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"If you think you can or if you think you can't either way you are right." Anthony Robbins

Interesting quote! As we enter 2010, we are all probably trying to guess what this year might bring. Where are we headed? What will we get done? What challenges will we face? Will we succeed? These questions and others fill our minds as we embark on the tasks ahead. We will be faced with designing our new structure while continuing to make strides in ad-

ressing unmet needs. This will be a daunting yet exciting journey as we build on our combined strengths, talents and expertise. We have come far and have accomplished much yet much remains to be done. Are we ready — can we get things done?

I think I can . . . I think you can . . .

I think we can!

**Welcome to 2010 —
Ready, Set, Go!**

Disaster Summit Planned for March

The 2010 Disaster Summit will be held March 25-26, 2010. This year's offering is entitled *"Moving Forward . . . From Theory to Practice."* The Planning Committee is hard at work and expects to have an outstanding program for this year's event. Hope to see you there!

Calcasieu Long Term Recovery Group Member and Participating Organizations

1st Presbyterian Church - A City of Refuge - Acadiana Legal Services Corp - American Red Cross - ASSIT Agency - BeauCare - Calcasieu Business & Career Solutions Center - Calcasieu Council on Aging - Calcasieu Medical Reserve Corps - Calcasieu Women's Shelter - Cameron Council on Aging - Cameron LTR Group - Cameron Methodist Ministries - CAN - CARC - Catholic Charities/Diocese of Lake Charles - CCCDO, Inc. - Christ for the Crisis - Christian World - City of Lake Charles- Housing Initiative - City of Lake Charles-Community Services Department - Community Foundation of SWLA - Congressman Charles Boustany - CPPJ-Housing - CPPJ-Office of Federal Program Development - CPPJ-Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness - DHH-Office of Citizens w/Developmental Disabilities - DHH-Office of Mental Health - DHH-Office of Public Health - Eljay Foundation for Parkinson Awareness - Eternity Full Gospel - Families Helping Families of SWLA - FEMA - Fetal & Infant Mortality Review - First Christian Church - First Three Years/Children First (The) - FriendShips - Greater St. Mary MBC - Habitat for Humanity Calcasieu Area - HSRI - A Program of Family & Youth - LA Spirit - Lake Charles Housing Authority - Looking Over Your Shoulder Ministries - Louisiana United Methodist Disaster Recovery Ministry/Lake Charles Station - Louisiana Works Business & Career Solutions Center - Lowes Home Improvement - LSU AgCenter - Majestic Ministries - Maplewood 1st Baptist - NAMI SWLA - PRC Compassion/Church of the King - Presbytery of South Louisiana - Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana - Project Build A Future - Rebuilding Together-Calcasieu - Salvation Army - Samaritan Counseling Center - Second Harvest Food Bank - Silver Lining Foundation - SWLA Independence Center - Stine Lumber - Sweet Lake United Methodist Church - SWLA Center for Health Services - SWLA Economic Development Alliance - SWLA Independence Center - SWLAHEC/OPH - United Way of SWLA - University United Methodist Church - US Senator David Vitter - Volunteer Center of SWLA / 211 - Volunteer Center of SWLA /Hands On SWLA - Volunteers of America - WIA - Yesterday Today Tomorrow

Looking Back at 2009

2009 was a year of continuation. The hurricanes of 2008 had once again taken a toll. This was a year where many residents of SWLA and in communities across Louisiana continued their efforts to rebuild their homes and their lives. The Calcasieu Long Term Recovery Group met each month. Member and participating organizations reviewed,

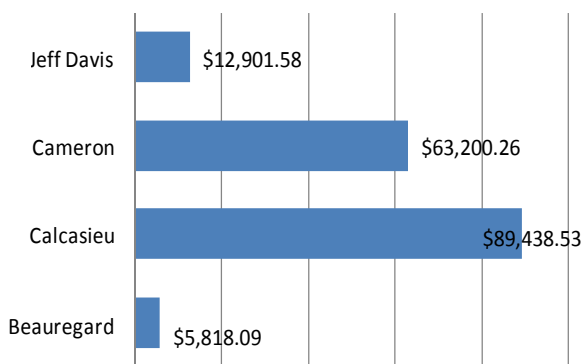
discussed and made decisions regarding the use of the funds to which they had access to assist and support as many households as possible in their recovery efforts. Throughout the year there were more than 100 requests for resources. More than \$171,000 in resources was distributed for approved requests. These resources were

made available by the United Way of SWLA Disaster Fund from a donation from Conoco-Phillips in support of recovery after the 2008 hurricanes. Of the requests received, 77 were approved for assistance, 14 were found to be ineligible, 6 were retracted by the caseworker and 4 are pending awaiting the receipt of additional information.

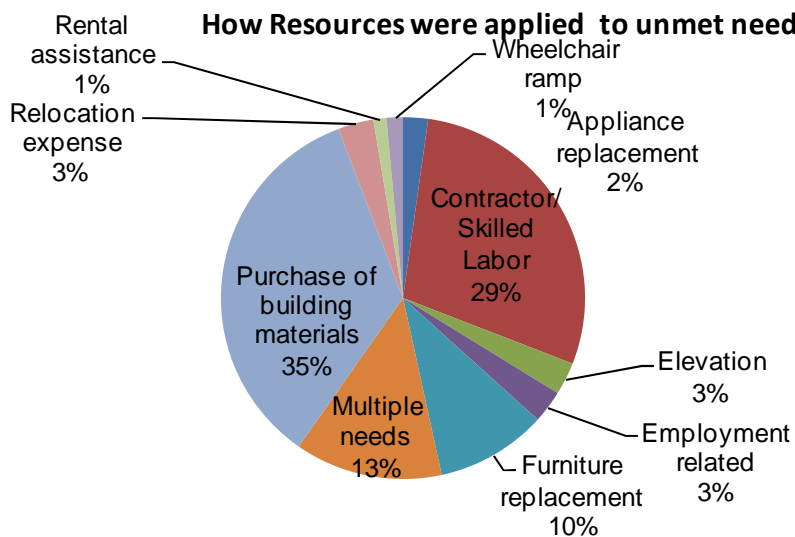


AmeriCorps Team after a hard days work.

Unmet Needs Requests Awards by Parish



How Resources were applied to unmet needs



“Light is the task where many share the toil.”
Homer



Calcasieu Long Term Recovery Group Member & Participating Organizations

Looking Ahead to 2010

2010 will be a year of discovery. We will review our past to glean lessons learned. We will investigate best practices from as many sources as we can. We will begin to identify “what works” and put it into practice. We will enhance the design of “who we are” and “what we have to offer”

for each phase of past and future disasters. We will be challenged to explore our levels of commitment and participation both organizationally and individually.

What lies ahead? No one can really predict what is to be, however, I choose to believe that as long as

we continue to come together and work together boundless opportunities await us.

2010 holds within it opportunities to grow and learn, to act and to serve, to develop and accomplish all that we can to support and assist those impacted by disasters in SWLA.

“We will either find a way, or make one.”
Hannibal

2010 Planned Meeting Schedule

Following is the planned meeting schedule of 2010 for the Calcasieu Long Term Recovery Group. Notifications will be e-mailed prior to the respective meetings should changes become necessary.

Executive Committee

(Held on 1st Tuesday unless otherwise noted)

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| January 12* | July 6 |
| February 2 | August 3 |
| March 2 | September 15* |
| April 6 | October 5 |
| May 4 | November 2 |
| June 1 | December 7 |

Executive Committee Meetings held at OEP office in 9-1-1 building unless otherwise notified.

General Meetings

(Held on 2nd Tuesday unless otherwise noted)

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| January 19* | July 13 |
| February 9 | August 10 |
| March 9 | September 22* |
| April 13 | October 12 |
| May 11 | November 9 |
| June 8 | December 16 |

General Meetings held in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at United Way of SWLA office unless otherwise notified.

Summit Planning Committee

- January 8
- February 13
- March 6
- March 13
- March 20

Summit Planning Committee Meetings held at OCDD office on 5th Avenue unless otherwise notified.

Unmet Needs Requests Review Committee — *schedule and frequency of meetings based on number of requests received.*

Appeals for Denied Unmet Needs Requests —

Appeals should be received within 10 days of the denial and will be reviewed and considered at the next scheduled meeting of the CLTR Group Executive Committee following the schedules noted previously.



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The mission of the Calcasieu Long Term Recovery Group is to maintain a network within and on behalf of the faith-based, non-profit, governmental, business, and other organizations and agencies that will provide coordinated recovery efforts to the designated service area(s) as a result of disasters on behalf, and for the benefit, of the residents of Calcasieu Parish.

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