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EIGHT DAYS OF HOPE XVIII PROVIDED FREE HOME REPAIRS TO OVER 100 FAMILIES IN LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, IN EIGHT DAYS

Tupelo, MS – Eight Days of Hope (EDOH) gathered with over 1,000 volunteers from 41 states to assist 107 Lake Charles families who were heavily impacted by the five destructive storms since 2020.

From December 3-10, volunteers completed \$2.1 million worth of work. Projects included drywall, roofing, flooring, demolition, painting, and electrical repairs, and more!

Steve Tybor, CEO of EDOH shared, "This week our team embraced families across Southwest Louisiana to help them after the 2020 and 2021 storms. We worked with incredible local officials and groups during this outreach to bless those in need right before Christmas."

EDOH partnered with local Lake Charles organization, Southwest Louisiana Responds, who seeks to provide relief to residents of Lake Charles after hurricanes. Hannah Sober, SWLA Responds Director of Case Management, stated, "From the very beginning of the storms, our area has felt forgotten. Whenever groups like EDOH come in, it really does bring a breath of fresh air to the community. It shows people who felt down and out that God does know their need. It may not be in the timing initially thought, but God comes through."

Braylon Harris, a local pastor, father, and SWLA Responds Executive Director, shared about the EDOH relief efforts in Lake Charles. "Many organizations see the need to rebuild, and they come in and do structural work; but few organizations understand and really facilitate an opportunity for revival and doing the spiritual work. At Eight Days of Hope, it wasn't just eight days of rebuilding it was eight days of revival. The testimonies, the word, the devotion, the worship has moved from just rebuilding houses to really reviving people - especially those who have labored in this area like our team for the last two years."

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ABOUT EIGHT DAYS OF HOPE

Except for a small staff, Eight Days of Hope is an all-volunteer organization. We serve all people regardless of race, gender, religion, or ethnicity. Please visit www.eightdaysofhope.com for more information, to provide financial support, or to volunteer.

ABOUT SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA RESPONDS

After Hurricane Laura and Delta devastated the area, Southwest Louisiana Responds was initiated in order to help those in desperate need of home repairs – including roofing, flooring, and carpentry work. SWLA Responds connects individuals affected by hurricanes to volunteer organizations that desire to repair and restore what was lost in Lake Charles and surrounding areas. Hannah Sober is the current Director of Case Management for SWLA Responds. To volunteer, apply for assistance, or find more information, visit www.rebuildswla.org.