

SVdP – Disaster Services Corporation assists Friend in Need after Devastating Flooding

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul-Disaster Services Corporation (SVdP-DSC) is working in the Diocese of Shreveport with the Society's Council president, Brian Burgess. SVdP-DSC provides support across the nation to St. Vincent de Paul Councils and Conferences during times of disasters. Currently, SVdP-DSC is providing Disaster Case Management services in the Diocese of Shreveport to families impacted by the spring 2016 floods.

Our friend in need, Ms. Lizzie Harris, received damages to her roof, floors, walls and bedroom during the March 2016 flood. We began working on Ms. Harris's recovery plan September 9, 2016.

We obtained numerous estimates, however our client lives below the poverty guidelines therefore, she was unable to obtain funding to have her roof repaired and was in dire need. Each time it rained, more water was coming into her home and damaging her roof, walls and floors.

Mr. Jay Murrell of Pintail Roofing, LLC contacted our office and visited with Mrs. Harris's Disaster Case Manager, Jean Wood and volunteered to place a tarp on Ms. Harris roof to prevent the rain from coming inside her home. Mr. Murrell is also a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Mr. Murrell obtained the shingles and had a new roof installed for Ms. Harris at no cost on Thursday, February 2, 2017. In addition, the boards on her home were badly damaged and Mr. Murrell also had the boards replaced on her home.

Ms. Harris will be celebrating her 90th Birthday in August of this year. She has a very positive attitude and a strong faith in God. She expressed her sincere appreciation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Disaster Services Division, in North Louisiana, Brian Burgess, president of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of Shreveport and Jean Woods, Disaster Case Manager. Ms. Harris would like to extend special thanks and recognition to roofing contractor, Mr. Jay Murrell for her beautiful new roof!

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