



## FACT SHEET # 4

### ORGANIZATIONS THAT STOOD UP

*“The big inhibitor is the lack of flow of resources. If you were to ask me what I’m most disappointed in, that’s the biggest disappointment I have. Here we are, the economy’s totally shut down and for twelve months now, I have been forced to operate this city on a \$120 million community disaster loan and \$1.3 million in state emergency disaster funds. Everything else has been a reimbursement of cost... I thought I would have overwhelming resources to repair the infrastructure off the bat. But there’s this whole national debate and politicians talking about the footprint of New Orleans. ‘It should be smaller’ or ‘You shouldn’t rebuild in New Orleans East or the Lower Ninth Ward.’ And frankly I just reject that notion.”*

- Ray Nagin, New Orleans Mayor

1. The Mennonite Disaster Service conducted a total of five projects in response to Katrina in Cameron, Diamond and New Orleans in Louisiana, Newton in Texas and Pass Christian in Mississippi. They mainly focus on construction/repair of homes and buildings. They also incorporate a strong youth component into all recovery efforts.
2. The Mississippi Workers Center for Human Rights set up a fund for Katrina Victims and held fund raising events such as a concert with Kenny Lattimore and Chante Moore. They also started the Witness Delegation Project, which coordinates work tours of advocates and community organizers to assist people in their fight against unjust evictions, racially discriminatory and classist allocations of disaster relief resources.
3. The Humane Society of the United States raised \$34 million from nearly 300,000 donors, \$30 million of which was spent during the disaster. The rest will be dedicated to long-term restoration.
4. The American Red Cross received \$2.07 billion in gifts and pledges and gave 91 cents of every dollar to disaster victims. Relief efforts included giving financial assistance to families, providing families with shelter, the creation of a registry to reunite displaced families and providing 509,060 comfort and clean up kits.
5. The United Jewish Communities raised \$28 million and funded various relief efforts, including evacuee support in Houston, loan provisions in the New Orleans area and six New Orleans projects dealing with geriatric care, low-income residents, community housing, legal aid for home rebuilding, senior job-training and social services for low-income elderly.

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## LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT STOOD UP

Adventist Community Services	Lutheran World Relief
American Civil Liberties Union	Mennonite Disaster Service
Amnesty International	Mississippi Workers Center for Human Rights
Bnai Brith	Morrison and Foerster LLP
Catholic Charities	Nazarene Compassionate Ministries
Center for Constitutional Rights	Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Christian Disaster Response	Red Cross
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee	Safe Streets Strong Communities
Church World Service	Second Harvest Now Feeding America
Convoy of Hope	Southern Baptist Convention
Critical Resistance	The Humane Society of the United States
Disaster Psychiatry Outreach	UJA Federation of New York
Human Rights Watch	Union for Reform Judaism
Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana	United Jewish Communities
Katrina Legal Relief	United Methodist Committee on Relief

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