



Message from Jericho Road Executive Director Brad Powers

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Jericho Road Update

Lots Acquired: 41
Houses Constructed: 16

*All of the building has occurred in the span of 14 months. The first modular home was set into place during the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.



Happy New Year and thank you!

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to you for contributing time, sweat equity and financial support to Jericho Road. Because of you, Jericho Road has become one of the most trusted community-based, affordable home developers in New Orleans.

I'd especially like to thank our lead partners Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) and the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana.

Since the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina - when our first house was set - Jericho Road has developed 16 new homes and completed surveying, lot clearing and site planning on 40 more sites. We are building the highest quality, lowest cost, three bedroom two bath houses in New Orleans - priced at \$119,000.

The City of New Orleans has demonstrated its confidence in Jericho Road in many ways. Jericho Road and the City of New Orleans have successfully partnered with regards to the adjudicated land program. The City has also demonstrated its confidence in Jericho Road by awarding \$280,000 to Jericho Road for soft second programs, making home-ownership possible for more New Orleans families. We look forward to a cooperative and productive relationship with the City of New Orleans in 2008 as well.

For more information about:

- *volunteering
- *buying a Jericho Road home
- *Jericho Road's future plans
- *Jericho Road's partners
- *And much more...

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Jericho Road has received grants from Deutsche Bank, Trinity Wall Street, Louisiana Recovery Authority, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas as well as individual donations from all over the country! On the horizon, we hope to partner with the Greater New Orleans Foundation and The Interfaith Disaster Recovery Finance Fund, lead by the Jewish Funds for Justice.

We are proud of our work in bringing greater accessibility to our homes through the adoption and implementation of universal design. For our efforts we were awarded the 2007 Agency Champion Award from the Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network (LATAN).

Further, by utilizing cutting-edge energy saving techniques, such as spray insulating the entire envelope of the house, we are aiming to reduce energy costs for our clients.

As the new year begins, I am excited to accept the kind invitation of Loyola Law School to participate on a national panel. My focus is to share Jericho Road's experiences of the legal challenges associated with securing adjudicated and abandoned properties.

Never losing site of community involvement, we will participate this summer in the Community Resident Leadership program sponsored by Neighborworks America. As part of their Gulf Coast Training, Jericho Road will lead a New Orleans team of community and housing activists in June of 2008.

And finally, among one of the most exciting and important projects this year is our efforts to clean up a 'brownfield' the size of a full city block. This site, in the midst of our target area, was once a garbage incinerator. Jericho Road will be working closely with city, state and federal officials to correct this environmental injustice and develop housing for low income families and individuals.

As you can see, we have hit the ground running in 2008 and will continue our momentum building affordable housing that will make a greater New Orleans.

Sincerely,

Brad Powers

Brad Powers
Jericho Road Executive Director

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Lisa Easterling is a New Orleans resident and parishioner of Trinity Episcopal Church in New Orleans. In addition to being a hard working attorney, Lisa is finishing her second year of study at Delgado University in their Horticulture Program. She has already passed her licensing exam to be a landscape architect and horticulture specialist in the

state of Louisiana.

Lisa has put her landscape design skills to work for Jericho Road. In addition to doing ALL the design work for the landscapes of four Jericho Road homes, Lisa also coordinated the delivery of all necessary materials and assisted in the actual installation, working alongside volunteers and staff from CrossRoads Missions.

THANK YOU LISA for your contribution to Jericho Road!!

JERICO ROAD EPISCOPAL HOUSING INITIATIVE

Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative, a faith-based nonprofit organization, provides families and individuals affordable home ownership opportunities in New Orleans neighborhoods. With the guidance and support of residents and community organizations, Jericho Road works with other non-profits, private businesses, governmental agencies and faith-based groups to create wealth accumulation through home ownership. This will include new construction and rehabilitation of existing homes. Jericho Road will transform under used land, rebuild neighborhoods and empower communities in one of America's most culturally important cities.



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In consultation with Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Department of Occupational Therapy, Jericho Road is constructing homes that promote accessibility through Universal Design principals. Jericho Road is committed to building homes for a lifetime, serving people who are young and old, with excellent or limited physical abilities.