

Caring

Heartbreaking Destruction



Rachel, a Student at Children's Carousel

Kids

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To the Wonderful People and Companies Who Contributed to this Project:

The last couple of months here in Southeast Louisiana have been very difficult for everyone affected by the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. There is no one in our area who has not been affected in some way. Homes have been destroyed and many lives have been lost or scattered. There are huge piles of debris everywhere, growing daily, with no end in sight.

I know that everyone outside the Greater New Orleans area has seen media coverage, and that coverage has waned in recent weeks. It is human nature to think that if it is not in the forefront, that the crisis is over. However, the suffering in our area will continue for years to come. Every day since Katrina hit, has been a new understanding of the significance of the impact she has had on our area. Even I, who have been here through the entire ordeal, am struggling with the realization that this disaster is much worse than I ever originally imagined it would be. The recovery is going to take significantly longer than I ever dreamed. "Normal" will not be possible for a very, very long time. The people of our area are strong, however, and we are working hard, day-by-day, to get things cleaned up and to make the area better than it ever has been.

Children's Carousel Learning and Daycare Center was hit very hard by Hurricane Katrina. Our Baby Building was totally destroyed and our Main Building sustained significant damage from about a foot of stinky, nasty lake water. My husband and I spent long days cleaning up the ensuing mold and mildew and getting things ready to reopen. We lost so much due to the destruction and flood waters, that we did not know how we would ever fully recover.

When we were contacted by Suzanne Daubert, Executive Assistant to Craig Covell, President at Everlast Roofing, Inc., concerning their spearheading a donation drive (with the help of faculty, students and families in the Cornwall-Lebanon School District) for Children's Carousel here in Metairie, Louisiana (pronounced Met-A-Ree), we were ecstatic. We never imagined that anyone would ever care enough to devote the time to do such a thing for us. We are truly humbled, and our hearts are full of gratitude for the wonderful generosity of your community. Words simply cannot adequately express how we feel.

At a time that we were on our knees, your community reached out and extended a hand when we needed it most. Your kindness and generosity will forever and always be appreciated. The items donated will be gratefully accepted and well utilized for years to come.

Thank you so very much, from the bottoms of our hearts. God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Aymond, NAC
Director/Owner of Children's Carousel Learning & Daycare Center
Metairie, Louisiana

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