

Brazoria County LONG TERM RECOVERY



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The Brazoria County Long Term Recovery Committee (BC-LTRC) is a volunteer-driven, community effort to restore the homes and lives of Brazoria County residents affected by Hurricane Ike.

To find out more, or to get involved, visit our website or contact Carolyn Gibbs, Community Development and Volunteer Liaison, at (800) 971-6677 or cgibbs@uwbc.org.

New program to help Hurricane Ike victims launched in Brazoria County

With another storm season well underway, “preparedness” is the buzzword of the summer in Brazoria County. However, a new disaster case management program launched earlier this month aims to make sure “recovery” is not forgotten for those who need it.

Named RISE, or Recovery for Ike Survivors Enterprise, the program is part of a \$24.3 million grant to provide disaster case management services to more than 13,000 Hurricane Ike survivors across southeast Texas.

Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response, the Austin-based agency coordinating the program, worked with more than

10,000 families to develop recovery plans following Hurricane Katrina.

“This is an excellent opportunity to take the lessons learned after Hurricane Katrina to work shoulder-to-shoulder with survivors and help them get back on their feet as quickly as possible.” said Kurt Senske, president and CEO of Lutheran Social Services (LSS).

Ten agencies in 16 counties have partnered with LSSDR for this program. Four agencies, Boat People SOS, GMC Consultants LLC, GRACE Community Services, and the Gulf Coast Center, are on the ground in Brazoria County and working with local government officials,

community organizations, and the Brazoria County Long Term Recovery Committee.

“Caseworkers partner with disaster survivors to help them work through a recovery plan, navigate bureaucracies, and access available resources,” explained senior vice president of external relations for LSS, Mark Minick.

To be eligible for services, individuals must be a survivor of Hurricane Ike, currently reside in Brazoria County, and be a U.S. citizen or legal resident.

For more information about case management services, call 1-888-IKE-RISE (1-888-453-7473) or visit www.texasrise.org.

Local groups lend financial support to continue the work of the BC-LTRC

In a slow economy, everyone feels the pinch, and the Brazoria County Long Term Recovery Committee is no exception. With current funds fully dedicated to various projects, the group has been forced to temporarily stop accepting new cases for construction repairs.

Local organizations, however, are doing their best

to keep the work of the BC-LTRC going. The committee has recently received more than \$5,000 — enough to repair one home — from three groups with interests in the County.



A volunteer works on a local resident's home.

The BC-LTRC thanks the following organizations for their contributions:

Brazoria County Petrochemical Council (\$1,000)

Christ Lutheran Church, Lake Jackson (\$2,656.56)

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