

*Baton Rouge
Area Foundation*

**Hurricane Gustav Relief and Recovery Fund
Round 1 Grants**

September 9, 2008

Total Amount Requested: \$146,700

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Bethany World Prayer Centers, pastor Larry Stockstill

Granted: \$25,000 to assist in meeting basic needs and expanding disaster relief services to 400 individuals.

After Gustav, faith-based shelters run by hundreds of volunteers opened for evacuees and people who lost use of their homes. The shelters provided a place to live and eat, a place for necessities, such as diapers and ice. One of Bethany's centers served up to 200 people; another supplied emergency provisions on September 7. Bethany will use grants to continue meeting basic needs and expanding disaster services.

Big Buddy, Gaylynne Mack, executive director

Granted: \$11,500 to support salaries, supplies, meals and additional administrative costs to serve children out of school.

Big Buddy offered its out-of-school program to children who were unable to attend school because of closures. Children played games, learned arts and crafts, played music and sports, and participated in educational activities. The program provided services to 80 children at each site until schools reopened.

City Year Louisiana, LaTonya Brown, interim executive director

Granted: \$20,000 to offset the cost of emergency response efforts

Established in fall 2005 to serve in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, City Year focuses on addressing the needs of displaced families and children, especially with regards to supporting recovery and relief efforts, planning and implementing of after-school and recreational programs, and mobilizing volunteers. Post-Gustav, a City Year team of 20 with a volunteer corps of 73, were deployed to the Pete Maravich Assembly Center, where they assisted in medical relief to more than 400 people. City Year continued to serve as first responders during the critical days of storm recovery.

Hands On New Orleans, Kellie Bentz, executive director

Granted: \$5,000 to offset food, housing and incidental costs of emergency response efforts.

Hands On New Orleans evacuated New Orleans and deployed to Baton Rouge, setting up operations to coordinate resources and work as communication operators. Hands On also served in partnership with the Lieutenant Governor's office and Volunteers of America-Greater New Orleans to set up virtual volunteer reception centers that connected organizations in need with volunteers. Hands On has responded to 104 people interested in serving their community and placed 48 with local agencies across South Louisiana. At points of distribution, volunteers handed out MREs, water, ice, tarps and hot meals. Nearly 50 volunteers worked with the Hands On chainsaw team, helping with tree cutting and removal.

Healing Place Church, pastor Dino Rizzo

Granted: \$50,000 to continue disaster relief services

Healing Place Church partnered with PRC Compassion, Samaritan's Purse, Operation Blessing and other organizations to acquire and distribute supplies for hurricane relief, as well as providing more than 10,000 hot meals a day. Nearly 500 volunteers provided services each day.

Set Free Indeed, Tonja Myles, executive director

Granted: \$5,000 to continue to meet the disaster needs for first responders.

Switching from its primary mission to help drug addicts, Set Free Indeed reconfigured after Gustav to meet disaster needs of first responders. The center served 183 first responders, including those from Americorps, Hope Worldwide, Hands On New Orleans, the Office of Youth Development, the Salvation Army and the Baton Rouge Police Department. First responders received shelter and hot meals, and the center cleaned up fallen trees from the homes of responders who were too busy to care for their own needs.

Youth Oasis, Alvin Smith, executive director

Granted: \$5,200 to support additional expenses that have been incurred during and after Gustav.

Youth Oasis provided resources and shelter to support homeless and runaway at-risk youth through two major programs: Kaleidoscope, the emergency shelter for kids aged 10 to 17; and Passages, the transitional apartment program for children from 16 to 21. During Gustav, more staff was hired to provide 24-hour attention and services.

Baton Rouge Area Foundation Gustav Small Shelter Grants

Granted: \$25,000 (increments of \$1,000) for compassion grants and rapid assistance.

The most successful and immediate response to Katrina was by small, community-based organizations, primarily institutions of worship. Following Gustav, a number of small organizations served as points of distribution for emergency needs and shelters for people who were displaced by the storm. These small organizations needed our immediate and indiscriminate generosity. The Foundation made available \$25,000 for compassion grants of \$1,000 each to be distributed to these sites and other distribution centers based on present needs