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### **CHFHF Participates In The Efforts To Rebuild The Gulf Coast**

Charleston Habitat for Humanity staff and volunteers will pack their bags and travel to Slidell, Louisiana to participate in Operation Home Delivery and help build homes in areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina. CHFHF staff and volunteers will leave for Slidell in vans on Sunday, January 14th, 2007 and will return to Charleston, SC on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Kelley Pruitt, CHFHF Family Services and Volunteer Coordinator states, "As community members, I believe it is important to show support to those who were impacted by Hurricane Katrina. I am excited that we have thirteen committed volunteers that will help the East St. Tammany Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Slidell, Louisiana reach their goal of building 100 houses in one year. We still have 10 spots available to anyone who is interested in joining us and helping rebuild in the Gulf Coast. The cost per person is \$250.00; includes room, board and transportation."

Mitchell Knell, CHFHF volunteer quotes, "It's been over a year since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and a lot of people still need assistance. I just try to imagine if I were in the same shoes as some of the victims of Katrina, that there would be people who would be kind enough to help. By working with Habitat, I know I will be helping people in a time of need."

If you are interested in going to Slidell and helping CHFHF staff and volunteers rebuild in the Gulf Coast, please contact Kelley Pruitt at 843-722-7145 or email her at [volunteer@charlestonhabitat.org](mailto:volunteer@charlestonhabitat.org). If you would like to make a donation towards this effort, please contact CHFHF's Director of Development, Kayla Droney at 843-722-7145.

For more information about Charleston Habitat for Humanity, visit [www.charlestonhabitat.org](http://www.charlestonhabitat.org). For more information about the East St. Tammany Habitat for Humanity affiliate, please visit <http://www.esthfh.org/>.

Charleston Habitat for Humanity provides affordable homeownership opportunities for working families in the cities of Charleston and North Charleston. Families can qualify for either homeownership rehabilitation or affordable new construction homes. Homeowner payments, contributions from individuals and businesses, grants and foundations, and volunteer labor support our construction and rehabilitation programs.