

# Hurricane Katrina

## Disaster Response Chronology

2005

- In August of 2005 Hurricane Katrina wreaks devastation across the Gulf Coast-Diocese of Paterson requests a special second collection in all parishes in the Diocese and collects funds for hurricane Katrina Relief providing funds to assist relief efforts in the Gulf and assist Catholic Charities Paterson relief efforts locally assisting Gulf residents relocating to NJ.
- CCUSA calls upon Catholic Charities Paterson in October 2005 to collect and send furniture and household items to evacuees from Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, Mississippi, Texas and California. Over the next six months Catholic Charities collects and ships 11 tractor trailer loads of furniture and household furnishings to these locations.
- In September 2005 Catholic Charities announces support for Operation Helping Hands. This is a program that recruits volunteers to go to New Orleans primarily but other cities in the Gulf Coast area to help local residents in need clean up, clean out and sanitize their homes for eventual reconstruction and reoccupation. From September 2005 through December 2001 156 volunteers were recruited and sent to New Orleans.
- In December 2005 Catholic charities Paterson received national funding and became a part of Katrina Aid Today allowing it to provide long term case management services to evacuees from the Gulf Coast relocated to New Jersey. 105 clients were enrolled in December.

January 2006

- CFCS Begins working with clients through Katrina Aid Today to assist with permanent relocation and resettlement. Program begins with 6 clients.
- Operation Helping Hands organizes 11 volunteers to travel to LA and assist in Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.
- CFCS collects and delivers 11 truck loads of donated furniture to those impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

February 2006

- Through Katrina Aid Today, CFCS begins working with 13 new clients to assist in their relocation.

March 2006

- 5 additional clients are enrolled in the case management program through KAT. Relocation efforts continue for those already enrolled.
- Operation Helping Hands organizes 23 volunteers to travel to LA and assist in Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

April 2006

- 2 additional clients are enrolled in the case management program through KAT.

- Operation Helping Hands organizes 54 volunteers to travel to LA and assist in Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

#### May 2006

- 5 More clients are enrolled in the KAT program to assist with their relocations.
- Operation Helping Hands organizes 96 volunteers to travel to LA and assist in Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

#### June 2006

- Operation Helping Hands organizes 44 volunteers to travel to LA and assist in Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.
- 3 More client intakes with Katrina Aid Today, bringing the current total number of clients being served to 29 households.

#### July 2007

- 2 additional families begin relocation process with CFCS through Katrina Aid Today.

#### August 2007

- Through Katrina Aid today CFCS assists 2 more families with relocation out of the disaster affected area.

#### September 2006

- Operation Helping Hands organizes 24 volunteers to travel to LA and assist in Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

#### October 2006

- Operation Helping Hands organizes 59 volunteers to travel to LA and assist in Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

#### November 2006

- In fall of 2006, CFCS provides assistance to 5 more families seeking to relocate after Hurricane Katrina.
- Operation Helping Hands organizes 70 volunteers to travel to LA and assist in Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

#### December 2006

- Operation Helping Hands organizes 15 volunteers to travel to LA and assist in Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts with a total of 393 volunteers organized in 2006.
- A total of 29 teams comprising 401 volunteers were sent to the Gulf Coast as a part of OHH in 2006.
- Through Katrina Aid Today, CFCS has assisted a total of 46 families relocate to the northern New Jersey Area from their disaster affected homes along the Gulf Coast.

#### 2007

##### January 2007

- Operation Helping Hands organizes 97 volunteers to travel to LA and assist in Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

#### February 2007

- Operation Helping Hands organizes 39 volunteers to travel to LA and assist in Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

#### March 2007

- Hurricane Katrina Aid Today long term case management closed. Most clients were returned to the Gulf Coast, relocated elsewhere in the US or became self sufficient and remained local. Remaining clients in need were transferred to CFCS case management program.
- Operation Helping Hands organizes 32 volunteers to travel to LA and assist in continuing Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

#### May 2007

- Operation Helping Hands organizes 65 volunteers to travel to LA and assist in Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

#### June 2007

- Operation Helping Hands organizes 15 volunteers to travel to LA and assist in Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

#### July 2007

- Operation Helping Hands organizes 3 volunteers to travel to LA and assist in Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

#### August 2007

- Operation Helping Hands organizes 10 volunteers to travel to LA and assist in Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

#### October 2007

- Operation Helping Hands organizes 20 volunteers to travel to LA and assist in Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

#### December 2007

- CC Paterson completed the year sending a total of 22 teams comprised of 296 volunteers to the Gulf Coast.

#### 2008

- Operation Helping Hands (OHH) changed gears from clean up to rebuilding. Eleven teams consisting of 184 volunteers were sent to New Orleans to assist with painting, reconstruction and exterior landscaping.