

# RNRN ALERT

## New Orleans Continues to Need Our Help

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, CNA/NNOC's Registered Nurse Response Network sent more than 300 nurses from around the country to staff hospitals, clinics, and mobile units throughout the region. Almost two years later, Katrina is a bad memory for most of us but not for the people of New Orleans. Many families remain without access to basic healthcare, proper living conditions, and healthy learning environments for children. Once again, it is time for us to step in and help!

We are focusing on two communities that are struggling to rebuild in the aftermath. Our goal is to provide the necessary resources to help make that happen.

### Programs we are helping:



#### Lower Ninth Ward Health Clinic — Families need access to primary healthcare

With no government effort to provide a local place for primary healthcare needs, residents established their own clinic in the donated home of a nurse who helps run the clinic. With a few volunteers, staff are providing free basic healthcare to the families returning to the community, but their needs are great. Treating a wide range of conditions, staff are also seeing many respiratory illnesses as a result of the flood. This small clinic is serving many families and children but needs more equipment and resources to better serve the community.



#### St. Bernard Parish — Children need a healthy learning environment

Before Katrina, there were 8,800 students attending 15 schools. The 4,000 students that have returned now crowd into two schools. More than 90 percent of them live in one-room FEMA trailers in substandard conditions where illnesses are rampant and recirculate. Families receive treatment at the one health facility that is open—a tent set up in a parking lot. Understandably, the children have both medical and emotional needs that the school nurses are trying to meet. Their ability to help is hampered by the loss of equipment and resources during the flood. Hugs only go so far!

## Contribute Today

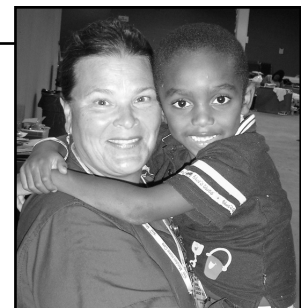
Please join us in helping the dedicated people of the Lower Ninth Ward Health Clinic and St. Bernard Parish rebuild the health of their communities!

Please make checks payable to: California Nurses Foundation

Send to: RNRN — Katrina Aftermath Project  
2000 Franklin Street, Oakland, CA 94612

You may also contribute online at [www.RNResponseNetwork.org](http://www.RNResponseNetwork.org)

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# RNRN: Helping Rebuild a Healthy New Orleans