

Rebuilding Communities One Family at a Time: Disaster Response in the US



Debbie Schimmeck, NDRI Case Manager, visits with Miss Frances on the porch of her home being rebuilt by volunteers. *Credit: Susan J. Meister*

After Hurricane Katrina made landfall in August 2005, Northshore Disaster Recovery, Inc. (NDRI), funded by UMCOR, is leading the multi-year recovery effort in Slidell, La. which suffered extensive wind and water damage.

“We want to rebuild the whole community,” said NDRI Director Dale Kimball. NDRI is providing case management and construction support for households in St. Tammany and Washington Parishes and serves as the long term recovery organization for St. Tammany Parish.

One Family at a Time

The work of NDRI is consistent with the long-term recovery philosophy of UMCOR, which works with communities to take ownership of their healing long after a disaster strikes. The case management model

emphasizes family-by-family problem solving, with a caring case manager accompanying each family. The NDRI mission focuses on those who are uninsured or under-insured and whose unmet needs will not be covered by other relief systems.

NDRI’s recent partnership with Save the Children has placed mobile homes at two FEMA trailer parks in St. Tammany Parish which will function as community centers, with after-school programs, tutoring by high school students, crisis counseling, and more demonstrating their commitment to rebuild communities and restore hope.

Help in Times of Need

In the wake of the most turbulent storms UMCOR responds, rebuilds, walks with survivors and stays until the job is done. Through its humanitarian aid and disaster relief agency, UMCOR, the church responds to domestic catastrophes such as hurricanes, tornadoes and fires, as well as disasters of human origin.

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