



You can help your neighbors in need! **Join Neighbors to the Rescue**

Building on the successful model launched in Jacksonville this year for Hurricane Katrina evacuees, Neighbors to the Rescue creates a network of community volunteers that adopt neighbors in need. The program also meets the needs of Floridians recovering from Hurricane Wilma by creating a virtual warehouse of available materials, goods, services, transportation and housing.

The volunteer effort will be led by community leaders serving in the hardest-hit Wilma counties, including: Broward, Collier, Hendry, Lee, Martin and Miami-Dade. These leaders will help designated volunteer organizations build the virtual warehouse, facilitate adoptions of neighbors in need and strengthen the network of assistance.

Neighbors wishing to help neighbors can offer to “coach” a neighbor to recovery or donate goods and services by emailing and participating volunteer organizations. **To participate in Broward County**, the first to implement the program, neighbors can email our partner Volunteer Broward at neighbors@volunteerbroward.org or visit www.VolunteerBroward.org.

Other participating Neighbors to the Rescue organizations include:

Collier County – Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., Patricia Rios, (239) 793-0059, cc-riosp@hotmail.com, www.catholiccharitiesdov.org.

Hendry County – Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., (239) 826-6463, www.catholiccharitiesdov.org.

Lee County – Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc., Marielys Figueroa, (239) 334-4000, www.catholiccharitiesdov.org.

Martin County – M.I.N.D. (772) 463-8369 or (772) 781-0223, 1500 Kanner Highway, Stuart, FL 34995