

Saviour Lutheran church and Pastor Bruce Hanson. The congregation of Our Saviour is small, their fellowship hall is certified to hold 65 people but that didn't stop them from contacting the Red Cross and volunteering to shelter refugees from Hurricane Katrina. They quickly filled the hall and then the sanctuary where people turned pews into beds. Based on conservative estimates by the church and the Red Cross Our Saviour helped over 5,000 people with food and supplies and sheltered 280 souls for various lengths of time during the weeks it operated as a shelter. But their story of service doesn't end there; they remain certified as a Red Cross Shelter and continue to take supplies to Katrina victims in Bayou La Batre.

Although the Junior League of Mobile had no experience in disaster relief they didn't shrink from the challenge. They quickly learned how to use their organizational strengths to build partnerships that would maximize their ability to serve those devastated by Hurricane Katrina. JLM partnered with over 40 other agencies, tapped the Junior League network for both financial and human resources, and stepped up with programs and services such as working with displaced

families aboard the Holiday, providing clothing, cleaning and medical supplies, raising money, providing Christmas gifts, delivering teaching materials to schools that had lost everything, and coordinating volunteers to aid in rebuilding.

The JLM invested over \$57,200; directly distributed another \$75,000 worth of goods; contributed over 2,110 hours of volunteer service which had a combined measurable impact for over 35,000 individuals from across the entire Gulf Coast.

Each of our Parker award winners not only aided their neighbors recovery efforts, they provided them with Hope, and that is a truly invaluable gift for without hope life feels unbearable.

Tickets are still available for *Dinner for Hope*. The proceeds from this event will benefit the programs and services of the Salvation Army in Mobile and Baldwin counties. Our keynote speaker is Governor Bob Riley. *Dinner for Hope* begins at 7:00 p.m., at the Arthur Outlaw Convention Center. If you would like to attend contact Jonathan Adler at 251.438.1625. Tickets are \$150 each or \$1,250 for a table of ten. Reservations must be made by October 18, 2007.