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Brazoria County Long Term Recovery

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A great plan is composed of great people and great communication, which are the key elements to Brazoria County's Long Term Recovery Committee. Before Hurricane Katrina, there was a recovery plan in place for Brazoria County, but not as structured as it is today and never completely utilized until Hurricane Ike made landfall.

The devastation to the Gulf Coast from Hurricane Katrina three and a half years ago was enough to convince Brazoria County officials that a more stable and organized committee needed to be implemented in case a similar disaster were to happen here in our community.

This new committee became known as the Brazoria County Long Term Recovery Committee (BC-LTRC), which is made up of ministerial alliances, county officials and volunteers locally and abroad.



Damage left behind from Hurricane Ike. Photos courtesy of Dan Dalstra, The Facts.

Seven different committees make up the BC-LTRC, which include case management, unmet needs, construction management, volunteer management, resources, communications, organization and advocacy. The committee meets bi-weekly to plan for the betterment and recovery of our coastal county and communities.

United Way of Brazoria County acts as the fiscal agent, which focuses on opportunities, collaborations, partnerships and the strengthening of the committee to help those who are still affected by the aftermath of Hurricane Ike.

The BC-LTRC actively plans and educates volunteers on the recovery effort after the destruction of Hurricane Ike.

The committee is consistently working with home repairs, volunteer recruiting, donations and in-kind gifts to meet the needs of those who were affected by Ike.

"Recovery from a major disaster takes a very long time," said Gloria Luna, director of community services for United Way of Brazoria County. "The recovery process after Hurricane Ike has been a learning experience for us."

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