Resource Guide

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LA

LTRC, Vermilion Faith Community of Care (Serves: Vermillion Parish)

Info/Hotline · Open

Non–Profit, Faith–Based Community, Disaster Recovery

PO Box 554, Abbeville, LA

Phone 337–893–5738
Web www.vfcc.net
Checks payable to Vermilion Faith Community of Care

Services offered: Appliances, Large, * Household (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina; 2005 Hurricane Rita; AmeriCorps; LTRC, Long Term Recovery Committee; United Way

Updated May 7, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/766

SOLT Haiti Kobonal Mission

Warehouse · Open

Faith–Based Humanitarian Outreach

SOLT Haiti Mission Headquarters, P.O. Box 1400, Abbeville, LA 70511, Abbeville, LA 70511

Phone 337.893.7900
Contact Fr. Glenn Meaux
Email frglenn@slothaitimission.org
Web www.solthaitimission.org
Hours 1:00PM–5:00PM M–F, Last Saturday every month –– walk–in donations
Serves Kobonal, Haiti
Eligibility any volunteers are welcome –– often need persons to preocess donated items to be shipped
Checks payable to SOLT Haiti Mission
Service Permanent

This mission provides community services in the west–central mountains of Haiti community of Kobonal –– just north of Hinche. Among them are Adult Education Prgram, Agriculture Program, Animal Husbandry Program, Housing Project, Mission Bakery, Sewing Ministry Project, Spiritual Formation Programs, Destitute/Elderly Program, Water Project

Updated Mar 6, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5563

Vermilion Faith Community of Care

Info/Hotline · Open

Faith–Based Disaster Relief

Abbeville, LA

Phone (337) 893–5589
Web www.vfcc.net/html/katrina_cottage.html
Service Temporary

vfcc@cox.net

KAREN KEEVE’S “KATRINA COTTAGE:”
FIRST LOWE’S CLIENT “KATRINA COTTAGE”

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The first Lowe’s “Katrina Cottage” ever to be built for a client anywhere, is currently being constructed by all–volunteer crews from all over the United States, and the world, for Ms. Karen Keeve in the heart of Abbeville, the Parish Seat of Vermilion Parish. The project is a collaborative one, involving many organizations and underwritten by funding from six different helping agencies. The skilled carpenters and plumbers are coming primarily from rural, western Massachusetts.

The story begins with Karen, who had inherited the home from her grandmother, Ouida Batiste, who died at age 93, on Halloween, October 31, 2005; just several weeks after Hurricane Rita devastated much of southwestern Louisiana. Karen didn’t know who to turn to for help. Since she did not own the house at the time of the hurricane and since the succession had not been legally filed, Karen did not qualify for any of the government hurricane assistance programs. Judy Herring of Southern Mutual Help Association (SMHA), a nonprofit organization based in New Iberia that had been working for rural recovery in south Louisiana for over thirty–five years, took up Karen’s case and advocated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help her acquire a FEMA trailer in which to live, now located on the property immediately adjacent to the construction site.

As it so happened, SMHA had made repairs to Ouida’s house some thirty years earlier, and Lorna Bourg, the Executive Director of SMHA, had been the driving force behind that original project. What a small world! So it was very natural and most appropriate for SMHA to come to Karen’s aid for hurricane recovery these thirty years later. Judy Herring and Rene Simon were supervisors of the process for SMHA and worked with Karen for some six months to help repair her home.

Services offered: Building Plans, Katrina Cottages
Campaigns: 2005 Hurricane Katrina
Updated Sep 26, 2008 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/1494

Vermillion Parish Homeland Security & Office of Emergency Preparedness

Info/Hotline · Open

Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness
LA

Phone (337) 898–4308 / (337) 898–4309
Web www.ohsep.louisiana.gov/Parish/parishoepnumbers.htm
Serves Vermillion Parish
Eligibility Impacted by Hurricane Ike
Service Temporary

Rebecca Broussard
(337) 898–4308 / (337) 898–4309
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Services offered: Government, Homeland Security & Office of Emergency Preparedness
Campaigns: 2008 Hurricane Gustav; 2008 Hurricane Ike
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