

## **Are You Ready to be a “Man or Woman for Others,” joining with other Wheeling Jesuit University Alums to rebuild Post-Katrina New Orleans?**

After sponsoring five successful student trips attended by 65 students, 7 staff (including four alumni and one faculty member) to the New Orleans over the last two years, the Service for Social Action Center is offering a trip for up to 10 willing and able WJU alumni from May 19 – 26, 2007. The trip will be lead by Susan Haarman, the Mother Jones House mentor, co-leader of three previous Katrina recovery trips, and participant in the Ignatian Solidarity Network’s recent conference *Rebuilding Our Community: Facing Racism and Poverty* in New Orleans.

While in New Orleans, alumni will gut houses for the disabled and elderly of the city who are unable to do so themselves. This is the first step to rebuilding and requires little to no construction experience. On most evenings, you will meet representatives from social service agencies and the people of New Orleans to learn about how they are rebuilding and the justice issues that still need to be addressed. There will also some time set aside on two evenings to enjoy the French Quarter and relax, too! As our students do on each trip, we will ask you to participate in evening reflections on each day’s experiences.

The group will stay in housing provided by Catholic Charities in New Orleans. All meals are provided by the Catholic Charities as well, with the exception of dinners in the French Quarter, and meals on the way to and from New Orleans. **The itinerary is:**

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| Saturday, May 19  | Leave Wheeling Jesuit University @ 10 am (van transportation provided)<br>Stay overnight in route to New Orleans (The location is still to be determined) |
| Sunday, May 20    | Arrive in New Orleans in the afternoon; attend orientation, possibly a few hours of work and prayer in the evening.                                       |
| Monday, May 21    | House gutting from 8:30 am – 4 pm with lunch provided on-site<br>Evening, community program and reflection  |
| Tuesday, May 22   | House gutting from 8:30 am – 4 pm with lunch provided on-site<br>Evening opportunity to visit the French Quarter  |
| Wednesday, May 23 | House gutting from 8:30 am – 4 pm with lunch provided on-site<br>Evening, community program and reflection  |
| Thursday, May 24  | House gutting from 8:30 am – 4 pm with lunch provided on-site<br>Evening opportunity to visit the French Quarter  |
| Friday, May 25    | Depart New Orleans for Wheeling<br>Stay overnight in route to Wheeling. Probable overnight lodging at CrossRoads Ministry in Louisville, KY               |
| Saturday, May 26  | Arrive at Wheeling Jesuit University by mid-afternoon   |

Other details:

1. The cost of this trip is **\$250** per person for food, transportation, lodging, and necessary equipment. This does not include the cost of meals in transit to and from New Orleans or dinners in the French Quarter.
2. Alumni who prefer to join the group in New Orleans, rather than traveling there by van from Wheeling, the cost of the trip is **\$150**. They must arrive at the Catholic Charities-designated lodging no later than, Sunday evening at 5 pm. Wheeling Jesuit University is not responsible for pick-ups from or deliveries to the airport or other locations in New Orleans.
3. All participants on this trip must commit to work, eat, and lodge with the group from Sunday evening until Friday morning. Exceptions are emergencies only.
4. All participants are expected to participate in full a day's work each day and any planned community program or reflection. Exceptions are emergencies only.
5. For information on the details of the trip, contact the Service for Social Action Center at 304-243-8728 and speak to Erin McDonald, assistant director, or Susan Haarman, Mother Jones House mentor.
6. To register, please send a **deposit of \$50** to the Alumni Office no later than **April 9, 2007**. The **balance** of the fee will be due at the Alumni Office no later than close of business, **May 11, 2007**.

We hope you'll join us as we help rebuild the lives of the people of New Orleans.

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