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Rebuilding homes.



Restoring services.



Reviving hope.



Reaching out.

lowernine.org is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the long-term recovery of New Orleans' historic Lower Ninth Ward in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and the ensuing levee breaches of 2005. Due to its proximity to the Industrial Canal Levee breach of August 29th, 2005, the Lower Ninth Ward was among one of the most devastated neighborhoods in the city, **with 100% of the homes being declared uninhabitable by the EPA**. Our mission is to **help rebuild and revitalize this historic neighborhood**.

Why Rebuild the Lower Ninth Ward?

The Lower Ninth Ward was settled in the early 19th century, and was the first neighborhood in New Orleans where African-Americans were allowed to build their own homes on their own property. According to 2004 U.S. Census Bureau records, 36% of the Lower Ninth Ward's residents lived below the federal poverty level - Despite this fact, **the Lower Ninth Ward had one of the highest rates of African-American homeownership in the nation**, many occupying homes that had been in their families for generations. As of 2014, the Lower Ninth Ward has only regained 55% of its pre-Katrina population compared to 89% citywide.

What We Do

Working with unskilled volunteers under skilled supervision we rebuild and restore storm-damaged homes. As of June 2016, we have completed 83 full rebuilds, and over 257 smaller home rehab and renovation projects, **bringing home more Lower Ninth Ward residents than any other single organization**. Through the use of volunteer labor and private donations, **returning home becomes a much more affordable option for neighborhood residents**. Without our help, homeowners must hire contractors on the open market, which many cannot afford.

Training volunteers in the skills necessary to help rebuild this community, we are learning that by **working together, ordinary, committed citizens can have a positive impact on the lives of the people around them**. We offer many volunteer options for groups large and small, as well as individuals. **Volunteers can work with us for a day, a week, six months, even a year or two!** We also have volunteer housing options for smaller groups and individuals. We work year round, and are especially in need of volunteers in our slow season from August -November. We have several internship positions available for those interested in learning about running a non-profit who wish to commit three months or more.

Pre-Katrina, the **Lower Ninth Ward was a vital, vibrant and deeply rooted community**, and – **with your help** – we believe it can be that once again! Please consider volunteering and/or donating to the cause!

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