

Emergency Communities only works because of the compassion and support of people like you. We are always in need of volunteers and donations!

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By the numbers:

Over 350,000 hot healthy meals!

Over 4,000 volunteers!

Over 1,000,000 pounds of donations!

One dollar donated = one meal served!



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a new kind of disaster relief



EMERGENCY COMMUNITIES'

MISSION :

Emergency Communities rehabilitates disaster stricken areas through the creation of temporary community centers based on service, compassion and creativity.



WHO WE ARE

Emergency Communities is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing

community-based disaster relief. At each EC location, volunteers provide a range of personalized services, including three hot meals a day, to residents of a devastated area, creating oases of comfort and warmth amidst landscapes of total devastation. In addition, we strive to work sustainably—recycling, composting, making permanent improvements to the facilities we occupy, and highlighting fresh, healthy, and local food in our kitchens.



COMMUNITY AMIDST CHAOS

Formed in the wake of Hurricane Katrina by a group of young, self-deployed, and unaffiliated volunteers, Emergency Communities quickly became a model for large-scale grassroots, on-the-ground relief. Since the storm we have operated four separate relief sites in Southern Louisiana and contributed food and supplies to dozens of fellow relief agencies. We currently run the Goin' Home Community Cafe, in New Orleans' devastated Lower 9th Ward. We also serve Diamond Trailer Park in Plaquemines Parish.



We leave a site only after basic services have been restored in the area, and only after empowering locals to continue to serve their neighbors through the creation of permanent community centers. In addition to working alongside local churches and community groups, Emergency Communities is a United Way Partner Agency, a Second Harvest distribution center, and a partner to Habitat for Humanity, Oxfam, the YMCA and Save the Children.



FROM RELIEF TO RECOVERY

At the Goin' Home Community Cafe, in addition to serving three hot meals a day, we provide such crucial services as internet and telephone access, laundry machines, a library, live entertainment, tool lending, and off-site projects including carpentry and drywall. In the FEMA trailer park in Diamond, Louisiana, we help children and



families rebuild their lives through ongoing at-risk youth programs.



A PLACE TO BELONG

For thousands of people in Southeastern Louisiana, Emergency Communities has meant the difference in holding a job, rebuilding a house, or keeping a family together. Indeed, over half the people we serve have told us that we are the main reason they decided to return to their homes. With your help, we will continue to help mend the fabric of community in places where disasters, both natural and economic, have destroyed it.

