

NEW ORLEANS

2012 Teams

Forward Edge International—Team #



Friends are made serving in the Gulf Coast

WHAT IS THE NEED?

On August 25, 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast. Forward Edge International (FEI) responded by mobilizing hundreds of ordinary people like you to participate in the restoration effort. Since the devastation, over 2,900 volunteers have partnered with FEI to help the poor and elderly get back into their homes. As of August, 2010, more than 270 homes and 26 churches have been restored!

Dozens of families are overwhelmed with the blessing FEI teams have provided. “You’re not my friends anymore, you’re family,” said one Hurricane Katrina survivor. “You’re welcome in my home anytime.” Together we are making a difference one life, one family at a time.

Forward Edge volunteers, like you, have already made a difference by cleaning and repairing homes, churches and schools damaged by Katrina. We are grateful for the many teams that have served with us—and to the congregations that have sent multiple teams to the area.

Yet astonishingly, over 800 families are *still* living in FEMA trailers as of August 2010, and 50,000 homes are still blighted. Countless victims of the hurricane remain stranded, lacking the resources they need to rebuild. There is still much work to be done!

The impact zone of Hurricane Katrina is about 200 miles wide and 100 miles deep. Louisiana and Mississippi bore the brunt of the devastation, and over one million people were displaced as a result. Teams are still being sent to New Orleans, LA., partnering with churches in the community to help restore the homes of Katrina survivors. You will work daily in local neighborhoods to help those hardest hit by the disaster.

For More Information:

Nicole Klepec, Team Coordinator for New Orleans: 360.574.3343 or nicole@forwardedge.org.



There is still much destruction from Hurricane Katrina

IMPORTANT DATES (Total Team Fee: \$495 per person)

90 Days Prior

\$100 non-refundable deposit applied toward team fee. Application & Liability Release Form DUE.

60 Days Prior

\$200.00 First Payment DUE.

30 Days Prior

\$195.00 Final Payment DUE.

* Price not yet finalized, subject to change

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WAYS YOU WILL SERVE:

Your team will be doing all types of community outreach. Typically we will partner with local ministries, to work repairing homes in New Orleans that were damaged by Hurricane Katrina. We also will be interacting with the low-income children of the lower Ninth Ward in partnership with Desire Street Ministries. We have the opportunity to show them the love of Christ through games, reading, crafts and more. Through this outreach, you will be meeting the physical and emotional needs of those who desperately need help and hope.

WHERE WILL WE STAY?

You will be hosted by Pastor Charles Garrison. FEI will provide a facilitator to provide complete logistical organization in the area, along with the church leadership. Team members will share in the kitchen/cooking duties, as arranged by your facilitator. You will have breakfast and dinner at the church and will take a sack lunch with you while you are out and about serving and working.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

The team fee for this trip is **\$495 per person**. This fee covers team training materials, accommodations, meals (*please bring an additional \$10-15 for one meal out*), transportation on-site, some construction materials and team facilitator. This fee does not include transportation to the area. If you plan to fly into the area, you will land at Louis Armstrong International, LA (MSY).

PAYMENTS: There is a \$100 non-refundable deposit due at the time of application submission. The non-refundable deposit will be applied towards your team fee. Payments can be paid by check or by credit card at www.forwardedge.org (Pay Team Fee) Make checks payable to: *Forward Edge International*. All payments need to reflect the **team member name and team number**.

PREPARATION:

As soon as Forward Edge receives completed applications, we'll send you a team pack which includes: T-shirt, S.U.R.F. Training materials and information on the Gulf Coast. Please note: FEI strongly recommends that each team member has a current **tetanus shot**. Please contact Team Coordinator **Nicole Klepec** at **Forward Edge** with any questions.:

Nicole@forwardedge.org, 360-574-3343.



Help repair homes



Build relationships with the families you serve

Everyone should have an
opportunity to change a LIFE.