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**EIGHT DAYS OF HOPE XVII PROVIDED FREE HOME REPAIRS TO 132 FAMILIES IN EIGHT DAYS**

Tupelo, MS – Eight Days of Hope (EDOH) brought over 1,500 volunteers together from 42 states to serve 132 families in need of home repairs in LaPlace, LA, following the devastation of Hurricane Ida.

From April 9 to April 16, volunteers completed \$3.1 million of work, including projects such as flooring, drywall, insulation, painting, mechanicals, and more. In just eight days, volunteers re-roofed 38 roofs in LaPlace.

“It was humbling to serve the community of LaPlace. We are less than four months away from the start of hurricane season, and there are still families who are waiting for their homes to be gutted from last year’s storms,” says Stephen Tybor III, EDOH President and CEO. “To see volunteers from across the United States come together to help these families brought hope to me, and it brought hope to this community.”

EDOH partnered with Marathon Petroleum Corporation (MPC), New Wine Christian Fellowship, and St. John Parish Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG) to complete the repairs. MPC generously supported the cost of building materials as a part of its “Celebrating Resiliency and A Brighter Tomorrow” initiative.

“On behalf of St. John the Baptist parish, we want to thank Eight Days of Hope for their love and generosity in assisting 132 families in rebuilding their homes after Hurricane Ida. Our entire community is overwhelmed with gratitude. We pray God will continue to richly bless the staff and volunteers of Eight Days of Hope,” remarked Pastor Neil Bernard, Chairman of the St John Parish LTRG.

“When we see this large crowd, we realize how much people care. We were at our lowest, and today, we are at our highest.” - District 3 Councilwoman Tammy Houston

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**About Eight Days of Hope**

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