



**BEACON OF HOPE**  
R E S O U R C E C E N T E R

*Leading the way home*



**Neighbor helping  
neighbor come home.**

# Who we are as an organization

- A grassroots organization made up of a network of homeowners working to clean their neighborhoods.
- Started in Lakeview, where Headquarters is located.
  - Currently **8** neighborhood Beacons in Lakeview; **2** Gentilly Beacons and **1** in the Lower 9<sup>th</sup> Ward.
- Established on February 14, 2006 with one neighborhood Beacon. Our 11 Beacon Resource Centers serve 14 neighborhoods that were hardest hit by the flood waters.



# Main Goals

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- Facilitate rebuilding of homes and encourage repopulation
- Support the return of small businesses
- Open new Satellite Beacons

# Major Obstacles and How We Are Overcoming

1. Identifying viable resources
  - a) Meetings, meeting, meetings
2. Obtain public support in recovery
  - b) Persistent contact/borderline badgering
3. Motivate others to take responsibility for personal recovery
  - c) Positive encouragement/peer pressure

# Good Ideas: what has really worked for US...

- #1 Engage local community
  - Meetings, seminars, neighborhood activities
  - Shared info, generated new volunteers, sense of ownership
- #2 Engage City government
  - Attend public meetings/forums
  - Higher level of information and input in recovery process
- #3 Open to collaborations
  - Staying involved, visible in the community
  - Partnerships and resource





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*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.*

*Margaret Mead*

Beacon of Hope started with one person helping one neighborhood. It has grown into a program of 11 Resource Centers serving 14 neighborhoods throughout New Orleans, crossing multigenerational and multiethnic lines.