxbury Presbyterian Church. This space will be used for the Social Impact Center's existing academically–focused after–school program, for a planned computer education center, for youth outreach, and for other community–focused activities such as poetry readings, drama, etc. In addition, the space will continue to be used for weekly AA meetings and for other community gatherings.

Here is an article on Roxbury Presbyterian Church and its pastor, Hurman Hamilton.

February - Camp Wilmot

This offering supports the Camp Wilmot program. Our contributions go to bringing children to summer camp - children that will not be able to go without some assistance - and other needs of the camp. Many of the campers we once assisted have become the backbone of summer camp at Camp Wilmot and in turn have encouraged an ever growing number of youth from other churches throughout New England to take part.

March - MATE (Mission At The Eastward)

MATE is a cooperative parish which brings together nine congregations in Central Maine, and works with partner congregations from away. Sharing in worship, pastoral ministry and outreach with the larger community, Mission at the Eastward witnesses to the Gospel's promise of wholeness. Our offering supports their housing ministry which rehabilitates housing for people in central Maine who would not otherwise be able to afford to fix up their houses to withstand the Maine winter.

April - One Great Hour of Sharing

Contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing make a difference in the lives of people worldwide. This offering supports the mission work of the Presbyterian Church and our interfaith partners. It provides emergency relief to victims of disasters. Our gifts keep working, helping people to rebuild their villages, their homes, and their lives long after the world's attention to the immediate disaster is past. Another part of this offering helps poor communities find and develop new sources of food and clean water. We help to improve health standards and literacy. We provide modest loans to poor people seeking to start small businesses in order to become self–supporting. We help resettle refugees from famines and wars, and we provide ministries with homeless children in the inner cities of the world. One Great Hour of Sharing, nearly 50 years old, continues to respond to needs equally critical as when it was first created.

May - Youth mission fund auction

Each May, we hold an auction to raise funds to sponsor our youth on a mission trip. The youth have gone to Georgia, North Carolina, Michigan, and other places, where they have helped with housing rehabilitation, repair of church and community facilities, and just making a difference in some peoples' lives. The funds also sponsor additional youth activities during the year.

June - Little Children of the Philippines

This offering funds the pre–schools of the Little Children of the Philippines, or LCP. The LCP mission is to help impoverished children through strong, caring Christian communities. The building blocks of this mission are the parent empowerment program, the basic health program, the sponsorship program, and the program for handicapped children. In the pre–schools, children come to get a strong foundation for success in formal school. They get a nutritious snack and vitamins to help with persistent malnutrition. They get access to basic health care, and they learn about Jesus.

Lee Betts at PCIS on May 21, 2000

We encourage you to also sponsor a Philippine child to help them through their school years. Many have contributed this way and have found it to be a great way to help others who cannot help themselves but give back in their own way.

August – MATE

A group of 15–20 people from our church spend a week in Maine working directly on the houses. For example, last summer we replaced uninsulated windows in an elderly woman's trailer, and a drafty front door in an elderly woman's home. This is a great way to become personally involved in helping others and to join others in Christian fellowship.

September and December – Framingham Resource Center

Just before school starts, and just before Christmas, you can Sponsor a Child by buying needed clothing and school supplies. You receive the name and basic information about a child. You shop for that child and we collect our contributions and take them to the center where they are distributed to the children. It is a great way to help a child to be ready for school, or to have a little for Christmas that they would not otherwise have

October – CROP Walk

The 24th Annual CROP Walk for the Hungry takes place in Concord on a Sunday in October. Kicking off at 2:15pm from First Parish in Concord, Lexington Road in the center of Concord, participating walkers will again enjoy the autumn beauty of some of Concord's most historic country roads, as they walk to raise money for the hungry of local communities and around the world. Come early and enjoy music on the First Parish green, starting at 1:30pm in front of First Parish Church.

Local funds raised are allocated to five area community supper/pantry programs: the Open Table in Concord, the Community Supper in Acton; the Sudbury Community Food Pantry, the Maynard Food Pantry, and the Bedford Community Table/Pantry. In addition, the CROP Walk supports Church World Service in its current relief efforts worldwide, including the continuation of the "All Our Children" campaign in Iraq, to provide medical and surgical supplies to hospitals and to fill significant gaps in general health services for youth. Two renovations recently completed were a children's home in Beit al Tutul and the Karbala Pediatric Institute. For more details, see the Church World Service web site at <www.churchworldservice.org>.

November – Joshua Matenjwa Presbyterian Church in Limuru, Kenya

We sponsor individual students in Limuru, where they would not be able to go to high school without our support. We provide Christmas dinner and classroom supplies for the church Sunday School.

December –

Christmas Joy fund

Presbyterians have long celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ by giving generously to a Christmas season offering. Fifty percent of the receipts to the Christmas Joy Offering are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The other fifty percent supports the eight Presbyterian–related racial ethnic schools and colleges through the National Ministries Division of the General Assembly Council.

Operation Christmas Child

Christmas is about sharing the gift of God’s son, Jesus Christ, with the world. Our church is providing you with the unique opportunity to share Christ with a needy child by using a simple shoe box! A child overseas can receive your shoe box, hand delivered, along with Christian literature in his or her own language. The boxes are fun and easy to fill with small toys, school supplies, and other gifts.

Alternative Christmas Fair

Each year in December, we hold an alternative Christmas fair at the church to provide an opportunity for you to purchase Christmas presents in a way that helps artisans in 40 countries around the world. Most of the goods come through SERRV, and organization that provides a way for us to find gifts and crafts from those disadvantaged artisans from around the world. We also provide Presbyterian Coffee and an opportunity to give the gift of an animal through Heifer International.

Habitat for Humanity

We are proud to have created the partnership with the Boston Presbytery in building a townhouse in Roxbury through Habitat for Humanity Boston.

Services offered: Construction, Home Repair, Volunteer Services; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Food Distribution, Meals, Soup Kitchen; Services, Senior Programs
Campaigns: Habitat For Humanity
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Habitat for Humanity Hancock Project

Volunteer Camp · Open

Case Management/Disaster Recovery
414 Highway 90 Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, Bay St Louis, MS 39520

Phone	228–467–9699
Contact	Habitat for Humanity Hancock Project
Web	www.habitathancock.org
Checks payable to	Habitat for Humanity/Metro Jackson, Inc.
Service	Permanent

Habitat for Humanity/Metro Jackson Hancock Project promotes home ownership with volunteers building houses in partnership with Bay St. Louis/Waveland residents in need of adequate housing. Our Hancock County project is located approximately 50 miles east of New Orleans on the gulf coast.

As of 12/06, this group had built 50 homes in the gulf.

In Hancock County, members of our staff, AmeriCorps, and volunteers recently began building our 31st house! The start of this home marks the 14th house built in Waveland, with 14 also completed in Bay St. Louis, and three underway in Diamondhead. Truly incredible progress is being made everyday.

Help Rebuild the Gulf Coast!

Operation Home Delivery is Habitat for Humanity International's response to the devastation caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Habitat is concentrating its rebuilding efforts in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Over 400 new homes are complete or under construction on the Gulf Coast and Habitat expects to build 1,000 homes.

The number of homes we are able to build will be determined by the amount of money we raise and the amount of volunteers we have! Come work with us for a day, a week, a month...whatever you can give! If you or your group is interested in volunteering with us please contact our volunteer coordinator, Erica, at: epainter@habitathancock.org or by calling our office at 228–467–9699.

Services offered: Case Management, Hurricane Survivors; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Facilities: Bathroom Facilities (For Volunteers); Grants, Housing, Housing Related; Housing, Volunteer Housing ($ NOT FREE); Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteers, Teen Volunteers (This facility accomodates Teen Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; AmeriCorps; Habitat For Humanity
Updated Feb 16, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1519

Lagniappe Presbyterian Church – Lutheran Episcopal Services (formerly Lagniappe Church)

Walk–in Resource · Open

647 Demontluzin St Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

Phone	228 467 3887
Contact	Cammie Chapman
Email	cchapman@lpcpca.com
Web	www.lagniappechurch.com
Hours	M–F 8:30 to 4pm (walk–in clients); M–Sa 10am–5pm (Office Hours)
Serves	Hancock County but primarily Bay St. Louis and Waveland
Eligibility	Katrina Survivors
Checks payable to	Lagniappe Presbytery
Service	Permanent

http://www.wlox.com/Global/story.asp?S=11768919

Several other shelters are also open across south Mississippi:

Hancock County

Lutheran Episcopal Services (formerly Lagniappe Church)
647 Demontiluzin Ave.
Bay St. Louis
Open at 4:30pm until 9am
Rides to shelter: (228) 255–9191

12/13/09 (From the website)
Still interested in volunteering on the Gulf Coast?!

Then come volunteer with one of Lagniappe's wonderful friend and partners! Both Habitat for Humanity and Lutheran Episcopal Services of Mississippi (LESM) are continuing to host volunteers and build houses in the Bay Waveland area. In fact, LESM is now co–leasing the Lagniappe Church facility in order to house and feed their volunteers. This means that anyone who comes down with Habitat for Humanity or LESM has the opportunity to stay at the Lagniappe facility! If you are interested in volunteering with either organization, please contact them directly.

Erica Painter: epainter @habitatbw.org (Habitat for Humanity)
Michael Magargal: mmagargel @lesm.org (Lutheran Episcopal Services of MS)

Services offered: Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Construction, Home Repair, Volunteer Services; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Facilities: Bathroom Facilities (For Volunteers); Facilities: Shower Facilities for Volunteers; Housing, Volunteer Housing ($ NOT FREE); Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; RV Parking for Volunteers; Services, Employment, Internship Program; Services, Tech, Internet Access; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter, Winter Shelter; Shelter, Evacuation Shelter; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteer Work Orders/Projects (provided by this facility)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; Gamblers Anonymous Meetings; Habitat For Humanity
Updated May 19, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/690

Women in Construction (at the Moore Community House)

Info/Hotline · Open

Employment Training/Services
684 Walker St., Biloxi, MS 39530

Phone 228–228–297–0965
Contact Julie Kuklinski
Email julie.womeninconstruction@gmail.com
Web www.moorecommunityhouse.org/womenconstructt.html
Service Temporary

Date: Mon, 17 May 2010 12:34:09 –0500 [05/17/2010 05:34PM UTC]

Dear Friends,

You are cordially invited to the commencement ceremonies for the 7th graduating class of Moore Community House's Women in Construction program. We hope you will join us in celebration of the accomplishments of this beautifully fun and inspiring group of women on May 28, 2010 at 4pm. Please be reminded that the ceremonies will be held at our new permanent location at Moore Community House, 684 Walker St., Biloxi, MS. Invitations are attached and please feel free to invite anyone who would be interested in joining us on this special day.

We hope to see you there!

Julie and Johnny

From the website:

BACKGROUND

The idea for a women in construction project on the Gulf Coast originated with Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW)––a national organization committed to increasing the number of women involved in nontraditional occupations and helping women attain economic self–sufficiency. WOW saw a unique opportunity on the MS Gulf Coast for low–income women to increase their earning potential by helping to meet the demand for skilled workers rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina.

WOW identified Moore to tackle the challenge of developing construction training and associated social and workplace supports for women entering this nontraditional field. With a planning grant from Oxfam, MCH surveyed needs and resources, meeting with overwhelmingly positive responses to the project. A start–up grant from the Women's Fund in Jackson propelled the pilot training session in January 2008

Nationally, women represent only 4 percent of the building trade workforce,. So no one expected that it would be easy to incorporate women into the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast, .But the wave of female faces on Coast construction sites has opened the door for other women to enter the field.

MCH actively recruits participants for its WinC project. Construction training is provided through a partnership with the Hope Community Development Agency, a nonprofit that rebuilds homes in east Biloxi. Through this partnership, our students serve as construction workers for Hope and get on–the–job training ,while together they rebuild homes in the community!

WinC complements traditional training with stipends for child care and transportation; support groups; mentoring, resiliency coaching, job placement assistance, and supplemental classes designed to breach barriers that have historically prevented women from participating in construction trades

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Air Compressor; Assistance, Referrals, Employment & Job Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Job Placement; Counseling, Career Counseling; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks, Women Only; Demographic Served: Unemployed; Facility: Job Center; Jobs, Paying; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Employment, Internship Program; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Construction, Building Skills; Training Classes, Construction Skills Training; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining ; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Program
Campaigns: Habitat For Humanity; Hands On Gulf Coast; YouthBuild
Updated May 18, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5876

International Relief and Development – (IRD) Gulf Coast Community Services Center

Walk–in Resource · Open

Disaster Recovery/Community
1223 30th Ave Gulfport, MS 39501, Gulfport, MS 39501

Phone (228) 864–6677
Contact IRD, Gulf Coast Community Services Center
Web www.ird.org
Hours Mon – Fri, 8:00–5:00
Serves Harrison, Hancock only

Eligibility Varies depending on programs. Please see notes.
Bring Please call for more information
Checks payable to IRD US
Service Permanent

U.S. Gulf Coast — September 12, 2008 — As Hurricane Ike bears down on the Gulf Coast, IRD is preparing to provide case management and other assistance to those in its path. Staff from IRD's Gulfport–based Gulf Coast Community Service Center is already in Baton Rouge to assist with Gustav response. drawing on the experience from providing case management services to victims of Hurricane Katrina for the past three years.

Your donation will help us bring emergency relief to the victims of this disaster.

The IRD Gulf Coast Community Service Center (GCCSC) has been rebuilding the lives of the citizens of the Mississippi Gulf Coast since October 2005, opening its doors a little more than one month following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. The goal of the Center is to reach out to the community and assist in the organization and facilitation of an often–difficult recovery process. Located in West Gulfport, the Center serves the entire Mississippi Gulf Coast, representing most of the Coastal cities as well as the three Coastal counties.

The GCCSC began it work on the Gulf Coast by administering emergency relief, but has transitioned its services to focus on sustainable, long–term recovery. The Center was one of the first agencies in the area administering needs assessments and mapping the most affected areas. The goal of the multi–faceted needs assessment and community mapping process conducted by the Center was to identify potential applicants for assistance following the hurricane. As the recovery cycle progressed from assessing needs to managing needs on an individual basis, the GCCSC has changed its focus to assisting citizens in need through case management. Case managers facilitate the recovery process for survivors by identifying ways to maximize their access to community resources.

The Center hosts a walk–in center for assessments administered by the Harrison County Long Term Recovery Coalition (LTRC), and has developed a resource guide printed by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide to other relief agencies as a reference.

The Center also provides financial counseling to hurricane victims and MDA Phase II grant recipients seeking to purchase or rebuild homes through funding from the Enterprise Corporation of the Delta. This counseling not only prepares beneficiaries for homeownership, but gives them tools for long–term financial security. And in partnership with the Mennonite Economic Development Association (MEDA), the Center will create and manage a micro–enterprise capital fund which will finance start–up businesses along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Additionally, the GCCSC will support the development of an open–air market in its Gulfport neighborhood.

IRD also participates in YouthBuild, a program that provides comprehensive programs for vocational development, workforce training and career counseling with Gulf Coast youth. YouthBuild teaches local at–risk high school students how to assist in rebuilding homes while helping them get their GED.

Helping people rebuild their lives, their relationships, and their sense of self–sufficiency, is equally as important to their long–term recovery and that of their communities as their physical needs. It is the human side of recovery that the GCCSC addresses, for thousands of Katrina survivors.

Services:

1)Case management for Katrina survivors. Eligibility: affected by the hurricane and still have unmet needs

2) Fincancial Counseling. Eligibility: Open to everyone

3) Housing Counseling. Eligibility: Open to everyone

4) Youth Build Program will start in January. Eligibility: youth ages 16 to 24 who do not have a high school diploma/GED

Applications are still being accepted for Katrina survivors and programs. To obtain an application: Monday – Thursday 9:00 – 3:00

Services offered: Advocacy, Disabled/Handicapped; Animals, Rescue, Disaster Response Teams, Pets, Volunteer; Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, How to, Navigate Disaster Relief Resources; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Disabled, Accessible Housing Referrals for Disabled; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Referrals (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Case Management, Disabled/Handicapped; Case Management, Hurricane Survivors; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Case Management, Seniors/Elders; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Disaster Damage Assessments for Disaster Managers; Financial Assistance, Case Management for Financial Matters; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Post Disaster (For Rent/Belongings/Home Repairs/Rebuilding, etc.); Services, Disaster Recovery ; Support for "All" Disasters; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Construction Skills Training; Training Classes, Education, 1st Time Home Buyer Education; Training Classes, GED Preparation; Training Classes, Vocational; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Youth Outreach; Youth Program

Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2008 Hurricane Ike; American Red Cross / Int'l Federation of RC / ICRC / IFRC; Americorp VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America); Catholic Charities; Catholic Charities Social Services; Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort; CWS ~ Church World Service; Gifts in Kind; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Government, FEMA, DRC (Disaster Recovery Center); Government, US Deptartment of Housing & Urban Development (HUD); Habitat For Humanity; Hands On Gulf Coast; Hands On Network; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; Lutheran Episcopal Services of Mississippi; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Mennonite Disaster Service; Operation Blessing; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Salvation Army; Samaritan's Purse; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; UMCOR Relief Network; United Methodist Disaster Response; United Way; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), Associate Member/Informal Affiliation; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); Volunteers of America; World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services; World Vision; YMCA/YWCA

Updated Jan 27, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1790

Volunteers of America, MS

Walk–in Resource · Open

Faith–Based, Non–Profit Community

1909 E Pass Rd., Ste 1, Gulfport, MS 39507

Phone (228) 604–2026 / 1–800–859–4431
Web www.voasoutheast.org
Service Temporary

from website 2012 HURRICANE ISAAC –

Caring Kits Needed ...

Volunteers of America Southeast continues to aid victims of disasters such as the recent hurricane. We continue to collect items to create “Caring Kits” to aid those displaced due to the current flooding and any other storm–related event. Before the storm, Volunteers of America Southeast staged hundreds of caring kits at churches and other facilities along the Gulf Coast. Most of these kits have been distributed and we need to replenish the supply for future disasters. We welcome any individual or group who would like to help gather items to create the caring kits.

Each kit will consist of a 2–gallon zip–lock bag filled with the following items:

•6 oz toothpaste
•Tooth Brushes
•Wash Cloths
•Bar Soap
•Small Shampoos
•Hand Sanitizer
•Combs or Brushes
•Travel–size Facial Tissue
•Travel–size Wet Wipes
•Band Aids
•Anti–bacterial Ointment
•Deodorant

Donations of these items can be made at Volunteers of America Southeast, 600 Azalea Road, Mobile, AL 36609. For more information, please contact Paul McLendon at 251–422–7729.

FACEBOOK –
https://www.facebook.com/VolOfAmerica

The website is very informative for needs and assistance and it is updated.

Wendy McDonald from Habitat in Hancock is referring families to Kim Cheeks at VoA.

Services offered: Assistance * (ANY Type of: Referrals or "How to" Assistance); Assistance, Referrals, Health Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Medical Resources Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Mental Health Resources; Assistance, Referrals, Services for Special Needs Folks; Case Management, Disabled/Handicapped; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Case Management, Seniors/Elders; Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Spiritual; Counseling, Substance Abuse ; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Clothing Distribution (To the Public); Financial Support for Work Teams; Management, Volunteer Coordination Services; Medical, Facility, Clinic, Free Clinic; Mental Health Services; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Disabled, Services for the Disabled (See also Senior Services); Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Employment, Internship Program; Services, Substance Abuse, Residential Program (Drug/Alcohol); Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Cooking/Nutrition Education Classes; Training Classes, Exercise, Health Classes; Training Classes, Financial, Money Management; Training Classes, Life Skills (Special Needs); Training Classes, Vocational; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Water, * Bottles (ANY/ALL Types of Bottled Water)

Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; Habitat For Humanity; Volunteers of America
Updated Sep 17, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2645

Trinity Episcopal

Donor · Open

Church
509 West Pine St, Hattiesburg, MS 39407
Phone 601–544–5551
Web www.trinityhattiesburg.org

From the Website:

Outreach:

Parishioners at Trinity are involved in many outreach opportunities and their presence can be felt in many areas of the community. Our Outreach Commission thrives due to the commitment of its members and support from sister guilds. Outreach activity includes support of existing established services such as:

Local breadbasket program
Local food services program
Calling and Caring Commission
Hattiesburg Alternative School
Interfaith Assistance Program
The Trinity Pre–school Program
Civitan Camp
A welcome ministry for visitors to Trinity
The Christmas Adopt a Fire Family
The Angel Tree for children of incarcerated families
Funding of Big Brothers and Big Sisters
Foster Grandparent Program
One to On Haven (AIDS Coalition)
Mothers Day for Handicapped Children
Funding for Boys and Girls Clubs
Trinity Aids Assistance
Habitat for Humanity
Foster Children Program
Honduras Medical Mission

(old note)

per Gail Barrow and Father Tommie at the other Hattiesburg church
Campaigns: Habitat For Humanity
Updated Apr 20, 2007 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/87

One House At A Time

Volunteer Camp · Open

Non–Profit
MAILING ADDRESS: 1052 Avondale, Henderson, TN, Pearlington, MS 37075
Phone 866–396–4673
Web www.onehouseatatime.com
Hours daytime
Serves Pearlington, Hancock County, MS
Eligibility Impacted by Hurricane Katrina
Checks payable to New Hope Construction
Service Temporary

From website:
– September 2009 –
PEARLINGTON RECOVERY CENTER CLOSES DOWN

One House at a Time Still at Work

FROM THE WEBSITE 4/09:

CURRENT NEEDS

Volunteer –

One House at a Time and the Pearlington Recovery Center are still able to house and feed volunteers – groups and individuals – for rebuilding projects in Pearlington as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and now Gustav. Please consider joining us for a week or more or for just a weekend as you are able.

From the website:

Where We Are
To date, One House at a Time has 11 projects under construction. Of these, four will be ADA handicapped units, which will allow some of Pearlington?s disabled residents to return to a fuller life after being confined in FEMA trailers. An additional three homes are currently ordered, and they are due to arrive over the next two weeks. With existing funds, the project will have the capacity to build approximately 10 more homes. To learn more about our existing projects, please visit the Current Projects page.

The project is particularly essential because very few organizations, whether public or private, are willing to build in FEMA flood zones. While many have expressed reservation about rebuilding in a flood zone, it is important to remember that all of Hancock County is part of this flood zone. The only hurricane other than Katrina to flood this part of the country with such force was Camille in 1969. Camille only brought 2 feet of water into town; Katrina brought 20. Prior to Camille, no comparable disaster had been recorded for nearly 200 years. Furthermore, it appears that few, if any, state funds will be allocated for residents in flood zones in Mississippi. While Louisiana will serve this segment of the population because of the external and internal pressure to rebuild New Orleans, which sits 9 feet below sea level, no such forces exist to serve the people of Mississippi. Pearlington, which is an average of 6.5 feet above sea level, will likely get no public funding to rebuild.

One House at a Time is currently seeking $500,000 to insure that it can continue to build homes in Pearlington for the next year. While the ultimate goal is to raise $2 Million to build 200 homes, the first step is raising funds for the next year. The funds will be used to hire to on the ground coordinators, as well as to insure that money for some 35 homes will be available for the following year.

Disaster Relief Program:

To provide immediate housing for families and individuals in need, NHC has designed transitional housing units: bunkhouses, cottages, and lodges to house families and volunteers. These units cost between $15,000 to $20,000 and come furnished with kitchen appliances, living room, dining room, and bedroom furniture. Units are portable and can be set up on any lot. As a family/individual reaches sustainability, receives insurance settlements, etc. the unit can be passed on to another family or the unit can be converted to permanent housing.

Hurricane Katrina Relief

Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts in Hancock County, Mississippi
New Hope Construction (NHC) has teamed up with the South Walton Hurricane Helpers and the Seaside Community Foundation. Hancock County is ground zero of Hurricane Katrina.

New Hope Construction's first efforts at disaster relief have been focused in Hancock County, Mississippi. Bunk Houses have been erected for volunteers assisting with the construction of transitional housing units for disaster victims. These Bunk Houses are designed for housing multiple volunteers at a time. Our Transitional Housing Units also include Cottages which are designed to be inhabited by families or individuals until

sustainability can be achieved. At which point the cottages may then be passed on to another family or converted into permanent housing.

To ensure immediate housing for families and individuals in need, NHC's transitional housing units: bunkhouses, cottages, and lodges are now available for housing families and volunteers. The units cost between $15,000 to $20,000 and come furnished with kitchen appliances, living room, dining room, and bedroom furniture. Units are portable and can be set up on any lot.

How can you get involved?

Financially: Units start at $15,000 – you can sponsor a unit or partner with other groups to sponsor a unit or several units. Please call NHC at 866–396–4673 to donate.

Provide Volunteers: To volunteer please call Shannon Erwin at (850) 835–0067.

Spread the Word: Tell a friend. . .let others know how to get immediate help to hurricane victims.

With funds already donated, we have already shipped truckloads of these units. On November 14, 2005, with our partners and volunteers, we began building these units in Hancock County, Mississippi.

In Mississippi alone, over 70,000 units are needed to shelter families/individuals.

Call now to offer your assistance to this overwhelming IMMEDIATE need!

Services offered: Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Housing, Volunteer Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Groups of Volunteers (This facility accomodates Groups of Volunteers); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2008 Hurricane Ike; Habitat For Humanity
Updated Dec 25, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/555

OK

VOAD (VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER), State of OKLAHOMA

Info/Hotline · Open

c/o Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management; PO Box 53365, Oklahoma City, OK 73152

Phone 405–521–2481
Web www.okvoad.org
Serves Oklahoma, State of
Service Temporary

No site updates for the Aug. 2012 Oklahoma Wildfires

Services offered: Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2012 Oklahoma – Wildfires; 211 (Affiliation: 211 (choose this ONLY for actual 211 operations); ACTS World Relief; Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; American Baptist Men Disaster Relief; American Radio Relay League, Inc.; American Red Cross; Billy Graham Rapid Response Team; Christian Churches Disciples of Christ; Church of the Brethren Disaster Response; Citizen Corps; CityTeam; Convoy of Hope; CWS ~ Church World Service; Feeding America; Feed The Children; Government, EMA (Emergency Management Agency) State; Government, FEMA / Department of Homeland Security; Habitat For Humanity; Hands On Disaster Response; Hands On Network; Hope Coalition America (A Division of Operation Hope); Humane Society of the United States, The; International Relief & Development (IRD); LDS ~ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–day Saints; Lutheran Disaster Response; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Medical Reserve Corps; Mennonite Disaster Service; Mercy Medical Airlift; Nazarene Disaster Response; Noah's Wish; Operation Blessing; REACT International; Salvation Army; Samaritan's Purse; Save The Children; Society of St. Vincent de Paul; Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief; Tzu Chi Foundation; UCC ~ United Church of Christ; United Methodist Church; United Way; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), Associate Member/Informal Affiliation; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); World Hope International; World Renew (also known as CRWRC–DRS ~ Christian Reformed World Relief Committee–Disaster Response Services; World Vision
Updated Aug 9, 2012 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9251

OR

Habitat For Humanity ReStore – McMinnville Area

Warehouse · Open

1040 SE 1st Street, McMinnville, OR 97128

Phone (503) 434–6810
Web www.machabitat.org/restore/index.php
Hours Tue– Sat, 9am–5pm
Service Temporary

We invite volunteers to help us build, work in our ReStore, serve on committees, and help with special projects that benefit the organization. As a volunteer for McMinnville Area Habitat For Humanity, you can choose to volunteer as little or as often as you would like. Some choose to work every day on a build site, weekly at the ReStore or on various committees. All of these positions are a tremendous help that directly or indirectly result in helping families in our community with the construction of simple, decent homes.

VOLUNTEER –
http://www.machabitat.org/restore/volunteer.php

If you are interested in volunteering with us, or for more information please contact Tonya House at 503–472–9637

Services offered: Building Materials, Discounted Rates ($ NOT FREE); Doors * (ANY/ALL Types); Electrical Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types) (sockets, housings, wire, etc); Flooring * (ANY/ALL Types); Plumbing Fixtures * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Windows, Misc.
Campaigns: Habitat For Humanity
Updated Nov 10, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/4802

McMinnville Area Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Info/Hotline · Open

1040 SE 1st Street, McMinnville, OR 97128

Phone (503) 434–6810
Web www.machabitat.org/restore/index.php
Hours Mon–Sat 9 am–4:45 pm
Service Temporary

SHOP ~ VOLUNTEER ~ DONATE
The McMinnville Area Habitat For Humanity ReStore needs your donations. We accept new or used building supplies, appliances, and many other items. Most building materials and home furnishings that are in good condition can be recycled through the ReStore, saving you landfill costs and providing a tax deduction as well. The ReStore resells your new and used items (as well as corporate donations) for 50% to 70% below retail prices. All profits from ReStore sales assist our McMinnville Area Habiat affiliate in reaching their mission to partner with low–income families by offering homeownership opportunities through the construction of simple, safte and affordable homes.

The ReStore does provide donation pickup services when scheduled in advance. To schedule a pick up call 971–237–0028.

The ReStore is continually looking for VOLUNTEERS! What a way to support Habitat for Humanity and make a difference in our community. The ReStore volunteer duties include, cashier, accepting donations, cleaning, pricing and stocking donated items and most important, customer service! If this is something you would like to do please contact [Tonya House], 503–435–9936.
You may also sign up today by visiting our volunteer page and filling out the volunteer request form!
Start making a difference today by volunteering at McMinnville Habitat ReStore!

DONATION REQUIREMENTS – (What is acceptable or not)
http://www.machabitat.org/restore/donations.php

PaintCare Collection Sites

The ReStore will accept household paint. We will sell what we can and recycle the leftovers. We are now a collection site for the Oregon Paintcare program. We cannot take toxic, hazardous substances, (i.e. pesticides, powders, paint thinners, or other chemicals). Wallpaper is taken in full–unopened rolls

http://www.machabitat.org/restore/donations.php

July 1, 2010 is the start date for the Program. Based on the "sunset" provision in the legislation, the Program will end on June 30, 2014, however, if successful, it is possible that the Program will be extended.

http://productcare.org/Oregon

Services offered: Donations, Pickup, Pick Up Service; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types); Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Habitat For Humanity
Updated Jan 20, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7568

Compassion First (Vernonia, OR)

Volunteer Camp

Faith–Based Disaster Recovery
SEE NOTES, Vernonia, OR
Phone 503.672.8394
Web compassionfirst.org
Serves Vernonia, OR
Service Temporary

http://compassionfirst.org/Support/Volunteer.html

Note Started Dec. 2007

Volunteer with Compassion First
Vernonia Outreach

Compassion First has partnered with Medical Teams International (formerly Northwest Medical Teams) to help rebuild and restore the community of Vernonia. If you are available and interested in volunteering, following are the areas of immediate need (Download the Volunteer Forms):

Field–based in Vernonia:

* Phase 1 – immediate need: Stabilization and gut outs
* Phase 2 – following stabilization: restoration and rebuilding

Office–based in Beaverton:

* Receptionist and light office work – 1/2 day to full day shifts
* Accountant and/or numbers–minded resource

Tools and Materials:

If you have a resource for tools or other rebuilding materials that could be utilized for this relief effort, please contact Michael Do via the information below.

Financial Support:

If you would like to provide financial support, checks should be made payable to Compassion First and sent to the address below.
Funds will be utilized for field–based work such as fuel, volunteer incidentals and sustenance (food/water) and any tools or materials
unavailable via Medical Teams International or other relief sources.

Compassion First
16055 SW Walker Road PMB 239
Beaverton, OR 97006–4592
503.672.8394
serve @compassionfirst.org

Michael Do, Vernonia Disaster On–Site Coordinator

Services offered: Construction, Rebuilding, Volunteer Services; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Meals, Volunteers, Meals for Volunteers; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers)
Campaigns: 2007 Pacific Northwest Flooding; Habitat For Humanity; Medical Teams International (MTI); Salvation Army; Samaritan's Purse; UMCOR Relief Network
Updated Dec 9, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/2713

TX

Austin Habitat for Humanity Restore – 2011 TX Wildfires (REBUILDING MATERIALS)

Walk–in Resource · Open

310 Comal St., Austin, TX 78702
Phone (512) 478–2165
Web www.re–store.com
Service Temporary

Services offered: New "Business" Models; New "business models", housing; Recycling, Building Materials * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2011 Texas Wildfires; Alternative Societies; Habitat For Humanity
Updated Sep 18, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8946

First Presbyterian

Walk–in Resource · Open

Faith–based Humanitarian Outreach
102 Yaupon, Lake Jackson, TX 77566
Phone 979–297–3049
Web www.fpc–lj.org
Hours Mon – Fri 8:00am – 5:00pm
Service Temporary

FROM THE WEBSITE:

Since erecting the first church building in the new city of Lake Jackson in 1946, First Presbyterian has grown in leaps and bounds much like the community it serves. Now occupying a sprawling site with an attractive sanctuary, the church serves as a hub for Presbyterians in the Brazosport area. Close to 600 members provide a host of worship experiences, small group learning opportunities, programs, Youth groups, mission activities, and fellowship times.

Provides electricity, water bill, gas and prescription assistance of up to $50 once every six months for those who qualify.

fpc–lj@orbitworld.net

Services offered: Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Medical, Prescription Assistance; Financial Assistance, Utility Bill Assistance; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Church/Worship Services
Campaigns: Habitat For Humanity
Updated Sep 27, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1730

VA

Building Goodness Foundation

Info/Hotline · Open

PO Box 4325, Charlottesville, VA 22905
Phone 434.973.0993
Web www.buildinggoodness.org
Service Temporary

CLICK ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS FOR DETAILS & DONATIONS
SEE CURRENT PROJECTS –
http://www.buildinggoodness.org/index.php/projects/current_projects/C1/

Haiti –
Thomassin
L'Acul

Virginia –
Charlottesville
Mattaponi Reservation
Fluvanna

DONATIONS –
In–Kind Giving
Over the years, we have been fortunate to receive many in–kind donations of construction materials and services unique to each project and volunteer event.

For a current list of materials or services that match a project need, please contact Ethan Tate at etate @buildinggoodness.org or 434.973.0993

Volunteer
The BGF volunteer experience
We bring together volunteers from every part of the construction industry to design and build structures for communities in need. We extend this opportunity to all interested volunteers—always welcoming an offered hand. By helping those most desperately in need, the lives of all involved are enriched in ways few can adequately describe. After volunteering on a BGF project, participants often speak of having had an experience that changed how they view their role in the world. Qualified leaders on every trip take a personal interest in every volunteer to ensure he or she has the most fulfilling experience possible.

Our expectations
We respect all individuals and cultures we encounter and seek to make the lives of our fellow human beings better. Core members, new volunteers, partners, and community members work together in a respectful, collaborative manner. Through pre–departure orientations, team members get acquainted with each other and set the goals and expectations for the trip. While we do not require that volunteers have construction skills, a cooperative, positive attitude and willingness to contribute to the goals of the team is a must!

SEE DETAILS AT:
http://www.buildinggoodness.org/index.php/volunteer/volunteer

Other ways to help
You don't have to be a carpenter, mason or designer to make a difference. There are many other ways to volunteer at BGF including working on a committee, preparing mailings, event support and representing BGF in outreach activities.

Contact our office for more information on this ever–present need.

Services offered: Rebuilding Status: In Process "Case Managed" Projects; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Volunteers, Short Term Volunteer Opportunities
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; Habitat For Humanity; Rotary International; United Way
Updated Sep 30, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/6493

Other locations

National Disaster Interfaiths Network (NDIN)

Info/Hotline · Open

Phone 212.669.6100
Contact Manager
Email info @ n–din . org
Web www.n–din.org
Service Temporary

Based in New York, this group looks to be a single coordinating agency for all of the country's faith–based recovery groups. It has an online database for social/disaster relief resources.

Note on the left side:

1. To register your org, it's easy. Click "Submit Directory"

2. To see an incredible library of resources for disaster planning/management, choose "resources". Scroll down to see a bunch of links to "tip sheets":

TIPS SHEETS:
01 – Disaster Basics for Faith Communities
02 – The Disaster Lifecycle: Where Do Religious Leaders Fit In?
03 – The Role of Faith Communities in Disasters
04 – How to Use Your House of Worship in a Disaster
05 – Disaster Backlash: Bias Crimes & Mitigation
06 – Continuity of Operations Planning
07 – Self–Care for Religious Leaders
08 – Disaster Spiritual Care
09 – Faith Communities & Disaster Mental Health
10 – Trauma Resilience and Harm Reduction in the Community
11 – Faith Communities & Evacuation Planning
12 – Faith Communities & Disaster Sheltering
13 – Faith Communities & Disaster Volunteerism
14 – Faith Communities & Donations Management
15 – National Faith–Based Disaster Service Organizations

Services offered: Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Directories, Directory of Contacts, Incident Command; Directories, Directory of Services, County/Parish; Disaster Relief Supplies, Misc.; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Bulk Distribution; Distribution, Disaster Relief Supplies (Distribution To Org's Supporting Disaster Efforts); Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Distribution, Supplies, National Distribution of Supplies; Distribution, Supplies, Regional Distribution; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Preparedness Guidance, Sample Timeline; Documentation, Disaster Recovery Process; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Community Groups; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Roles; Documentation, Disaster Relief Process, Supply Management; Documentation, Emergency Supply Kit Instructions; Documentation, Volunteer Instructions; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Donations, Coordination, Large Donation Coordination; Donations, In–Kind Donation, Services; Donations, In–Kind Donations Services, Corporate (Large); First Responder, Nationwide (All U.S. Regions); Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Governments/Community Groups; Information Resource, Disaster Prep, Relief Workers; Information Resource, Disaster Resources for Disaster Responders; Information Resource, Navigating the Disaster Recovery

Process; Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Long Term Recovery Support; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee Advice; Management, Disaster Consultant; Management, Donations Management; Management, Supply Chain Management Advice; Management, Supply Chain Support/ Coordination; Management, Support, Disaster Response Coordination & Guidance; Management, Volunteer Coordination Services; Management, Volunteer Management Resources; Resource Bank; Resource Databases for Supplies/Services ($ FEE–BASED, NOT FREE); Resource Databases for Supplies/Services (NO FEE); Services, Disaster Mitigation; Services, Disaster, Post Disaster Needs Assessment; Services, Disaster Preparedness; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster Relief; Services, Disaster Response; Services, Disaster Response, Recovery, Preparedness & Mitigation; Services, Logistics Support; Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training Classes, Disaster Mitigation; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, CAN Training; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Communications; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Disaster Ministry, Faith–Based; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Disaster Relief/Recovery, Online; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Mass Feeding; Training Classes, Disaster Ops, Volunteer Training; Training Classes, Disaster Preparedness; Training Classes, Disaster Recovery; Training Classes, Disaster Response; Training Classes, Disaster Volunteer Management; Training Classes, Disaster Volunteer Orientation; Training Classes, Emergency Distribution Operations; Training Classes, Emergency/Evacuation Shelter Operations; Training Classes, First Response, Misc. * (ANY/ALL Types); Training Classes, Warehouse Operations; Training Workshops, Disaster Ops, Disaster Rebuilding/Recovery Workshops

Campaigns: 2010 US Severe Storms and Flooding; 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Georgia Tornados; 2011 Hurricane Irene/ Tropical Storm Irene; 2011 Massachusetts Tornado; 2011 Mississippi Tornado; 2011 Missouri Tornado; 2011 North Dakota Flood; 2011 Other Disasters; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; 2011 Texas Wildfires; 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief; Aidmatrix; American Red Cross; CAN (Coordinated Assistance Network.); Catholic Charities; Catholic Charities Community Services; Catholic Charities Social Services; Catholic Charities USA; CityTeam; CWS ~ Church World Service; Disaster Response Network; Ending Extreme Poverty; Habitat For Humanity; Homelessness Relief Services; Islamic Relief; LDS ~ Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–day Saints; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; LTRG, Long Term Recovery Group; Lutheran Disaster Response; Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response; Mercy Corps; Operation Blessing; UCC ~ United Church of Christ; UMCOR Relief Network; United Methodist Disaster Response; VOAD, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – this org is a member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a Chapter Level Member); VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster (this Org is a State Level Member); World Vision

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