The 2005 hurricane season spurred The Salvation Army’s largest natural disaster response effort in the United States in its 130-year history.

The Salvation Army received $382 million in donations for emergency response services following hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma in 2005.

$157 million was utilized for immediate disaster recovery - 70 percent of which went toward direct financial assistance to survivors – including gift cards, accommodations assistance and utilities assistance. The remaining 30 percent of the total spent went to meal services, cleaning and personal hygiene supplies for survivors, equipment, and transportation and lodging for Salvation Army disaster personnel.

**Intermediate Recovery Statistics**

- **2.6 million** people received assistance.
- **5.6 million** hot meals served.
- **8.2 million** sandwiches, snacks and drinks provided.
- **25,000** survivors located through SATERN system.
- **282,000** social service cases registered.
- **178** Canteens and **11** Field Kitchens in the many areas affected.
- **890,000** hours of service provided by officers, staff and volunteers.
- **Ministered through Pastoral Care to 275,000** individuals.
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The Salvation Army has continued to develop long-term programs, emphasizing community capacity building and resiliency.

**New Orleans, LA:** The Salvation Army, with local partners, is developing 125 new, energy efficient and affordable homes, and renovating 125 more with green building standards as part of its EnvirRenew program. The houses will be occupied by police officers, teachers and other key groups to encourage growth and development in the community.

The Salvation Army is also working to improve attendance rates at area middle and high schools through the Emerg program. With 19 of the 21 local Emerg schools averaging 92 percent-plus attendance, results are promising for the future of New Orleans youth.

**Mobile, AL:** In July 2010, The Salvation Army opened a new homeless shelter for women and children on the site of a shelter destroyed following Hurricane Katrina. The new shelter will house up to 50 mothers and their children and provide case management, child care and educational opportunities.

**Biloxi, MS:** The Salvation Army has begun construction of a 52,000 square foot Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center. The center will feature a water park, a fitness center and performing arts space, and is on the site of Yankie Stadium – where The Salvation Army previously operated a “volunteer village” for Katrina aid workers. The center is scheduled to open in late 2011.

Long-Term Recovery Statistics

- **106,100** families received assistance and in-kind donations from eight Salvation Army Distribution Centers.
- **2,400** community projects received funding to rebuild communities in the Gulf Coast.
- **2,200** homeownership partner grants for the purchase of new homes were distributed.
- More than **5,000** people who became unemployed received job training and re-employment services.
- **84,000** cases registered helping **350,000** people with repair, rebuilding, furnishings and supplies.
- More than **8,000** individuals resided at the volunteer villages representing **56,000** nights of lodging for recovery teams.
- **Opened more than 265,000** cases representing over **828,000** individuals.

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