REBUILDING COMMUNITIES WITHOUT WALLS

A Successful Model for Recovery

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PRIMARY ACTIVITIES

- Distance Learning Opportunities

- University Faith Based Services and Assistance

- Services and Assistance to Displaced Residents

Key Target Groups

- Displaced Citizens Having Educational Programs Disrupted
- Katrina and Rita Evacuees Displaced Within and Outside State
- Ninth Ward and N.O. East Residents Requiring Assistance and Services –Recovery Information, Computer Training, Youth Services.
- Displaced Residents BR, Houston, Atlanta, Dallas, Birmingham, and Lafayette
- Displaced Residents Requiring Information and Desiring Integration In Neighborhood Visioning Process

KEY PARTNERSHIPS

- SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BR/JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY (HBCU)

- AUBURN UNIVERSITY CENTER GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

- CHRISTIAN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

ROLES OF PARTNERS

- SUBR-Input on Rebuilding, Reporting, Lafayette/Baton Rouge, Houston Workshops
- JSU-Input on Rebuilding, Collection/Instrument Development, Dallas, Baton Rouge/Lafayette Workshops understand"
- Auburn University-Input on Rebuilding, Collection/Instrument Development, Data Analysis, Birmingham/Atlanta Workshops
- Christian Bible Fellowship-Community Information Referral Center, Computer Training, Lead in University/Faith Based Partnership Development

Benefits

- 20-25 new on-line courses available To 5,000 displaced students
- Computer training for 200-300 residents/organize 8-10 Neighborhood Beautification and Clean-up/expand rebuilding involvement of faculty, students, and churches
- Improve information to displaced residents and improve integration of their ideas into local planning processes

Other Services

- Undertake projects via University faith-based volunteers network

- Aid in accessing other federal, state, and local resources

- Improve overall knowledge and awareness of programs

- Create web site to enhance awareness of programs and resources

Changing Culture

- Address Mindset of Evacuees
- Show Improvement
- Address Healing Process
- Path to final work
- Reduce programmatic Language Barriers
- Network with community groups and organizations
- Publicize accomplishments

KEYS TO SUCCESS

- Case management – use information and referral center/web site to address informational gaps case by case
- Proactive approach to expanding partnerships for innovative collaboration involving university, churches and community organizations
- Expansion of opportunities-on-line courses, computer training etc.