

NEWS FLASH
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The Newton Marasco Foundation is providing direct support to those impacted by Hurricane Katrina by working with Habitat for Humanity to rebuild roofs and water seal homes in Mississippi. We are coordinating our efforts with those of Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia through our Advisory Board member, Bart Tucker, who is the President of Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia.

As you may know, NMF and Executive Board member Peter Trick's Environmental and Organizational Services group at SRA have raised about \$18,000 to help build "green" (environmentally-sound and energy-efficient) Habitat homes in Northern Virginia. We are working with Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia to use \$5,000 of those funds to directly help a Habitat affiliate in Mississippi. Bart is taking a Habitat crew to Mississippi this week and our \$5,000 will be immediately used to buy building supplies. Bart is overseeing this operation and taking all the right steps to ensure environmentally-sound approaches are used. Bart and his crew leave on Thursday of this week and plan on starting the rebuilds by Friday afternoon! Best of luck to Bart and the team.

Bart expressed great appreciation to NMF and said, "The NMF funds will make a difference; with these funds, we can fill up the trailer with more supplies and get people back into homes." And as our President, Amy Marasco Newton noted, "We are taking immediate action as a charity to help out, all the while keeping it in our mission of helping communities and organizations to be good environmental stewards."

In the next few weeks and months, we may also organize volunteers to go down and work on some rebuilds in the Gulf area. Be on the lookout for communication about such efforts.