About SBP

**St. Bernard Project (SBP)** is a nonprofit rebuilding organization that is dedicated to rebuilding the homes and lives of Hurricane Katrina survivors in Orleans and St. Bernard parishes. Our programs are designed to address the physical, emotional, and psychological devastation caused by the storm.

**Mission** The mission of St. Bernard Project is to remove critical barriers for families who want to return to their homes and lives. SBP carries out its mission through four primary programs: Rebuilding Program, Center for Wellness and Mental Health, Opportunity Housing, and Good Work Good Pay.

**Founders** SBP was founded in 2006 by Liz McCartney and Zack Rosenburg, a teacher and lawyer, respectively, from Washington, D.C., after they saw the tremendous needs, yet solvable problems in the New Orleans region.

**Progress** Since its inception, with the help of more than 27,000 volunteers, SBP has rebuilt more than 320 homes and is currently working on more than 60 houses at a time. SBP has expanded its Rebuilding Program into Orleans Parish and opened the Center for Wellness & Mental Health. The Center’s clinical team--faculty and post-doctoral students from LSU’s School of Medicine--provides free therapy services to an average of 85 to 90 patients each week.

**New Programs** SBP recently launched its Good Work Good Pay program, which employs local returned war veterans and other unemployed populations, to address the unmet housing needs in the region. We believe this model can become a national model for cities affected by natural or economic disasters. In addition, SBP has launched its Opportunity Housing program which rents and sells housing to local residents at affordable rates. This program will create nearly 1,000 units of affordable housing.

**Needs** More than 480 families are still living in FEMA trailers and more than 6,000 families own a home they cannot afford to rebuild. SBP needs your help. Please volunteer, donate, or spread the word to help more deserving families move home.

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**Media & Awards**

- President Obama recognized SBP in his Katrina address as an innovative model for post-disaster recovery, August 2010
- Social Innovator Award, Office of the Louisiana Lieutenant Governor’s 2010, February 2010
- Innovator of the Year, City Business, July 2009
- New Orleanians of the Year, Gambit Weekly, January 2009
- CNN Hero of the Year, November 2008
- Social Entrepreneurship Award, Manhattan Institute, October 2008
- Hero of the Storm, Friends of New Orleans, June 2008
- Caring Award, the Caring Institute, 2010

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“I THANK ST. BERNARD PROJECT FOR HELPING MY FAMILY GET BACK INTO MY HOME FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ALMOST 5 YEARS.”

-SHELITA HARRELL

HOMEOWNER

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