



Rebuild New Orleans Project

2006
2007
2008



In January 2008, 115 students, faculty and staff from California State University, Chico traveled to the New Orleans area to spend five days rebuilding houses devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. This was the third trip to New Orleans for the "Rebuild New Orleans" project, and the trip with the largest number of volunteers.




The students raised most of the money for the trip—more than \$90,000—through raffles, pancake breakfasts and spaghetti dinners. Corporations were asked to donate tools and equipment.

The Journey





**Home, Sweet Home
(New Orleans style)**

A photograph of a street sign for Bourbon Street in New Orleans. The sign is mounted on a pole and is illuminated. The background shows a street scene with buildings and a clear sky.



3 Years After the Storm...

A photograph of a street sign for Bourbon. The sign is black with white text and is mounted on a pole. The background shows a building and a clear blue sky.




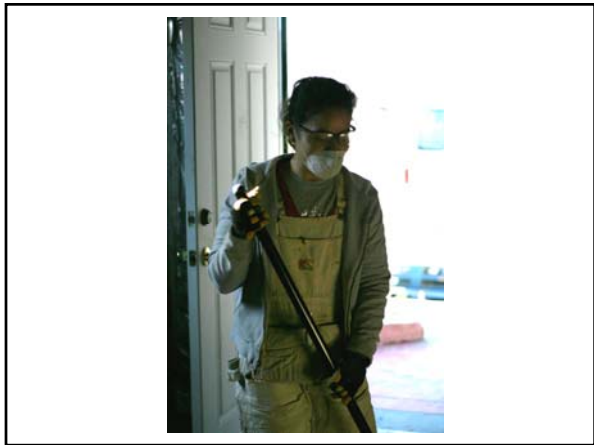


Project Beginnings
14 Homes....5 Days

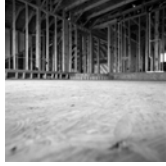
A small photograph of a street sign that says "Bourbon". The sign is mounted on a black pole against a blue sky and a building.

Gutting

An icon of a crane, specifically a crawler crane, with a long jib and a hook. It is a simple black and white line drawing.



The Barge House



“When the levees failed, a barge was carried with the flood of water, destroying homes as it passed. Eventually the barge rested upon a two-story home some 300 yards from the levee walls...” This home was known as The Barge House.



http://www.deelightwebsite.com/Hurricanes/2005_09_11_KATRINA_NewOrleans_BargesDamaged_0002.JPG







Shot Guns & Other Homes





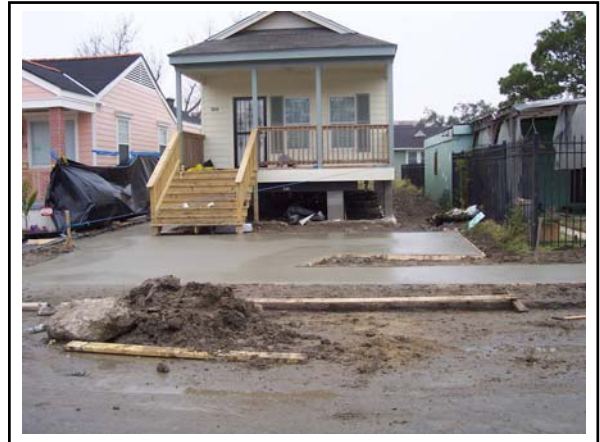
Replace Foundations



New Construction



Unfinished Work



Missed Opportunities



Decayed Single Pane Windows



Improperly Installed or No Insulation



Flashing & House Wrap Installation



Unfinished Paint Jobs & Holes in Foundation Wall



Why Home Means So Much More...



The Times Picayune:
<http://www.nola.com/photos/t-p/BargeHouseSlide/>



"The 100-year-old woman who owned the home had one wish: to die in the house where she raised her family. The students worked every day on replacing exterior walls and windows to make her house secure and to make the woman's dream a reality," said Battle. "On the last night, the students brought the woman the keys to her home."



Sandra Flake, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs visited the group: "... Our students were skilled, dedicated and efficient, and accomplished much in a short period of time... We were all proud of their work and the way in which they represented the University..." GO WILDCATS!

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