



National and Local Groups Doing Katrina-Related Work

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<p>Color Of Change http://www.colorofchange.org/</p>	<p>New online advocacy effort, initiated in the wake of the Katrina catastrophe. The site was created by two well-known African-American activists: James Rucker, a veteran of MoveOn.org, and Van Jones, founder of Oakland's Ella Baker Center for Human Rights.</p> <p>The site will help coordinate national calls to action and e-activism.</p>	<p>Color of Change aims to strengthen African American political voice post-Katrina, through updating members on pressing Black issues, via the internet and coordinated events, by lobbying to elected representatives using email, the telephone, and face-to-face, and meetings, and working to have the media cover pertinent issues</p>	<p>Email: info@colorofchange.org</p>
<p>Gulf Restoration Network www.healthygulf.org</p>	<p>The Gulf Restoration Network (GRN) is committed to rebuilding safely and sustainably on the Gulf Coast, working with affected communities to determine the most effective and inclusive way to protect against future catastrophe by protecting and enhancing our natural barriers. The GRN monitors decision-making processes on various aspects of rebuilding to ensure that rebuilding and economic recovery are not used as an excuse to pollute, endanger public health, or destroy protected resources.</p>	<p>GRN is a diverse network of local, regional and national groups dedicated to protecting and restoring the valuable resources of the Gulf of Mexico. The GRN has members in the five Gulf states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. The GRN provides members and others with technical information, Gulf-wide networking opportunities, and communication that empowers local communities to successfully</p>	<p>Cynthia Sarthou, Executive Director cyn@healthygulf.org 338 Baronne Street Suite 200 New Orleans, LA 70112</p> <p>P.O. Box 2245 New Orleans, LA 70176</p> <p>p. 504.525.1528 f. 504.525.0833</p>

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	<p>GRN believes that the reconstruction of coastal communities must better prepare them for storms, such as Katrina and Rita, and reduce the impacts of those storms. The GRN believes that plans for the rebuilding of coastal communities must be rooted in the likelihood that the Gulf Coast will continue to experience rising seas and more frequent and intense storms.</p>	<p>address environmental threats.</p>	
<p>Katrina Information Network http://katrinaaction.org/ http://katrinainfonet.net</p>	<p>The Katrina Information Network is an information and action clearinghouse. KIN shares expert viewpoints and action from the communities that have been devastated by Katrina, with up-to-the minute news and analysis.</p> <p>The www.katrinainfonet.net website provides a resource to reporters and groups are encouraged to send press releases for posting. The www.katrinaaction.org website posts calls to action and groups are encouraged to forward action ideas for posting.</p>	<p>KatrinaInfoNet.net features top emerging and under-reported news stories; reporter resources, such as fact sheets and polls; and featured experts available for information. There are also links to information on organizations providing direct relief, updated information on legislation for rebuilding, and information to contact local, state, and national authorities.</p>	<p>Sangita Nayak Policy/ Communications Director The Praxis Project 1750 Columbia Road, NW Second Floor Washington, DC 20009 Phone: 414.412.4518 202.234.5921 Fax: 202.234.2689 www.thepraxisproject.org</p>
<p>Katrina Legal Aid Resource Center www.Katrinalegalaid.org</p>	<p>Resources for people affected by the hurricanes, for legal aid and defender programs helping them, and for private attorney volunteers.</p>	<p>A collaborative effort of the American Bar Association, National Legal Aid and Defender Association, Legal Services Corporation, and Probono.net, to primarily provide information on access to emergency resources for hurricane survivors and to coordinate the efforts of lawyers</p>	<p>Register for updates at: http://www.katrinalegalaid.org/updates.cfm</p>

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		who have come to the fore to help in this crisis to address the needs of those who need help.	
Katrina Peoplefinder Project Katrina List Network http://www.katrinalist.net/	An open community effort to aggregate evacuee data from across the web coordinated by Social Source Foundation, CivicSpace Labs and Salesforce.com Foundation	Has technical resources on site that can help other organizations provide a gateway to expand and enhance the database by identifying the status of people affected by Katrina and its aftermath. Additional volunteers and programmers are needed (go to http://www.katrinalist.net/ for more information).	http://www.katrinalist.org
Louisiana Network www.louisiananetworkinc.org	Using web base to send out information. Focused on environmental and public health issues.	Predominantly African American nonprofit organization, which provides D.C. metro area professionals of Louisiana heritage or affiliation an arena for community, spiritual, civic, professional, financial, and social networking opportunities. Seeks to effect positive change for families and friends at home and abroad.	Email: info@louisiananetworkinc.org
Community Labor United (CLU)/ People's Hurricane Relief Fund www.communitylaborunited.net	Building a multiracial, broad-based movement for justice in New Orleans and the Gulf South. Pulling together community and grassroots organizers in the Gulf Coast (especially in New Orleans) to develop programs. Working on immediate relief, reunification and relocation, and inclusion of community in the decision-making processes for rebuilding. Also organizing survivors in	CLU, Peoples' Hurricane Relief Fund & Oversight Coalition is a national coalition which seeks to build and maintain a coordinated network of community leaders, organizers and community based organizations with the capacity and organizational infrastructure that can help to meet the needs of people most impacted by	Kali Williams 510.455.0065 Ishmael Muhammad, National Organizing Coordinator 404 664 3009 ishmaelmuhammad@yahoo.com New Orleans (temporary) Office 2226 Ursulines Ave.

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	places to which the displaced have been relocated. CLU is part of the editorial board of the Katrina Information Network.	Hurricane Katrina and facilitate an organizing process that will demand local, grassroots leadership in the relief, return and reconstruction process in New Orleans.	New Orleans, LA 70119 504-872-9591 1.888.310.7473 (PHRF)
Rebuild Hope Now www.Rebuildhopenow.net	Established by the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation to help its affiliates, members, partners and sponsors sustain a long-term disaster relief, recovery, and rebuilding effort in the communities affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the Gulf Coast region.	Clearinghouse for information, response and actions for national, state and community-based organizations assisting survivors in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, D.C., etc.	National Coalition on Black Civic Participation (202) 659-4929 (office) (202) 659-5025 (fax) rebuildhopenow@ncbcp.org Nancy Harvin, Program Manager (coordinating calls) Kevin Parker, Chief Operating Officer (head)
Student Hurricane Network (SHN) www.studenthurricanenetwork.org	SHN coordinates activities across the country for law students interested in: pursuing justice and equality in the Gulf Coast relief and rebuilding efforts, including service projects in the affected areas with local legal organizations (over winter, spring, and summer breaks), legal aid work with evacuees in various cities, long-distance research and writing projects, election protection work, support for summer internships, and policy advocacy and research. Also holds events at member law schools across the country designed to educate the legal community about Katrina-related issues.	The Student Hurricane Network is a national association of law students and administrators dedicated to providing long-term assistance to communities in the aftermath of hurricane destruction. The network is working to create opportunities for law students to get involved in the relief efforts and to streamline the volunteer process for students and the legal aid entities it seeks to serve.	general@studenthurricanenetwork.org
Sustainable Metropolitan Communities Initiative (SMCI)	The coalition is working to provide better coordination on rebuilding issues	Coalition initiated by Carl Anthony at the Ford Foundation of	Margaret Paloma Pavel , PhD Palomapavel@yahoo.com

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www.metroequity.net	and includes national and local groups.	grantees doing work around metropolitan regional growth issues designed to alleviate concentrated poverty. Earth House, Inc. serves as the SMCI Coalition's media strategist.	PalomaPavel@EarthHouseCenter.org Executive Director: Earth House, Inc. 5275 Miles Avenue Oakland, CA 94618 Tele: 510-652-2425 Fax: 510-595-7295 www.EarthHouseCenter.org Growing healthy, just and sustainable communities through strategic planning, communications and multimedia tools.
U.S. Human Rights Network www.ushrnetwork.org	Network of 170+ organizations, including grassroots groups and larger, traditional national groups (e.g., Legal Defense Fund, Amnesty Int'l) that are primarily working on getting the human rights framework out to clearly identify the displaced as internally displaced persons, not as refugees; and working with NESRI on documentation of stories. Priorities are: 1. continue documentation work 2. facilitate international advocacy work	The US Human Rights Network was formed to promote US accountability to universal human rights standards by building linkages between organizations, as well as individuals, working on human rights issues in the United States.	Ajamu Baraka Executive Director US Human Rights Network 659 Auburn Ave NE Unit 205 Atlanta, GA 30312 (404) 588-9761 abaraka@ushrnetwork.org

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<p>ACORN (Association of Community Organizers for Reform Now) www.acorn.org</p>	<p>[See ACORN National Office for additional info]</p> <p>Need support to open and staff temporary national headquarters in Baton Rouge and Houston and reopen offices in New Orleans.</p> <p>Donations can be made to the ACORN Institute, ACORN Hurricane Recovery and Rebuilding Fund, 739 8th Street SE, Washington, DC 20003.</p> <p>In December, ACORN launched the Home Clean-Out Demonstration Program in an effort to preserve and rebuild homes in low-income neighborhoods.</p> <p>The William J. Clinton Foundation has partnered with ACORN to conduct outreach on the Earned Income Tax Credit, targeting Katrina survivors. The ACORN Katrina Benefits Access Program will direct Katrina survivors to much-needed federal and state benefits programs and conduct tax preparation services.</p>	<p>ACORN is the nation's largest community organization of low- and moderate-income families, working together for social justice and stronger communities.</p>	<p>Beth Butler Head Organizer, Louisiana Acorn Baton Rouge ACORN 5177 Greenwell Springs Road Baton Rouge, LA 70806 (225) 925-5558 laacorn@acorn.org</p> <p>Steve Bradberry, New Orleans Head Organizer</p>
<p>African American Leadership Project www.aalp.org</p>	<p>AAALP held a "Rebuilding and Redevelopment" Conference on January 12, 2006 to advance the ideal of the Neighborhood Rebuilding Equity Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance will involve an electronic signature drive</p>	<p>Based in New Orleans, the AALP is a 3-year-old network of about 50 New Orleans African-American community, business and religious leaders and representatives that focus on agenda building, policy</p>	<p>Mtangulizi Sanyika Spokesperson & AALP Project Manager 504-242-8353 (land) 713-376-3364 (cell) e-mail: WAZURI@AOL.COM.</p>

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	and signature collection during town hall meetings in the various cities in January. The AALP strategy is to collect enough signatures to compel the New Orleans Council to translate its December 17, 2005 Resolution into City policy, and include such a policy in whatever is adopted for transmittal to Governor Blanco and eventually to the United States Congress.	analysis, strategic dialogue and consensus building. Prior to the Katrina disaster, AALP had developed an agenda of common interests to potentially guide future policy choices and community actions.	
Agenda for Children www.agendaforchildren.org	Continuing work in light of new obstacles post-Katrina.	A state-wide advocacy organization, with offices in New Orleans and Thibodaux, LA, Agenda for Children was founded to make Louisiana a state in which all children can thrive, by ensuring that the basic needs (such as adequate healthcare) of children and families are met. Agenda for Children works with individual children and families, organizations and institutions, service providers, and the media, by providing information, training, resources, and technical assistance. Agenda for Children puts out the <u>Kids Count Data Book on LA's Children</u> , a parish-by-parish profile of the indicators of child well-being, and the <u>Louisiana Family Economic Self-Sufficiency Project</u> , which indicates the subsidies necessary in childcare, transportation, health care, and housing, to enhance existing sub-standard	Judy Watts, President & CEO jwatts@agendaforchildren.org (504) 586-8509 Toll free: 1-800-486-1712 Fax: (504) 586-8522 Fax: (504) 586-9172 New Orleans Office now open: 1720 St. Charles Avenue New Orleans, LA 70130

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		wages for working families in LA. Lastly, the Agenda houses the Child Care Resources Center which offers assistance for families looking for child care, training for child care personnel, and parent education.	
C3/Hands off Iberville Coalition http://www.c3nola.org/	On December 3, held a march from Iberville to City Hall to demand that the housing project (for the most part undamaged by the hurricane) be re-opened.	Works to ensure, through grass-roots organizing and advocacy, no net loss of affordable housing in New Orleans post-Katrina. On a related issue, working to have African American communities have a "right to return," through access to affordable housing.	jarena@tulane.edu (504) 520-9521 (504) 587-0080 (C3)
Common Ground Collective www.commongroundrelief.org	<p>Mission to provide short-term relief for hurricane victims and long-term support for rebuilding of communities affected in New Orleans. Common Ground Relief Center coordinates food distribution, a media center, and a health clinic. Currently they are operating 5 sites in the Southern Parishes and Algiers. Building a first-response team and infrastructure for the gulf coast basin for longer-term. Building/rebuilding infrastructure in Algiers, including permanent health and medical clinic, training programs for skilled labor, land trusts and sustainable community based affordable housing, free education, fair labor cooperatively run jobs, computer and tech infrastructure and training, and legal aid.</p> <p>With the Louisiana Physicians for Social Responsibility, the Environmental</p>	<p>Malik Rahim, a veteran of the Black Panther Party in New Orleans, for decades an organizer of public housing tenants and a long-time resident in Algiers, helped create Common Ground.</p> <p>Volunteers include medical and health providers, aid workers, community organizers, legal representatives.</p>	<p>Various different department and clinic contact info listed on website:</p> <p>http://www.commongroundrelief.org/contact/</p>

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	Committee of the HRF and the Green Cluster, prepared a pamphlet on toxic chemicals and staying safe.		
<p>Critical Resistance www.criticalresistance.org</p>	<p>Focused on New Orleans prisoners' needs and rights and supporting them and family members and reunification work with Families of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children and the Southern Center for Human Rights (investigation, media campaign). Working to rebuild office and infrastructure through a grassroots funding campaign, in kind donations, and foundation support. Their Southern Regional office -- now destroyed -- in New Orleans' Mid City neighborhood was Critical Resistance's hub for the entire South, along with a center for organizing around imprisonment and police brutality in New Orleans itself. Critical Resistance members are working on a coordinated response that includes direct support and communication with prisoners and family members in New Orleans, supporting the Treme community, strategizing around rebuilding and reuniting neighborhoods, and media work, along with working to rebuild their Southern Regional hub in New Orleans.</p>	<p>Critical Resistance (CR) is a national grassroots group that fights to end the prison industrial complex (PIC) by challenging the belief that policing, surveillance, imprisonment, and similar forms of control make our communities safer. CR believes, by contrast, that basic necessities like food, shelter and freedom create the conditions for more genuine forms of security. For that reason, CR work involves both relieving the burden of the PIC on the lives of people across the country and empowering those communities that are most directly affected by its intrusions. Have three offices - - one of which was in New Orleans.</p>	<p>Critical Resistance (national office) 1904 Franklin Street, Suite 504 Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 444-0484 (510) 444-2177 crnational@criticalresistance.org Tamika Middleton (tamika@criticalresistance.org, 504.813.4714) is the Southern Regional Organizer for Critical Resistance (based in New Orleans)</p>
<p>Families & Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children (FFLIC) http://www.fflic.org/</p>	<p>Currently, website is dedicated to providing information and stories of its New Orleans' members.</p>	<p>FFLIC seeks to develop and implement state-wide strategies for radical juvenile and criminal justice system reform by linking community based, direct action organizing and the law. FFLIC is a</p>	<p>1600 Oretha Castle Haley Boulevard New Orleans, LA 70113 Tel 504-522-5437 Fax 504-522-5430</p>

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		project of the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana (JJPL).	
Federation of Southern Land Cooperatives http://www.federationsoutherncoop.com/	Federation has launched a Katrina Relief & Recovery Fund to assist farmers and rural poor people affected by hurricane Katrina. The Federation is offering direct financial and technical assistance and support to member families in the region with support from partnering agencies (Cooperative Development Foundation, FARM AID and Oxfam America). Over time the Federation would like to institute more long term recovery efforts including developing housing cooperatives, self-help housing, worker owned cooperative clean-up, rehab and construction crews, as well as ongoing work with farmers cooperatives and credit unions.	FSLC strives to assist in land retention and development, especially for African Americans, but essentially for all family farmers; farm management, debt restructuring, alternative crop suggestions, marketing expertise and a whole range of services to ensure family farm sustainability. Operates in a number of southeastern states including Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama working primarily with African American rural communities.	2769 Church Street, East Point, GA 30344. 404 765 0991 fsc@mindspring.com
From the Lake to the River: The New Orleans Coalition for Legal Aid and Disaster Relief www.fromthelaketotheriver.org	The Coalition serves as a contact point and clearinghouse for legal information designed to assist Hurricane Katrina victims. In addition, it serves as a watchdog and oversight group to ensure that public and private resources are distributed on an equitable basis.	The initiative started at Tulane University with legal aid to evacuees. Its goals are to provide an alternative voice and vision regarding the rebuilding and reconstruction process by offering expertise on affordable housing, employment, voting rights, infrastructure development, and educational issues.	Sharon Richard sharon_richard@sus.edu Toll Free: 866.NOLA.AID Email: info@fromthelaketotheriver.org
Greater Birmingham Ministries http://www.gbm.org/	GBM has provided direct relief to New Orleans residents displaced in Alabama. Through their own local efforts to address affordable housing issues, is	GBM has sought to carry out a faith-based response to poverty by meeting people's emergency needs (food, clothing and	Scott Douglas Executive Director Greater Birmingham Ministries 2304 12th Avenue North

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	<p>also providing information to the displaced (primarily through The Birmingham Center for Affordable Housing (BCAH).</p> <p>Scott Douglas, GBM's Executive Director, serves on the advisory board of the Gulf Coast Regional Ecological and Community Health Fund—a combined fund of several foundations to bring additional targeted resources to grassroots organizations on the ground.</p>	<p>financial assistance) while also pursuing social and economic justice for all people. GBM is sponsored by twelve Christian denominations as well as by Jewish and Unitarian congregations. GBM is supported in different ways by an even larger number of individuals, groups, organizations and denominations.</p>	<p>Birmingham, AL 35234 (205) 326-6821 x103 scott@gbm.org gbmdouglas@aol.com</p>
<p>Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center www.gnofairhousing.org</p>	<p>Primarily investigate housing discrimination and file litigation where appropriate. FHAC is working on 3 main areas post-Hurricane Katrina: 1) continue to investigate housing discrimination claims, which have tripled, 2) investigating insurance adjuster discrimination and rental, purchase, and lending discrimination, and 3) overall rebuilding efforts.</p>	<p>Through education, investigation, and enforcement activities, GNOFHAC promotes fair competition throughout the housing marketplace -- rental, sales, lending, and insurance.</p>	<p>James Perry Executive Director Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center 938 Lafayette Street, Suite 413 New Orleans, LA 70113 (504) 596-2100 jperry@gnofairhousing.org</p>
<p>Gulf Coast Reconstruction Watch www.reconstructionwatch.org</p>	<p>Released in March 2006 its <i>Mardi Gras Index</i>, a report following the 6-month anniversary of the Hurricane, and which highlights the lack of progress in the rebuilding of New Orleans. Full report is available off of the website.</p> <p>The Gulf Coast Reconstruction Watch website was launched in November 2005 to document and investigate the rebuilding of the Southern Gulf in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Through original reporting, in-depth features, voices from community</p>	<p>Gulf Coast Reconstruction Watch is a project of the Institute for Southern Studies and <i>Southern Exposure</i> magazine. The Institute is a non-profit research and education center that combines research, media and organizing programs to promote democratic, just and sustainable growth in the South. Southern Exposure is the Institute's flagship publication.</p>	<p>For more information or to purchase copies of the <i>Mardis Gras Index</i>, please contact Elena Everett at: Elena@southernstudies.org or 919.419.8311 x27</p> <p>Institute for Southern Studies P.O. Box 531 Durham, NC 27702 Tel: 919.419.8311 Fax: 919.419.8315 www.southernstudies.org</p>

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	leaders, and other unique coverage, The Watch aims to promote a more democratic and accountable reconstruction in the South.		
Jeremiah Group Louisiana Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) affiliate	<p>Jeremiah Group joined the Northern and Central Louisiana Interfaith to form the Louisiana Industrial Areas Foundation Network (LIAFN). The group is affiliated with the Industrial Areas Foundation, a national organizing network and training institute. The LIAFN opposes the sequential repopulation and rebuilding advocated in the Urban Land Institute report "because it excludes redevelopment of much of New Orleans East and much of the Lower 9th Ward and Gentilly, places where middle class, working families live of all colors, shapes and sizes."</p> <p>The impact of Katrina and Rita, convinced Jeremiah leaders that a larger, statewide voice was needed.</p>	The Jeremiah Group is a faith-based community organization working in Jefferson and Orleans parishes. The Jeremiah Group had been working on housing, education and employment issues, through advocacy and training, in Orleans and Jefferson parishes for the past 12 years.	<p>Jeremiah Group, P. O. Box 2674 Marrero, LA 70072, tel: (504) 328 1784, fax: (504) 328 6579 email: Jonessoule@aol.com</p> <p>Jacqueline Jones-Soule (504) 491-1179 jeremiahgroupno@yahoo.com</p>
Lafayette Anti-Racist Action www.Antiracistaction.org Lafayette Chapter	Part of a North American network of grass roots progressive activists working in coalition with other progressive and community based organizations for immediate, direct relief in the regions of St. Landry and Lafayette Parish. The network is maintaining contact with local shelters, distribution centers and local authorities to get up to date info on the best places to send aid and how to do it.	Through advocacy and rallying, Anti-Racist Action Network aims to combat fascism, racism, sexism and homophobia	Lafayette Anti-Racist Action P.O. Box 1671 Opelousas, La 70571

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Mississippi Center for Justice www.mscenterforjustice.org	MCJ is conducting legislative advocacy on a variety of issues; landlord-tenant defense addressing mass evictions in the Gulf Coast; data collection on extent of low-income and rental housing loss, etc.		Reilly Morse morse_r@bellsouth.net
Mississippi American Civil Liberties Union www.msaclu.org	Seeing to the following priorities for the Gulf Coast region, in addition to need of emergency services: 1) rebuilding and housing issues 2) criminal justice issues and the military state that currently exist in the Gulf Coast; 3) helping people know their rights and understand how they are impacted.	National civil rights organization with local/regional branches dedicated to advocacy through education, lobbying, legal services and other support services.	Nsombi Lambricht Executive Director ACLU of Mississippi P.O. Box 2242 Jackson, MS 39225 (610) 355-6464 nlambricht@msaclu.org
Mississippi Workers' Center www.msworkerscenter.org	Post-hurricane, providing emergency relief (through its Southern Relief Fund) and organizing to get communities included in the rebuilding process. Responding to agency-wide discrimination and militarism used by some relief organizations.	The Center is a worker advocacy organization that provides organizing support, legal representation, and training for low-wage, non-union workers in the state of Mississippi.	Jaribu Hill Executive Director Mississippi Workers' Center 213 Main Street, Greenville, MS 38701 (662) 334-1122 rightsms@bellsouth.net Send donations to: Southern Relief Fund c/o Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights PO Box 1223 Greenville, MS 38702-1223
Moore Community House/ Mississippi Low Income Childcare Coalition http://www.mschildcare.org/	Moore Community House's building was ravaged by flood damage but some structure remains—it is likely that it will be some time before day care services resume. Moore Community House was also home to the Mississippi Low Income Child Care Initiative and the Gulf Coast Child Care Resource and Referral	MLICC is a state-wide, non-profit organization of parents, providers, and community leaders advocating for improved child care policies and greater public investment in child care subsidy programs for poor families. The MLICCI conducts research on child care	Donations can be sent to: Moore Community House, c/o Children.s Defense Fund, P.O. Box 11437, Jackson, MS 39236-1437 Carol Burnett, Executive Director cburnett@mschildcare.org (T): 228-436-3741

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	Agency. Moore Community House's neighborhood is made up of poor and low-income families who will need assistance as they begin to put their lives back together.	needs and policies in Mississippi; promotes best practice; works with other local, state and national organizations to develop child care partnerships to improve the quality of services; and offers training and technical assistance to child care providers.	Direct Line: 228-669-4827 (F): 228-435-5580
Neighborhood Development Foundation www.ndf-neworleans.com/		Economic engine to create entire neighborhoods of new homeowners, by converting life-long renters, modest resources, and ready houses into potentially sustainable communities. Provide services such as homebuyer education, mortgage process facilitation, training curriculum in "land lording," and finance counseling. Has a separate affiliate, Associated Neighborhood Development, which works to provide affordable housing.	Rosalyn Peychaud Director Temporary mail address: PO Box 16527 Jackson, MS 39236 866-488-0155
New Orleans Food and Farm Network www.noffn.org	NOFFN is working to create and publicize neighborhood food access maps, in partnership with marketumbrella.org. Our goal is to help returning residents in particularly hard-hit areas find food in their neighborhoods - whether it is a retail outlet, restaurant, open-air market or emergency food site. In addition, publicized maps will inform the rebuilding process regarding gaps in food access. Subsequent maps will also highlight healthy food availability and affordability. In other work, we are	The New Orleans Food Farm Network works with individuals, growers and communities to support sustainable growing practices and ensure equal access to safe, nutritious, enjoyable food.	320 Webster Street New Orleans, LA 70118 info@noffn.org Marnie Genre Co-Coordinator NOFFN mngenre@yahoo.com

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	gathering food system stakeholders into a coalition called <i>Grow New Orleans</i> which will be well-positioned to speak on issues of food justice during rebuilding.		
Neighborhood Housing Services of New Orleans http://www.nhsnola.org/	Helping low-income homeowners impacted by Hurricane Katrina with rebuilding their homes: through assistance of construction specialists, help finding a contractor, help with insurance company and managing the construction; NHS can also assist LA homeowners with FEMA, insurance claims, mortgage lenders, and general contractors.	Part of affordable housing coalition formed prior to Hurricane Katrina, with Neighborhood Development Foundation and New Orleans Neighborhood Development Collaborative. Provide support for low-income first time homebuyers.	Ron Usner Homeownership Center Manager (temporary address) PO Box 4538 Covington, LA 70434 (985) 809-2765 (985) 871-7672 nhsneworleans@yahoo.com Permanent Address : 4700 Freret Street New Orleans, LA 70115 (504) 899-5900
New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation (NOLAC) http://www.nolac.org/	Doing a variety of work, but currently focused on ensuring no net loss of New Orleans' stock of affordable housing and preventing and challenging rental unit evictions by private landlords.	NOLAC is part of Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, which provides free legal aid for low-income people on civil legal problems, in a 10-parish area in southeast Louisiana. NOLAC also gives help state-wide, on low-income tax problems and on predatory home loans.	Laura Tuggle 1010 Common, Suite 1400A New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 529-1000 ltuggle@nolac.org
New Orleans NAACP Chapters	In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the National NAACP Office launched a Disaster Relief Fund to provide immediate assistance. In partnership with MoveOn.org Civic	National civil rights organization with local/regional branches dedicated to advocacy through education, lobbying, legal services and other support services.	Mississippi NAACP Derrick Johnson naacpms@bellsouth.net

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	Action the NAACP and with support from the nation's four largest black Baptist religious organizations, the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., the Progressive National Baptist Convention, the National Missionary Baptist Convention of America and the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc, is assisting in relocation and temporary housing efforts.		<p>Southeastern Louisiana University Branch Web Site: www.selu.edu/orgs/naacp</p> <p>Xavier University Branch Phone: (504)520-7319 Address: 1 Drexel Drive BOX NO New Orleans, LA 70125</p> <p>For more information about the relief fund, call: 1- 866-996-2227.</p>
<p>New Orleans Neighborhood Development Collaborative www.nondc.org</p>	<p>Uses website to provide informational updates/ policy proposals on housing rebuilding issues in New Orleans.</p>	<p>Coalition of non-profit public, private and community-based organizations working with New Orleans' neighborhoods to support and expand the production of quality, affordable housing. Fosters partnerships to increase quality and quantity of housing, advocates for affordable housing policy, provides technical assistance and financial support to CDCs and other organizations involved in affordable housing issues. Also develops models for home ownership based asset building.</p>	<p>Lucinda Flowers Public Policy and Advocacy lflowers@nondc.org</p> <p>NONDC 1055 St. Charles Ave, Suite 120 New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 524-3919</p>
<p>New Orleans Network www.neworleansnetwork.org</p>	<p>Hosts a website for information on what is happening in New Orleans. Does this through a community calendar, announcements section, and a</p>	<p>The Network was born in the aftermath of the storm when a group of displaced New Orleanians realized a crucial element of</p>	<p>Dix DeLanauville dix@neworleansnetwork.org (281)734.5678</p>

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	searchable directory of community organizations, on-going projects/programs, and grass-roots efforts focused on rebuilding communities.	recovery is providing the community with a place to communicate, share information and mobilize. Began as a project of the national League of Young Voters and the local League of Pissed Off Voters.	Aesha Rasheed aesha@neworleansnetwork.org (504)473.9515 Shana Ssassoon shana@neworleansnetwork.org or (713)857.4694
Operation Gulf Coast	Formed in response to the hurricane, the goal of the Coalition is to create a Critical Response Infrastructure and protocol that delivers needed services directly to displaced evacuees and homeless residents in a timely manner. This Coalition has short and long term objectives in the areas of direct assistance, national communication, advocacy and training. In addition, Operation Gulf Coast will organize a series of information, counseling and action group/focus group sessions in the affected areas and in Washington DC.	Operation Gulf Coast is a national coalition of service providers, small business owners, the faith community, concerned professionals, and activists groups of various disciplines who have joined hands with citizens who reside in the Gulf Coast Region. The mission of this coalition is to offer a new definition of social change and shift the paradigm for personal self-sufficiency and self determination by producing a people to people service delivery network.	Colette Pichon-Battle, Esq., Founder & CEO, duMonde Global Consulting, Telephone: 202. 270. 2460, www.dumondeconsulting.com cbattle@hotmail.com Co-Convenor of Operation Gulf Coast
People's Hurricane Relief Fund www.communitylaborunited.net	Building a multiracial, broad-based movement for justice in New Orleans and the Gulf South. Pulling together community and grassroots organizers in the Gulf Coast (especially in New Orleans) to develop programs. Working on immediate relief, reunification and relocation, and inclusion of community in the decision-making processes for rebuilding. Also organizing survivors in places to which the displaced have been	CLU, Peoples' Hurricane Relief Fund & Oversight Coalition is a national coalition which seeks to build and maintain a coordinated network of community leaders, organizers and community based organizations with the capacity and organizational infrastructure that can help to meet the needs of people most impacted by Hurricane Katrina and facilitate	Kanika Taylor 504.872.9591 Ishmael Muhammad, National Organizing Coordinator 404 664 3009 ishmaelmuhammad@yahoo.com New Orleans (temporary) Office 2226 Ursulines Ave. New Orleans, LA 70119

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	relocated. CLU is part of the editorial board of the Katrina Information Network.	an organizing process that will demand local, grassroots leadership in the relief, return and reconstruction process in New Orleans.	504-872-9591 1.888.310.7473 (PHRF)
People's Institute for Survival and Beyond www.pisab.org	PISAB is in need of lap-top computers and printers. People's Institute staff and organizers who have been displaced must have adequate means of communication. Laptop computers, together with funds for DSL hook-ups, printers, and modems are essential for organizing and for documenting stories of people's experiences in the Katrina diaspora.	Long-standing New Orleans-headquartered anti-racist ad grass-root organizing education non-profit. PISAB has built a national collective of anti-racist, multicultural community organizers.	Diana Dunn Program Director The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond P.O. Box 770175 New Orleans, LA 70177 Phone: (504) 527.5193 Fax: (504) 528.7125
People To People Project (P2P) http://fc.goddard.edu/katrinaupdate	Goddard students, faculty, staff and administrators last fall traveled to the Gulf Coast to learn and support the activities of groups including Habitat for Humanity (Mississippi), Common Ground and PHRF. In the future, students will continue to assist the activities of these groups.	Based in Goddard College in Vermont, the P2P is an effort of the college and surrounding community to work in collaboration with local grassroots organizations on rebuilding efforts.	Bob Buchanan Director People to People Project IBA Program, Co-director Goddard College 802-454-8311, ext. 237 buchananr@goddard.edu
Project South www.projectsouth.org	Working with displaced organizers to build bridges with each other. Also trying to keep track of displaced currently living in the Atlanta area (about 40-100,000). A local coalition, of which Project South is a part, has just hired someone to develop a database of organizers displaced to the Atlanta area. Planning meetings for January 13 th -15 th , 2005, which will include a hearing of	Conduct popular education for leadership development and movement building.	Jerome Scott Director Project South: Institute for the Elimination of Poverty & Genocide 9 Gammon Ave Atlanta, GA 30315 (404) 622-0602 jerome@projectsouth.org

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	the displaced before a panel, including Harry Belafonte, to voice their concerns and demands for rebuilding and be heard by the national media. Will also convene the Southeast Region planning meeting for the U.S. Social Forum to take place in Summer 2007. Merging mobilization around Social Forum with mobilization around Hurricane Katrina issues.		
Rebuilding Louisiana Coalition www.rebuildinglouisianacoalition.org	The coalition of citizens of New Orleans and Southern Louisiana was organized post-Hurricane Katrina to ensure that the principles of urban and environmental sustainability, social equity, and cultural respect guide development plans for New Orleans and Southern Louisiana.	Website serves as a forum through which community groups and experts in a variety of development-related fields can submit solutions-oriented proposals and commentary on policy making. RLC's goal is to bring proposals and commentary to the attention of officials.	P.O. Box 15030 New Orleans, LA 70175 Submit proposals or commentary to email address: info@rebuildinglouisianacoalition.org (504) 616.4563
S.O.S. (Saving Ourselves) Coalition www.sosafterkatrina.org	The S.O.S. Coalition, a non-profit corporation coalition of 117+ groups with historical ties, contacts, and interests to working-class, poor and Black citizens living in rural Mississippi and Alabama.	Focused on providing support in recovery and restoration phases, in addition to emergency/immediate relief. Plan to be involved in creating and implementing strong plans for rebuilding to strengthen and transform these communities. Also, is sending out the call for other organizations, churches, funding entities, and businesses to join its present coalition building and relief assistance efforts.	LaTosha Brown (sosafterkatrina@bellsouth.net or 1-866-372-9SOS) is a founding member of Save Our Selves S.O.S Coalition 925B Peachtree St., NE 307 Atlanta, GA 30309 1-866-372-9SOS
Southern Echo		Southern Echo is committed to	Leroy Johnson

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http://southernecho.org/		building new, accountable grassroots leadership and organization, based on an inter-generational model, through training, technical and legal assistance. Echo staff works with and in support of African-American and working class community leadership and organizations throughout rural Mississippi, and organizations in 11 other Southern states.	Southern Echo, Inc PO Box 9306 Jackson, MS 39286 (601)-982-6400, Fax 601-982-2636 Email: souecho@bellsouth.net
Southern Empowerment Project www.southernempowerment.org	Hosts a comprehensive website listing of regional grassroots organizations doing Katrina-related work. See "Hurricane Recovery" off of website.	The SEP is a multi-racial association of member-run, member-based organizations. SEP recruits and trains community leaders to become organizers to assist organizations in the South and Appalachia to challenge racism and social injustice.	Southern Empowerment Project 343 Ellis Avenue Maryville, Tennessee 37804 865-984-6500, Fax 865-984-9916 train4change@bellsouth.net
The Justice Center, New Orleans Not-for-Profit, Indigent Defenders http://www.thejusticecenter.org/	The Center is currently returning to New Orleans from Houston, Texas where it was temporarily housed.	The Justice Center, located in New Orleans, Louisiana, houses four progressive, non-profit criminal defense offices, providing representation to indigent defendants across the Deep South. Those organizations are: Louisiana Capital Assistance Center, A Fighting Chance, Innocence Project of New Orleans, and the Capital Appeals Project.	636 Baronne Street New Orleans La 70113 USA T: (504) 558 9867 F: (504) 558 0378
The Metropolitan Organization (TMO) www.tmohouston.net	Formed the Survivors Leadership group to ensure a voice for the evacuee community from New Orleans in the rebuilding process. Currently building a voter constituency in Houston of 10,000	TMO— a member of the Texas Industrial Areas Foundations (IAF), a network of community-based organizations in 12 Texas cities that work together on statewide	The Metropolitan Organization 3400 Montrose Suite 907 Houston, TX 77006 (713) 807-1429

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	voters who will vote by absentee ballots in Louisiana elections. Action agenda demands full participation by the evacuee community in all rebuilding decisions, category 5 levee protection, immediate temporary housing, return of public services, utilities, schools and transportation to all communities in the Greater New Orleans area, immediate issuance of FEMA and private insurer funds owed, public works jobs and job training for Greater New Orleans residents, and improved communication from FEMA to evacuees.	issues—is an organization of congregations, schools and other institutions dedicated to developing power and leadership among ordinary citizens, through advocacy training, to transform democracy in the City of Houston.	Fax (713) 807-7988 tmo@tmohouston.net Michelle Paul, Organizer michellepaul@tmohouston.net
Turkey Creek Community Initiatives http://www.turkey-creek.org/ http://www.tccirelief.org/	In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, now engaged in an ad hoc community relief effort as well.	Since 2003, TCCI's mission has been the comprehensive revitalization of Turkey Creek - one of Mississippi's most endangered African-American communities, coastal streams, and urban watersheds.	Persons wishing to support this immediate short-term goal may do so c/o Mr. Peter Keating at: Keating & Co., 66 Beacon Street, Boston MA 02108. TCCI is now located at: 14439 Rippy Road, Gulfport, MS 39503
UNITY for the Homeless www.unityforthehomeless.org	Helping to rebuild an inclusive New Orleans with jobs and affordable housing for all displaced people. Working with national groups to develop 10,000 units of supportive housing. Developed a UNITY "Bring New Orleans Home" Public Policy Action Agenda (available off their site).	With its 60 member agencies, assisting low-income people in finding housing.	Martha Kegel, Executive Director UNITY for the Homeless mkegel@unityforthehomeless.org 2407 Baronne Street New Orleans, LA 70113 504-821-4496

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<p>ACORN (Association of Community Organizers for Reform Now) National Office www.acorn.org</p>	<p>[See Local/Regional Groups for additional info on ACORN Chapter activities]</p> <p>ACORN has two sets of concerns: 1) relief and access to housing and services; 2) community having a real voice in rebuilding process. Post-Katrina work has been: aggressive outreach to members and others, town and community meetings in various locations on immediate issues, and working to create more community-led coalitions for rebuilding.</p> <p>Sponsored November 7-8, 2005 conference of community, planners, and architects, in Baton Rouge to create resident-led rebuilding plan for four hardest-hit neighborhoods in New Orleans, including the lower 9th Ward.</p> <p>On February 8 & 9, Members of the ACORN Katrina Survivors Association hosted the ACORN Rally for Return and Rebuilding in D.C., in which survivors and members met with lawmakers, worked to advance legislative and policy goals, and pushed for fair treatment of all displaced residents.</p> <p>The William J. Clinton Foundation has partnered with ACORN to conduct outreach on the Earned Income Tax</p>	<p>ACORN is the nation's largest community organization of low- and moderate-income families, working together for social justice and stronger communities.</p>	<p>Steve Kest National Executive Director ACORN 2-4 Nevins Street Brooklyn, NY 11217 (718) 246-7900 skest@acorn.org</p>

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	<p>Credit, targeting Katrina survivors.</p> <p>In December, ACORN launched the Home Clean-Out Demonstration Program in an effort to preserve and rebuild homes in low-income neighborhoods.</p>		
<p>ACORN Housing www.acornhousing.org</p>	<p>Assisting homeowners in making arrangements with their mortgage lenders, (i.e. applying for deferment of mortgage payments). A message board on their website is helping members and staff re-connect.</p>	<p>Since its inception, AHC has assisted over 45,000 families to become first time homeowners, and has rehabilitated over 850 vacant and abandoned housing units. Virtually all of ACORN Housing's work takes place in areas that have been seriously disinvested and forgotten. AHC works in low and very low-income neighborhoods where over 90% of the residents are African-Americans, Mexican-Americans, and/or recent immigrants from Central America or the West Indies.</p>	<p>ACORN Housing Corp 1024 Elysian Fields Av. New Orleans, LA 70117 Phone: (504) 943-7663 Fax: (504) 947-1868</p> <p>Shoun Williams, Office Director ahclalcn0@acorn.org</p>
<p>Advancement Project www.advancementproject.org</p>	<p>Working with Human Rights Network to connect people to lawyers, law students, and other volunteers. Also working on getting international observers to monitor law enforcement in the region. Conducting surveys to identify needs and potential legal issues. Researching possibility of injunctions to planning implementation that does not include community participation. Asking funders to support organizing work on rebuilding infrastructure.</p>	<p>Generally work to link communities to external resources, such as local groups, lawyers, journalists, policy analysts, data and research, and technical and communications support, to advance universal opportunity, equity and access for marginalized groups in America. Concentrating initially on three areas: opportunity to learn, power and democracy, and urban peace.</p>	<p>Judith Browne Co-Director Advancement Project 1730 M Street, #910 Washington, DC 20036 (202) 728-9557 jbrowne@advancementproject.org</p>

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African American Forum on Race and Regionalism http://www.aafrr.org/	A major objective of the AAFRR is the inclusion of African Americans in the discourse, planning and policy of New Orleans' rebuilding efforts (interested in sustainable communities efforts).	AAFRR is working to strengthen the conversation among communities of color on metropolitan regional sustainability, environmental justice economic investments, strategic community development and equity.	Colette Pichon-Battle Attorney Global Environmental Resources, Inc. PO Box 15395 Washington, D.C. 20003 202-270-2460 202-637-2467 cbattle@hotmail.com
Alliance for Nonprofit Management http://www.allianceonline.org/	Key resources for hurricane response can be found on the Alliance website at http://www.allianceonline.org/katrina.page and in its free-subscription newsletter PULSE!	Network for strengthening nonprofit effectiveness. Members include consultants, coaches, trainers, learning and support centers, funders, researchers, and other capacity builders.	1899 L Street NW 6th Floor Washington, DC 20036 T: 202 955 8406 F: 202 721 0086 info@allianceonline.org
American Civil Liberties Union Racial Justice Working Group www.aclu.org	Approaching Katrina primarily through support of the immediate efforts of local offices in the Gulf Coast region and focusing on what those needs are and what advocacy should be done to address those needs. Developing know-your-rights materials and trainings for the ACLU affiliates in Mississippi and Louisiana on a range of issues pertaining to civil rights and civil liberties, particularly those affecting communities of color.	The ACLU works in the courts, legislatures and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to all people in this country by the Constitution and laws of the United States.	Reginald T. Shuford Senior Staff Attorney/ Attorneys of Color Recruitment & Retention Officer American Civil Liberties Union Foundation 125 Broad Street, 18th Floor New York, NY 10004 (212)549-2613 rshuford@aclu.org
American Institute for Social Justice www.aisj.org	AISJ is providing training and ongoing technical assistance for groups in the Gulf region affiliated with the Association of Community Organizers for Reform Now (ACORN).	AISJ is a provider of training and technical assistance in organizing principles and methods, and a center for research and public policy development on issues of concern to low and moderate income people.	Carolyn Carr, <i>Director</i> 739 8th Street SE Washington, DC 20003 direct@aisj.org

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<p>American Planning Association www.planning.org/katrina</p>	<p>APA has participated in a variety of hearings, conferences, and meetings on the federal response to Katrina, including APA Executive Director Paul Farmer's October testimony on Capitol Hill.</p> <p>A special volunteer six-member team of planners assembled by APA visited New Orleans October 23 to October 28 to assess the city's needs for developing and implementing plans to guide redevelopment in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. The team has put its findings and recommendations into a report, "Charting the Course for Rebuilding a Great American City." The report includes short-and long-term recommendations for improving the city's planning functions to expedite the rebuilding processes. The report identifies the most pressing need is for additional planning staff resources.</p> <p>For more on the APA's response to Katrina, access: http://www.planning.org/katrina/index.htm</p>	<p>APA is a nonprofit public interest and research organization committed to urban, suburban, regional, and rural planning. APA and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, advance the art and science of planning to meet the needs of people and society.</p>	<p>publicinfo@planning.org</p>
<p>Applied Research Center www.arc.org</p>	<p>In the area of research, they are currently exploring what research support they could offer. In the area of communications, they continue coverage of individuals affected by the Hurricanes and the rebuilding process. ARC's Racial Justice Leadership Institute is developing a racial impact assessment</p>	<p>Public policy institute advancing racial justice through research, advocacy and journalism. Through Strategic Research, provides the analytical foundation for racial justice campaigns across the nation. Their Public Policy program works to ensure racial</p>	<p>Andre Banks Communications Associate Applied Research Center 11 Park Place, Suite 914 New York, NY 10007 212-513-7925 abanks@arc.org</p>

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	tool that may be useful in assessing proposed rebuilding policies.	justice at every level of government by advancing an innovative framework in both policy analysis and advocacy. The Racial Justice Leadership Initiative strengthens the cadre of leaders and organizations ready to confront, the color line. ARC's journalism program defies the conventional wisdom of mainstream media with the quarterly magazine ColorLines.	
Architects/ Designers/ Planners for Social Responsibility www.adpsr.org	ADPSR is preparing to send its 4 th delegation to New Orleans to participate in a People's Reconstruction Planning Meeting with the Peoples Hurricane Relief Fund (see networks/collaboratives and local/regional groups) Reconstruction Workgroup. ADPSR is also working with the PHRF legal team to develop a national ProBono network of architects to support their legal efforts to stop bulldozing homes.	ADPSR has focused much of its effort on ecologically and socially responsible development. Other ADPSR projects include the facilitation of citizen participation in regional planning, low-income housing advocacy, support for the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT), and the creation of online evaluation tools for monitoring the sustainability of community development. There are currently four ADPSR chapters in the United States: New York, Chicago, Seattle, and the San Francisco Bay Area chapters. New chapters are currently being formed in Boston, Los Angeles, Portland, and Salt Lake City.	Matthew Smith, Chair Katrina Task Force ADPSR National Board Adpsr_seattle@yahoo.com
Brookings Institution http://www.brookings.edu/metro	Through their Metropolitan Policy Program, Brookings has provided research and data on New Orleans	Provide research, policy recommendations, and analysis on a full range of public policy issues.	Amy Liu Deputy Director Metropolitan Policy Program

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	poverty, population change and migration patterns, access to cars, jobs location, and subsidized housing location. Have also prepared reports outlining general federal policy recommendations for rebuilding New Orleans and the first in a series of monthly snapshots of economic and short-term and long-term reconstruction trends using a wide range of economic and social indicators.		The Brookings Institution 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20036 (202) 797-6410 aliu@brookings.edu
Center for American Progress www.americanprogress.org	Have been creating policy briefs and convening panels around Hurricane Katrina, with focuses on: 1) brief on increasing job opportunities for displaced with specific ideas for how to do this 2) panel on housing issues with discussion of examples of proven programs (e.g., housing mobility, inclusionary zoning, CDCs, and mixed-income neighborhoods) 3) panels on healthcare (short-term and long-term) and on environment and infrastructure. Also, has put together an online guide as a resource to help the public understand the policy issues related to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.	A nonpartisan research and educational institute dedicated to working to find progressive and pragmatic solutions to significant domestic and international problems, developing policy proposals, and advancing and supporting those policies.	Derek Douglas Associate Director for Economic Policy Center for American Progress 1333 H Street, NW 10th Floor Washington, D.C. 20005 (202) 682-1611 ddouglas@americanprogress.org
Center for Community Change www.communitychange.org		CCC is a national social and economic justice nonprofit organization that provides technical assistance, training and policy support to low-income grassroots groups.	Adam Luna Director of External Affairs Center for Community Change 1536 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009 (202) 339-9300 aluna@communitychange.org

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<p>Center for Law in the Public Interest www.clipi.org</p>	<p>The Center and Marc Brenman, Executive Director of the Washington State Human Rights Commission, presented recommendations (in a report entitled "Katrina and the Demographics of Disaster and Reconstruction") to help ensure the fair distribution of the benefits and burdens of reconstruction, while promoting democratic values of full information and full and fair public participation in rebuilding New Orleans and the Gulf Coast.</p> <p>The Transportation Research Board will address Katrina: The Demographics and Infrastructure of Disaster and Reconstruction, at its annual meeting in January 2006, in Washington D.C. The Center's Executive Director Robert Garcia and Marc Brenman will present recommendations on rebuilding New Orleans and the Gulf Coast on Monday, January 23, 2006.</p>	<p>The Center for Law in the Public Interest seeks justice for traditionally underrepresented people and organizations and engages in advocacy and litigation on a broad range of issues that have a significant impact on the public interest.</p>	<p>Center for Law In the Public Interest 1055 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1660 Los Angeles, CA 90017 Phone: (213) 977-1035 Fax: (213) 977-5457 Email: info@clipi.org</p>
<p>Center for Law and Social Policy www.clasp.org</p>	<p>Working with National Legal Aid & Defender Association on Project for the Future of Racial Justice (developed principles around rebuilding). Also looking at impact of hurricanes on immigrant rights issues.</p>	<p>Generally work to bridge gaps between policy, legal aid, civil rights groups and communities, with a focus on low-income families. CLASP conducts research, provides policy analysis, advocates at the federal and state level, and offers information and technical assistance on a range of family policy and equal justice issues for an audience of federal, state, and local policymakers;</p>	<p>Camille Holmes Senior Staff Attorney CLASP 1015 15th Street NW, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20005 (202) 906-8000 cholmes@clasp.org</p>

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		advocates; researchers; and the media.	
Center for Progressive Reform www.progressiveregulation.org	Released two reports: "An Unnatural Disaster: The Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina," and "Broken Levees: Why they Failed."	CPR is a nonprofit research and educational organization dedicated to protecting health, safety, and the environment through analysis and commentary provided by network scholars.	Matthew Freeman, Media Contact 301.762.8980 mfreeman@progressivereform.org
Center for Social Inclusion www.centerforsocialinclusion.org	CSI is working to help connect national and local groups to facilitate better communication, coordination, and alignment across groups to advance long-term policies for rebuilding a racially just and healthy New Orleans. CSI will provide an ongoing "clearinghouse" function on what national and local groups are doing. CSI will work with others to identify any gaps in important areas which require attention. CSI is also participating in the SMCI Coalition.	CSI partners with communities of color to identify the most strategic opportunities for cracking the foundation of structural racism, using applied research. Actively use structural racism lens to identify the most strategic interventions and opportunities. This work includes work around rezoning issues in South Carolina and with Southern Echo in Mississippi on statewide education reform.	Maya Wiley, Director Jennifer Ramirez, Project Associate The Center for Social Inclusion 50 Broad Street, Suite 1820 New York, NY 10004 (212) 248-2785 maya.wiley@verizon.net
Citizens' Commission on Civil Rights www.cccr.org	No direct Katrina work, but concerned about displaced students who currently do not have access to education. Urges education and housing organizations to work together.	Since its founding, the Citizens' Commission has kept close watch over the federal government's progress in ensuring civil rights. Seeks to act as a primary resource for critical information and empirical data on a wide range of federal civil rights issues and has sought to accelerate progress in the areas of housing equality, voting, affirmative action, and others.	William T. Taylor Chair Citizens' Commission on Civil Rights 2000 M St., NW, Suite 400 Washington, D.C. 20036 (202) 659-5565 btaylor@cccr.org
Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.	The Foundation's Hurricane Katrina efforts include the Enterprise	Enterprise is a leading provider of the development capital and	For more information on how to join Enterprise in Hurricane Katrina

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(formally the Enterprise Foundation) www.enterprisecommunity.org	Community Relief Fund, which provides direct relief (including emergency, transitional and permanent housing), and the Community Recovery Fund, which in collaboration with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, seeks to provide permanent affordable housing through low-interest loan funds.	<p>expertise it takes to create decent, affordable homes and rebuild communities. For more than two decades, Enterprise has pioneered neighborhood solutions through public-private partnerships with financial institutions, governments, and community organizations. Enterprise has raised and invested \$6 billion in equity, grants and loans and is currently investing in communities at a rate of close to \$1 billion a year.</p> <p>Releases the "Enterprise's Gulf Coast Report," a periodic report on housing policy progress and how the Foundation is working with partners in the Gulf Coast region.</p>	<p>relief and recovery efforts, please contact the following:</p> <p>Individuals: alwhitehurst@enterprisecommunity.org.</p> <p>Corporate and philanthropic institutions: tmay@enterprisecommunity.org.</p> <p>Public sector entities: asolis@enterprisecommunity.org</p>
Gamaliel Foundation www.gamaliel.org/Katrina/default	A supporting organization of the National Alliance to Restore Opportunity (NARO), a network of organizations collaborating on a National Day of Prayer and other activities starting the weekend of March 3, 2006. For additional information on the effort, go to www.linkedfate.org	The Gamaliel Foundation is a network of grassroots, interfaith, interracial, multi-issue organizations working together to create a more just and democratic society. The network helps create and sustain such organizations by providing affiliates with the tools necessary to train and develop leaders and staff.	Associate Director of Metro-Equity Department Laura Barrett, MSW, LauraBarrett@gamaliel.org 314-645-5915 314-443-5915 cell 314-645-2017 fax
Health Policy Institute at the Joint Center for Political and Economic	The Center's post-Katrina focus is on making emergency preparedness	The nation's "only black think-tank," the Institute focuses on a	Dr. Gail Christopher Vice President

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<p>Studies www.jointcenter.org/healthpolicy</p>	<p>inclusive. Also working on redefining Medicaid as fiscal stabilizer and trying to get this report in the hands of legislators around the country and to legislatures in D.C. Their lens is that health disparities are symptoms of deeper gaps in other realms (housing, etc.). Hurricane Katrina laid bare a new health disparity - greater risk of demise in a disaster among communities of color.</p>	<p>on a broad range of public policy issues of concern to African Americans and other communities of color. Principle areas of work include political participation, economic advancement, and health policy. The Institute conducts independent research, analysis, and assessment.</p>	<p>Office of Health, Women and Families Joint Center for Political & Economic Studies 1090 Vermont Avenue, NW Suite 1100 Washington, DC 20005 (202) 789-3500 gchristopher@jointcenter.org Dr. Kathleen Maloy Office of Health, Women and Families Joint Center for Political & Economic Studies 1090 Vermont Avenue, NW Suite 1100 Washington, DC 20005 (202) 789-3500 kmaloy@gwu.edu</p>
<p>Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law www.lawyerscommittee.org</p>	<p>National level, have participated in letters to Congress. Working more closely on affordable housing issues in Gulfport, MS since the hurricanes. Planning workshops on FEMA, landlord and tenant issues (with architectural firm to assist discussion on planning for rebuilding Gulf Coast). Have been working with "From Lake to the River" Coalition in New Orleans on rezoning strategies.</p> <p>Recently released a Disaster Survivors Legal Assistance link off of home site. Site provides general info on assistance and emergency relief available to</p>	<p>Work mainly in areas of housing, employment, and education. The Committee's major objective is to use the skills and resources of the bar to obtain equal opportunity for minorities by addressing factors that contribute to racial justice and economic opportunity. The Committee implements its mission and objectives by marshaling the pro bono resources of the bar for litigation, public policy advocacy, and other forms of service by lawyers to the cause of civil rights.</p>	<p>Jonathan Hooks Staff Attorney Joe Rich, Director Fair Housing and Community Development Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights 1401 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20005 (202) 662-8326 jhooks@lawyerscommittee.org</p>

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<p>Leadership Conference on Civil Rights www.civilrights.org</p>	<p>survivors and how to access them.</p> <p>LCCR/LCCREF has hosted and participated in a variety of forums, convenings and meetings focused on the federal government's response to the tragedy. To focus the need for framing public policies that address poverty and racial isolation as part of the post-Katrina rebuilding effort, they commissioned a report by Peter Edelman entitled, "The World After Katrina: Eyes Wide Shut?" In addition, LCCR/LCCREF has launched a website, newreconstruction.civilrights.org, detailing key post-Katrina related actions of its coalition members as well as media coverage of the rebuilding efforts.</p>	<p>The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR) is a coalition of 192 national civil rights organizations, representing persons of color, women, children, labor unions, individuals with disabilities, older Americans, major religious groups, gays and lesbians and civil liberties and human rights groups. Its mission: to promote the enactment and enforcement of effective civil rights legislation and policy.</p> <p>Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund (LCCREF) is its public education and research arm, which uses campaigns to promote an understanding of the need for national policies that support civil rights and social and economic justice.</p>	<p>LCCR/EF</p> <p>1629 K Street NW, 10th Floor</p> <p>Washington, DC 20006</p> <p>Tel. 202.466.3434</p> <p>Fax 202.466.3435</p>
<p>McKinney and Associates www.mckpr.com</p>	<p>Post-Katrina, they are looking for ways to connect client work to more solid and strategic incremental steps. Focused on finding cracks in elite media.</p>	<p>Develops and executes public relations and communications campaigns for local, national and international organizations involved in public policy and social advocacy. Client roster includes government agencies, private foundations, labor union and media organizations.</p>	<p>Gwen McKinney President McKinney & Associates 1612 K Street, suite 904 Washington, DC 20006 (202) 833-9771 gwen@mckpr.com</p>
<p>NAACP Legal Defense Fund www.naacpldf.org</p>	<p>Participated in various letters to Congress protesting suspension of prevailing wage and other civil rights laws. Have been working to connect lawyers across the nation in civil rights</p>	<p>National civil rights organization with local/regional branches dedicated to advocacy through education, lobbying, legal services and other support services.</p>	<p>Leslie Proll Director NAACP Legal Defense & Educational, Inc. 1444 I Street NW,</p>

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	<p>organizations, bar associations and law firms to coordinate pro bono legal services and are examining a range of legislative and regulatory issues that Congress and federal agencies must address. Weighing in most on criminal justice issues (jail conditions) and secondarily focused on political participation and voting issues.</p>		<p>Washington, DC 20005 (202) 682-1300 lproll@naacpldf.org</p>
<p>National Economic and Social Rights Initiative www.nesri.org</p>	<p>Post-hurricane focused on: disseminating International Principles and U.N. Guiding Principles regarding internally displaced persons; training members on using human rights documentation model to collect the stories of those impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; providing reports and briefs to domestic advocates and international agencies; getting international focus on domestic human rights issues made more visible by the hurricanes; working with Katrina Information Network (KIN) to post action alerts and information on pending legislation.</p>	<p>NESRI promotes a human rights vision for the US that ensures dignity and access to the basic resources needed for human development and civic participation. NESRI works with organizers, policy advocates, and legal organizations to incorporate a human rights perspective in their work and build human rights advocacy models tailored for the U.S. NESRI provides human rights research and analysis supporting domestic campaigns, human rights training, support for community organizing, and support for human rights networks.</p>	<p>Cathy Albisa Director National Economic and Social Rights Initiative 666 Broadway, Suite 625 New York, NY 10012 (212) 253-1771 sharda@nesri.org</p>
<p>National Economic Development and Law Center http://www.nedlc.org/</p>	<p>Not working directly on Hurricane Katrina issues, but have worked with several groups in the Gulf Coast region over the past six to seven years.</p>	<p>Provides expertise and support on community and economic development for low-income families through legal assistance, instructional materials, technical assistance, trainings and convenings. Areas of focus: work support services, savings and wealth creation, sector/workforce</p>	<p>Roger A. Clay, Jr. President National Economic Development and Law Center 2201 Broadway, Suite 815 Oakland, CA 94612 510.251.2600 roger@nedlc.org</p>

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		development, eliminating employment barriers, and community investment.	
National Fair Housing Alliance www.nationalfairhousing.org	NFHA is primarily a membership organization. Post-Katrina, NFHA has been doing lots of work to support local staff (financial support, training to help people respond to immediate needs, telephone testing to identify racial discrimination in housing).	NFHA works to eliminate housing discrimination and to ensure equal housing opportunity for all people through leadership, education and outreach, membership services, public policy initiatives, advocacy and enforcement.	Zixta Q. Martinez Director of Industry Relations National Fair Housing Alliance 1212 New York Avenue, NW Ste 525 Washington, DC 20005 T: 202-898-1661 F: 202-371-9744 Zmartinez@nationalfairhousing.org Shanna Smith, President & CEO nfha@nationalfairhousing.org
National Immigrant Law Center http://www.nilc.org/	The NILC has compiled a list of resources about the range of disaster relief that is provided to victims. These include temporary housing assistance; emergency food stamps; and cash income, among others. All immigrants, regardless of status, are eligible for short-term, non-cash, in-kind emergency disaster relief. Check out the following site for detailed information regarding immigrant eligibility for relief: http://www.nilc.org/immspbs/misc/Disaster_Relief.pdf	The National Immigration Law Center's mission is to protect and promote the rights and opportunities of low-income immigrants and their family members. NILC staff specialize in immigration law, and the employment and public benefits rights of immigrants. NILC conducts policy analysis and impact litigation and provides publications, technical advice, and trainings to a broad constituency of legal aid agencies, community groups, and <i>pro bono</i> attorneys.	3435 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 2850 Los Angeles, CA 90010 213.639.3900 Fax: 213.639.3911 Email: info@nilc.org
National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty	Website provides a centralized resource page for hurricane victims and best	The Center seeks to prevent and end homelessness by serving as	Maria Foscarinis, Founder & Executive Director

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http://www.nlchp.org	<p>practices for government entities: such as the NLCHP position paper "Ensuring Immediate Assistance to Hurricane Survivors and Equitable Long-Term Rebuilding." NLCHP Response to Immediate Crisis Needs Include: Increase funding for federal housing assistance programs, revise federal policies to remove bureaucratic barriers so that disabled homeless people in the region can receive immediate assistance, and ensure that emergency FEMA funds not only compensate homeowners but also renters</p>	<p>the legal arm of the nationwide movement to end homelessness. To achieve its mission, the Law Center pursues three main strategies: impact litigation, policy advocacy, and public education.</p>	<p>The National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty 1411 K Street NW, Suite 1400 Washington, DC 20005</p> <p>Phone: (202) 638-2535 Fax: (202) 628-2737</p>
<p>National Legal Aid & Defender Association www.nlada.org</p>	<p>Work to connect people to legal resources. With the American Bar Association, the Legal Services Corporation, and Probono.net, created "Katrina Legal Aid Resource Center," a Web-based clearinghouse of legal aid, pro bono and public defender information for persons affected by the hurricanes and the lawyers and advocates helping them (www.katrinalegalaid.org).</p>	<p>Project support for defenders, national public education strategy, and a variety of technical assistance supports to defender managers throughout the country.</p>	<p>Kate Lang, Associate Attorney Civil Legal Services T: 202.452.0620 X244 F: 202.872.1031 k.lang@nlada.org</p> <p>1140 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 900 Washington, DC 20036</p>
<p>National Low Income Housing Coalition http://www.nlihc.org/</p>	<p>Current focus is on finding out what is happening around housing evacuees. Trying to get information on where evacuees have been relocated. Have been providing media, advocacy, and organizer training support on issues upon request.</p>	<p>Local work is done through state partners. Currently, NLIHC does not have any local partners in the Gulf Coast region.</p> <p>NLIHC educates, organizes and advocates to ensure decent, affordable housing within healthy neighborhoods for everyone. NLIHC provides up-to-date</p>	<p>Danilo Pelletiere Research Director National Low Income Housing Coalition 727 15th Street, NW Sixth Floor Washington, D.C. 20005 202-662-1530 x237 danilo@nlihc.org</p>

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		information, formulates policy, and educates the public on housing needs and the strategies for solutions. As a policy advocacy organization, NLIHC is not able to provide direct assistance to people looking for affordable housing.	
National Network for Immigrant & Refugee Rights http://www.nnirr.org/		NNIRR is a national organization composed of local coalitions and immigrant, refugee, community, religious, civil rights and labor organizations and activists. It serves as a forum to share information and analysis, to educate communities and the general public, and to develop and coordinate plans of action on important immigrant and refugee issues.	National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights 310-8th St., Ste. 303 Oakland, CA 94607, USA 510-465-1984 510-465-1885 (fax) nnirr@nnirr.org Arnaldo Garcia, Enforcement and Justice Program Coordinator agarcia@nnirr.org
National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness (NPACH) http://npach.org/	<p>Helped establish Open Doors Homeless Coalition in Gulfport/Biloxi MS (2004). With almost all of Coalition's member agencies' resources now devoted to maintaining basic operations, NPACH is working to help rebuild the coalition's advocacy capacity and facilitate strategic planning and long-term recovery. Also member of Mayor of Biloxi's Task Force on Homelessness.</p> <p>Is working in coalition with community service agencies and advocacy groups in New Orleans, including Hope House, New Orleans Legal Services, Affordable Housing Alliance, and New Orleans Neighborhood Development</p>	<p>NPACH is a national grassroots organization whose primary concern is to ensure that national homelessness policy accurately reflects the needs of local communities. NPACH works to accomplish its mission through education, grassroots organizing, research and technical assistance to local groups and service providers.</p> <p>Has researched and drafted policy recommendations around housing needs and democratic reconstruction post-Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma.</p>	Brad Paul Executive Director National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness (NPACH) 1100 17th St NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20036 (202) 714-5378 (504) 524-8751 bpaul@npach.org

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	<p>Collaborative.</p> <p>In order to provide a forum for the voices of Hurricane survivors and the communities that have rushed to their aid, NPACH has developed the Katrina-Rita Oral History Project. For more information, please contact info@npach.org</p>	<p>Consulted with local and Federal elected officials on housing issues; participated with local grass roots groups organized around the issues of eviction prevention and right of return.</p>	
<p>Oxfam America www.oxfamamerica.org</p>	<p>Oxfam America's work in the Gulf Coast focuses on poor rural and urban residents many of whom are African-American farmers, migrant farm workers, and immigrant workers. Oxfam has provided a direct response to Hurricane Katrina by establishing and strengthening five relief and recovery centers, while also working on ways to help communities with long-term recovery. Through partnering with 18 local organizations, Oxfam is responding to the needs of affected communities in the areas of public health awareness and protection, advocacy for marginalized populations, environmental assessment as well as organizing and advocacy for equitable rebuilding of housing. Oxfam America has field staff in Mississippi, Louisiana and Washington DC.</p> <p>To access Oxfam's newest report, <i>Recovering States? The Gulf Coast Six Months After the Storm</i> go to: http://www.oxfamamerica.org/newsan</p>	<p>Oxfam America is a Boston-based international development and relief agency and an affiliate of Oxfam International. Working with local partners, Oxfam delivers development programs and emergency relief services, and campaigns for change in global practices and policies that keep people in poverty.</p> <p>For the first time in its 35-year history, Hurricane Katrina spurred Oxfam America to launch its first relief effort within the United States. When hurricanes Rita and Wilma followed, Oxfam continued to use a strategy it employs around the world: working with local organizations. Oxfam America is committed to finding lasting solutions to poverty, hunger and social injustice.</p>	<p>Oxfam America 26 West Street Boston, MA 02111 Tel: 1-800-776-9326</p> <p>Email: slivingston@oxfamamerica.org</p>

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Pacific Institute for Community Organizers (PICO) www.piconetwork.org	PICO has replaced equipment and provided salary support for organizers from local non-profits. PICO has had an organizing presence in New Orleans since the mid-1980s through its work with All Congregations Together, as well as through a statewide organizing network, Louisiana Interfaith Together.	PICO is a national network of faith-based community organizations working to create innovative solutions to problems facing urban, suburban and rural communities. Since 1972 PICO has successfully worked to increase access to health care, improve public schools, make neighborhoods safer, build affordable housing, redevelop communities and revitalize democracy.	PICO National Network 171 Santa Rosa Avenue Oakland, California 94610 510 655 2801 fax 510 655 4816
People for the American Way www.pfaw.org	<p>Leading up to the April 22 primary election and May 20 general election in New Orleans, PFAW is fighting for elections to be postponed until satellite voting sites can be set up in cities outside of Louisiana with large numbers of the displaced New Orleans voters.</p> <p>Meanwhile, the Election Protection Coalition -- led by PFAW Foundation, the NAACP, and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law -- is taking steps to protect the rights of New Orleans voters. The NAACP has already opened 15 Voter Assistance Centers nationwide to tell displaced New Orleanians about their options for voting and help them to cast ballots that will count, and PFAWF has helped train</p>	The long term agenda of People For the American Way is broad. It includes reducing social tension and polarizations, encouraging community participation, fostering understanding among different segments of our society, and increasing the level and quality of public dialogue. As an educational institution, we shall communicate with the American people through printed materials, radio, television, public lectures and discussions.	2000 M Street, NW, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20036 Telephone: 202-467-4999 or 800-326-7329 pfaw@pfaw.org

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	volunteers at those centers. The toll-free Election Protection Hotline (1-866-OUR-VOTE) is gearing up, staffed with volunteer lawyers who help displaced New Orleans residents register to vote, request absentee ballots, and determine how and where they can vote, as well as provide other assistance.		
Philanthropic Initiative for Racial Equity www.racialequity.org	Not working directly on hurricane issues, but monitoring what funders are doing in connection to racism/Katrina. Also trying to stay aware of the different racial equity/justice issues and emerging networks that are working on post-Katrina rebuilding efforts.	PRE is a multi-year project intended to increase the amount and effectiveness of resources aimed at combating institutional and structural racism in communities, primarily through capacity building, education, and convening of grant makers and grant seekers. PRE is led by Lori Villarosa, who was previously a program officer with the C.S. Mott Foundation, where she developed and managed its portfolio on race relations and institutional racism within the U.S.	Lori Villarosa Director Philanthropic Initiative for Racial Equity 1629 K St. NW, 10th Floor Washington, DC 20006 (202) 466-4281 villarosa@civilrights.org
PolicyLink www.policylink.org	With the Lawyers Committee and the New Orleans Non-Profit Development Collaborative, developing an inclusionary zoning ordinance to create metro-wide affordable housing opportunities in New Orleans. Advising the Louisiana Recovery Authority on long-range planning (emphasizing equity in planning). PolicyLink is also helping the LRA think about how to develop an	PolicyLink is a national nonprofit research, communications, capacity building, and advocacy organization working to advance policies to achieve economic and social equity.	Kay Fernandez Program Associate PolicyLink 101 Broadway Oakland, CA 94607 (510) 663-4331 kay@policylink.org

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	effective communications and media strategy to the displaced.		
Poverty & Race Research Action Council www.prrac.org	Participated in early letter to Congress on housing vouchers and basic principles around rebuilding (right to return, right to non-segregated housing options, right to participate in rebuilding); continuing advocacy work around federal housing policy and New Orleans rebuilding. Also planning March meeting on mapping data to assess needs of families relocated to other metropolitan areas. Later in the spring, PRRAC is helping to plan a regional meeting in New Orleans on health disparities, sponsored by the Health Policy Institute at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies.	PRRAC works to connect social science research on race and poverty with advocacy. Focus is on the connection between concentrated poverty, segregation, housing, health, and education. Work on housing issues is focused on housing mobility and choice to de-concentrate poverty.	Philip Tegeler Executive Director Poverty & Race Research Action Council 1015 15th Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20005 (202) 906-8024 ptegeler@prrac.org
Service Employees International Union www.seiu.org	SEIU hosts a Community Strength Resource Center working on the development and support of partnerships locally, regionally and nationally on a host of Katrina-related issues including legal, Katrina Diaspora outreach, electoral/civic participation, housing, and worker center strategies. The union has locals in Louisiana as well as numerous Katrina Diaspora cities.	SEIU is a 1.8 million member union with workers in the property services, public services, healthcare services, and long-term care services industries. SEIU members are united by the belief in the dignity and worth of workers and the services they provide and dedicated to improving the lives of workers and their families and creating a more just and humane society. SEIU is the largest health care union, the largest property services union, and the second-largest public employees union.	Nationally: Gerald Hudson, Executive Vice-President Locally: Maria Wickstrom, SEIU Local 21 Wyatt Closs, Director - Community Strength 212.947.1944 x14 - w 202.251.7118 - c 330 W. 42nd St., Suite 900 NY, NY 10036
Smart Growth America www.smartgrowthamerica.com	Released report: "SGA: Gulf Coast Redevelopment Recommendations." At the invitation of Mississippi Gov. Haley	Smart Growth America is a coalition of national, state and local organizations working to	Danielle Glaros dglaros@smartgrowthamerica.org 202-207-3355

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	Barbour and the Congress for the New Urbanism, SGA attended the "Mississippi Renewal Forum: A planning charrette for the Gulf Coast."	working to support citizen-driven planning that coordinates development, transportation, revitalization of older areas and preservation of open space and the environment. Their mission is accomplished through coalition building, communication efforts (biweekly publication of Smart Growth America, etc.), and policy development, research and advocacy.	
Southern Education Foundation www.sefatl.org	During the two years prior to the Hurricane, the SEF was doing research and consensus building with opinion leaders on transforming public education in the South to create more opportunity. Have been working on two major reports, called <i>Miles To Go</i> , on failed public education systems, looking at problems and opportunities, and how to link to economic development. Have been trying to develop a donor initiative on reconstructing public education. Convening advocates to discuss school redesign and policy. Also, partnered with local universities Dillard, Xavier, and Southern to provide scholarships and assistance to displaced students.	Based in Atlanta, SEF's mission is to improve educational excellence and equity in the South. Through a variety of programs and strategies involving research, analysis, advocacy, technical assistance, and outreach, SEF works to: improve education policy and practice, inform the public about education issues and policy options, strengthen parent, school, and private sector efforts to better meet the needs of underachieving students and prepare America's future workforce and promote a high quality of universal education.	Lynn Huntley President Southern Education Foundation 404.523.0001 Office 404.523.6904 Fax 135 Auburn Ave NE, 2nd Floor Atlanta, GA 30303
Structural Racism Caucus http://www.kirwaninstitute.org/projects/srcaucus.htm	Co-convenor of Baton Rouge Meeting, "Race and Rebuilding of New Orleans: Housing and Opportunities that Must Come with It," on December 5 & 6, 2005. Other conveners included the Center for Social Inclusion, Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Coalition,	The sponsors of the Caucus are the Institute on Race & Poverty, The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, The Harvard Civil Rights Project, Aspen Roundtable, and the Philanthropic Initiative for Racial	john a. Powell Executive Director Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race & Ethnicity 433 Mendenhall Lab. 125 S Oval Mall Columbus, OH 43210

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	the People’s Institute, and the Poverty and Race Research Action Council.	Equity. The Caucus aims to bring organizations working on structural racism issues together to pool research and effect policy change.	614-688-5429 (ph) powell.355@osu.edu
The National Black Environmental Justice Network (NBEJN) http://www.nbejn.org/	Came together in New Orleans to map out strategies to address environmental and health disparities in African American communities. NBEJN has undertaken a four-point strategy to combat environmental racism that focuses on: 1. Safe and Healthy Communities; 2. Sustainable Development and Clean Production; 3. Civil Rights and Equal Protection Laws/Policies; and 4. International Human Rights Protections.	National preventive health and environmental/economic justice network with affiliates in 33 states and DC. NBEJN members include African American grassroots environmental justice activists, community organizers, researchers, lawyers, public health specialists, technical experts, and authors addressing the intersection of public health, environmental hazards, and economic development within Black communities.	Damu Smith, Executive Director 1400 16th Street N.W., Suite 225; Washington, DC 20036 Phone: 202-265-4919 Fax: 202-265-4912 Email: NBEJN029@aol.com
The Opportunity Agenda www.opportunityagenda.com	Trying to use the Hurricane Katrina opening to rebuild the public conversation to promote the “opportunity frame.” They are working on developing an opportunity impact assessment tool.	Opportunity Agenda works to build the national will to expand opportunity for all Americans. Their efforts are realized through communications, research and advocacy initiatives.	Betty Alvarez Research Associate The Opportunity Agenda 2000 Florida Ave. NW Suite 210 Washington, DC 20009 (202) 387-2829 ext. 103 balvarez@opportunityagenda.org
The Praxis Project www.thepraxisproject.org	Work with local organizations to develop health policy initiatives, and on framing issues specific to race. Katrina activities include content analysis of media coverage to identify themes. Also co-developer of websites and databases to provide information and resources:	The Praxis Project is a national, nonprofit organization that builds partnerships with local groups to influence policymaking to address the underlying, systemic causes of community problems. Committed to closing the health gap facing communities of color, Praxis forges alliances for building	Makani Themba-Nixon Executive Director The Praxis Project/PATH 1750 Columbia Road, NW Second Floor Washington, DC 20009 (202) 234-5921 mthemba@thepraxisproject.org

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Katrina Action Network to create e-advocacy opportunities ◆ Katrinainfo.net - another portal, focused on journalists (also organizing an editorial board) ◆ Database to help organizers help each other (project with People Link) Praxis has an Advocacy on Hurricane Katrina resource page. 	healthy communities. Praxis trains partner organizations and provides research, technical assistance and financial support to tackle issues impacting the well being of communities.	
The Urban Institute www.urban.org	Post-Katrina, the Institute has been hosting policy forums and discussions; planning a series of policy briefs focused on how to help displaced families; researchers have been providing research data when contacted and queried by the press.	A nonprofit, nonpartisan policy, research, and educational organization established to examine the social, economic, and governance problems facing the nation. It provides information and analysis to public and private decision makers to help them address these challenges and strives to raise citizen understanding of these issues and tradeoffs in policy making.	Lynette A. Rawlings Research Associate The Urban Institute 2100 M Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20037 (202) 261-5353 LRawling@ui.urban.org
Urban Land Institute http://www.uli.org	Developed rebuilding recommendations for a more livable and equitable New Orleans, including on economic development and culture, government effectiveness, and planning, which it presented to the Mayor's Bring New Orleans Back Commission on Nov. 18, 2005.	The mission of the Urban Land Institute is to provide responsible leadership in the use of land to enhance the total environment. The Institute has more than 28,000 members worldwide representing the entire spectrum of land use and real estate development disciplines, working in private enterprise and public service. As multidisciplinary real estate forum, ULI facilitates the open exchange of ideas, information and experience	1025 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW Suite 500 West Washington, DC 20007 Phone: (202) 624-7000 Fax: (202) 624-7140

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		among local, national and international industry leaders and policy makers dedicated to creating better places.	

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<p>Deep South Center for Environmental Justice</p>	<p>Hosting a gathering in Houston, taking advantage of people who will be in town for the Bayou Classic.</p> <p>Beverly Wright, the Center's Director, recently co-authored a major report, "State of Emergency Beyond Katrina: How Government Actions Endanger the Health of African Americans" that looks at different types of emergencies (epidemics, industrial accidents, toxic contamination, Superfund, bio-terrorism threats, and natural disasters).</p> <p>Wright is also on the Mayor's subcommittee for Health and Hospital Services, and Co-Chair of the Environmental Issues committee.</p>	<p>DSCEJ was developed in conjunction with various community groups and universities to address the environmental justice needs of the deep south region. Provides an assortment of community, worker, and teacher trainings.</p>	<p>Currently housed in Southern University, Baton Rouge. Formerly housed in Xavier University.</p> <p>Beverly Wright, Executive Director 9870 Big Bend Avenue Baton Rouge, LA 70814 504-782-8989 225-216-2142 bhwright@aol.com</p>
<p>Environmental Justice Resource Center (at Clark Atlanta University) http://www.ejrc.cau.edu/</p>	<p>Website lists info on policy proposals and grassroot efforts, both generally and on post-Katrina. Also, provides a "Twenty-Point Plan to Destroy Black New Orleans" created by Director Bullard and based on trends and observations made from September to December 05. The plan lists in detail injustices faced by Hurricane Katrina victims with suggestions for reform.</p>	<p>EJRC serves as a research, policy, and information clearinghouse on issues related to environmental justice, race and the environment, civil rights, facility siting, land use planning, brown fields, transportation equity, suburban sprawl, and Smart Growth. The overall goal of the center is to assist, support, train, and educate people of color students, professionals, and grassroots community leaders in facilitating their inclusion into the</p>	<p>Robert Bullard, Executive Director 223 James P. Brawley Drive Atlanta, GA 30314 (T): 404-880-6911 (F): 404-880-6909 Email: EJRC@cau.edu</p>

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<p>Twomey Center for Peace Through Justice, Loyola University New Orleans, http://www.loyno.edu/twomey/</p>		<p>mainstream of environmental decision-making.</p> <p>The Twomey Center for Peace Through Justice seeks to shape social justice consciousness through education, and to take action on critical social problems confronting society. The Twomey Center acts as a catalyst for research and action on critical issues of workers' rights, racism, poverty and justice. Its mission is achieved through action, reflection and dialogue generating community partnerships such as Bread for the World, Blueprint for Social Justice, the ECONomics Institute, Resolving Conflict Creatively Program (RCCP) and the Twomey Training Center.</p>	<p>Theodore A. Quant, Director Twomey Center for Peace through Justice Loyola University New Orleans Campus Box 907 7214 St. Charles Avenue T: 504-861-5830 F: 504-861-5733</p>
<p>Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity www.kirwaninstitute.org</p>	<p>A supporting organization of the National Alliance to Restore Opportunity (NARO), a network of organizations collaborating on a National Day of Prayer and other activities starting the weekend of March 3, 2006. For additional information on the effort, go to www.linkedfate.org</p> <p>One of Kirwan's focus areas is opportunity-based housing, which is the framework they are using to do opportunity mapping for the New Orleans area (along with the Ford</p>	<p>Housed at Ohio State University, the Institute is an inter-disciplinary research institution with the goal to deepen public understanding of the causes of and solutions to racial and ethnic disparities and hierarchies. The Institute brings together a diverse and creative group of scholars and researchers from various disciplines to focus on the histories, present conditions, and the future prospects of racially and ethnically marginalized</p>	<p>john a. powell Executive Director Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race & Ethnicity The Ohio State University 433 Mendenhall Lab, 125 South Oval Mall Columbus, Ohio 43210 (614) 688-5429 powell.355@osu.edu</p>

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	Foundation and Greater New Orleans Data Center). The mapping and analysis is to provide people on the ground with information (especially at the neighborhood level); and long-term, to look at the impact of redevelopment proposals on access to opportunities. Will also develop a land availability and opportunity map to help identify locations for FEMA trailers and other forms of temporary housing in the Greater New Orleans area for the displaced. It will also create a document of effective strategies to combat “not-in-my-back-yard” opposition to location of FEMA trailers to assist local groups in their fight to create options for those who wish to return to New Orleans.	people. Informed by real world needs, its work strives to meaningfully impact policies and practices.	
Harvard Civil Rights Project www.civilrightsproject.harvard.edu	Although not formally conducting Post-Hurricane Katrina work, HRCP’s thinking has focused on the Historically Black Colleges and Universities, making a small, but pointed effort to raise the impact of the Hurricane on other area universities besides Tulane.	Leading organization devoted to civil rights research—initially focused on education reform and has had some expansion into: 1) community security and criminal justice; (2) voting rights and deepening democratic engagement; (3) metropolitan economic opportunity (including housing, growth and employment); (4) community and family wealth; and (5) health care justice.	Gary Orfield Executive Director The Civil Rights Project 125 Mount Auburn St., 3rd Floor Cambridge, MA 02138 (617) 496-6367 crp@harvard.edu
Institute on Race & Poverty http://www.irpumn.org/website/	Looking at what authority state policies confer, and at what role communities of color can play in affecting these policies.	Housed at the University of Minnesota Law School, the IRP investigates the ways that policies and practices disproportionately affect people of color and the	Myron Orfield Executive Director Institute on Race and Poverty 415 Walter Mondale Hall 229 South 19 th Avenue

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	<p>In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, IRP has created a number of Census maps documenting the patterns of segregation by race and income in the New Orleans region.</p>	<p>disadvantaged. A core purpose for IRP's work is to ensure that people have access to opportunity. Another is to help the places where people live develop in ways that both promote access to opportunity and help maintain regional stability. The IRP seeks to accomplish its mission through research, advocacy and coalition building.</p>	<p>Minneapolis, MN 55455 (612) 625-7976 Orfield@umn.edu</p>
<p>Loyola Law School Clinic www.justiceforneworleans.org William Quigley, Law Professor</p>	<p>Professor William Quigley has helped to formalize the Loyola Law School Clinic, Post Katrina Help Site efforts into a new site. This site features breaking news about justice issues, feature articles from correspondents in the field, forums, helpful links and information, and much more.</p>	<p>Professor of Law at Loyola University New Orleans, temporarily located at the University of Houston Law Center. Areas of expertise are civil and human rights, with an emphasis in poverty and race issues.</p> <p>Professor Quigley also serves as the Director of the Loyola Law Clinic.</p>	<p>Email Addresses: quigley@loyno.edu duprestars@yahoo.com T: 832-489-6408</p>