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PINNACLE SERVICES STAFF HELPS IN NEW ORLEANS

The group is dedicated to help rebuild the city

July 1, 2006 (Minneapolis)—Over a long weekend in late June, staff of Pinnacle Services made a trip to New Orleans to support the rebuilding effort in response to the devastation following Hurricane Katrina. The staff worked in the 9th Ward, one of the areas hit hardest by the storm.

Most of the staff gutted homes that had not been touched since the storm, nearly 10 months after the hurricane. The group removed and salvaged what they could of the previous homeowner's belongings, but mostly everything was destroyed by the flood water. Mold was everywhere and staff wore protective masks to avoid inhaling dangerous airborne toxins. Once the belongings were removed, the volunteers ripped out drywall, cabinetry, appliances and fixtures so the inside of the home could be completely rebuilt.

There is an assumption that New Orleans has returned to normal since the media coverage has diminished. While progress continues to be made, there is still work that needs to be done. Pinnacle Services hopes to continue to support the "A River of Hope" relief project by sending staff as volunteers on future trips. For more information, visit www.ariverofhope.com.

Additionally, Pinnacle Services wants to thank the individuals and businesses who showed support by donating money and supplies. Without their support this trip would not have been possible, and all of the hard work and support the employees provided to the 9th Ward would have never happened.

The mission of Pinnacle Services is to ensure quality services are provided to the people they serve. Additional information about Pinnacle Services can be found at <http://www.pinnacleservices.org>.

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