Dear Friends,

TEN years since Hurricane Katrina, with a grateful and prayerful heart, we look with gratitude, thankful and hopeful, as we remember the thousands of people who were impacted by this disaster. We want to help you to see the lessons we have learned from the past and how they continue to shape our future. We look back on these ten years since Katrina as a time of challenges and opportunities for growth and transformation. As Catholic Charities marks the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina this August 29th, 2015, we recall our own stories of loss and recovery, our own stories of loss and recovery.

As our staff, volunteers and friends, we look back with gratitude, thankful, and with hope. We remember the thousands of people who were impacted by this disaster. We are grateful for the strength and resilience of the people who continued to stand tall in the face of adversity. We are thankful for the beautiful and powerful stories of recovery and renewal that continue to give us hope. We are grateful for the people who continue to come together to support one another.

Our values:

• Unity through Prayer
• Service through Love
• Dignity through Respect

Our Mission: Respecting the dignity and potential of each human person, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans collaborates with the wider community to serve those in need. Impelled by the love and teaching of Jesus Christ, we offer life-giving programs, advocate for the vulnerable, and empower the poor and vulnerable to foster a more just society.

Our story continues with YOU! Give hope and help. Through the generous support of people like you, Catholic Charities is able to provide help and create hope for thousands of individuals in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and our region. Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans exists to serve all people who are in need, regardless of race, color, religion or creed. Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans serves the Greater New Orleans area and our region. Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans is a member of Catholic Charities USA, the National Catholic Social Justice Network, and the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

As Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans, we are committed to helping others achieve a better place, a better home, a better life. We are committed to serving those in need and we are committed to making a difference in the lives of others.

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Our Vocations:

• Directly through Respect
• Service through Love
• Insight through Advice and Empowerment
• Unity through Prayer

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335,000 nights of shelter
$55 million in direct assistance
2,500 homes repaired, gutted, painted and rebuilt
900,000 people assisted
25,000+ volunteers annually.

Catholic Charities has a history of working with the poor, disabled and the elderly. The program would ultimately help repair, gut and rebuild the houses of the poor, disabled and the elderly.

It was about felling in love with the people of New Orleans, and wanting to participate and help assist them in the recovery… anything is possible when you have enormous resources and are addressing serious issues.

Volunteers: Volunteers are the life-force of our agency and the heart of our service. Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans collaborates with the wider community to serve those in need. Impelled by the love and teaching of Jesus Christ, we offer life-giving programs, advocate for the vulnerable, and empower the poor and vulnerable to foster a more just society.

Volunteers bring 29,730 volunteers from 2006 through 2010. Each year, we continue to connect upwards of 200,000 volunteers of all ages from all walks of life, with opportunities to make New Orleans a better place, providing over 200,000 hours of service annually.

We are thankful ever, New Orleans, that our story continues with YOU. not only through times of disaster, but each time a storm reveals our vulnerability to the elements. And, we are grateful to address the needs of the people of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. We are thankful that we continue to offer impactful services and programs that make New Orleans a better place to live.

As a staff, volunteers and friends, we look forward to the future, we look back with gratitude, thankful, and with hope. We remember the thousands of people who were impacted by this disaster. We are grateful for the strength and resilience of the people who continued to stand tall in the face of adversity. We are thankful for the beautiful and powerful stories of recovery and renewal that continue to give us hope. We are grateful for the people who continue to come together to support one another.

Thank you for being a part of our story!

God Bless you!

Sr. Marjorie Hebert, M.S.C.
“Catholic Charities was quickly recognized as the go-to agency for local disaster response and services. We have a track-record with disaster response, we led the long-term disaster case management efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and other regional disasters like the Oil Spill of 2010 and the Missouri floods, and were able to effectively mobilize our 39 offices across the state and connect them together.” – John and Anne Coddaire, volunteers and donors.

In the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Catholic Charities worked tirelessly to provide needed services for the people of New Orleans affected by the storm. We established and operated the Greater New Orleans Field Office (GNOFO), a multi-agency center that provided coordinated services and resources to individuals and families affected by the storm. Catholic Charities served as the primary link to government and community resources, and we worked closely with other agencies to provide a comprehensive range of services.

“Even when we were all in the same room, Catholic Charities worked to provide solutions and services.” – Elmore Rigamer, Medical Director.

Catholic Charities responded by opening emergency centers throughout the affected area and providing immediate relief efforts across the region. We opened and operated the operation helping hands, an emergency center that served as a one-stop-shop for those in need of assistance. We provided food, water, clothing, and other basic necessities to those affected by the storm. We also worked closely with other organizations to provide long-term assistance, such as job training and education programs.

In the years following Hurricane Katrina, Catholic Charities has served as an advocate and an outreach organization in efforts to help marginalized communities, including neighborhoods and areas that had been overlooked by aid organizations. We continue to work at an extremely high level, knowing that the needs of communities are ongoing, and we are committed to helping those in need. We believe that by continuing to provide support and assistance to those in need, we can help to rebuild and revitalize the communities we serve.

“Catholic Charities has a wealth of programs that can help people with any challenge they’re encountering... It changed my life and changed my perspective about how the world works even to this day.” – Eric Eckholdt, Executive Director of Catholic Charities.