

10-5-2005

A 1,600-Mile Odyssey: Three Groups Head to Mississippi to Help with Hurricane Relief Efforts

Follow this and additional works at: https://ecommons.udayton.edu/news_rls

Recommended Citation

"A 1,600-Mile Odyssey: Three Groups Head to Mississippi to Help with Hurricane Relief Efforts" (2005). *News Releases*. 9586.
https://ecommons.udayton.edu/news_rls/9586

This News Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Marketing and Communications at eCommons. It has been accepted for inclusion in News Releases by an authorized administrator of eCommons. For more information, please contact frice1@udayton.edu, mschlangen1@udayton.edu.



Oct. 5, 2005
 Contact: Teri Rizvi
 rizvi@udayton.edu
 (937) 229-3241

NEWS TIPS

(Editor's Note: Relief efforts along the Gulf Coast remain difficult to schedule. Students in the UD chapter of Campus Crusade for Christ will now travel to Pass Christian, Miss., instead of Gulfport, Miss., because of relief effort complications at Kenwood Missionary Baptist Church. They will now work through Trinity Episcopal Church. All other details remain the same. Please replace this news release with one issued Oct. 4.)

A 1,600-MILE ODYSSEY:

THREE GROUPS HEAD TO MISSISSIPPI TO HELP WITH HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS

PESCAGOULA-BOUND – A group of 10 students and two teachers from the Dayton Early College Academy (DECA) will travel to hurricane-ravaged Pascagoula, Miss., to help with clean-up efforts Oct. 5-9. DECA is a Dayton public high school on UD's campus.

The group will depart at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 5, from the parking lot at DECA, located outside the College Park Center on Brown Street across from Holy Angels Church. "They'll be distributing goods, shoveling mud, cleaning up debris and helping with landscaping," said Judy Hennessey, principal of DECA. "I think it might be a life-changing experience for the kids."

Contact **P.R. Frank**, DECA media adviser and organizer of the trip, at (937) 414-7975.

BILOXI-BOUND – Approximately 55 University of Dayton students, faculty and staff will make a 1,600-mile round-trip journey by bus to Mississippi Oct. 7-11 to help the Catholic diocese of Biloxi with hurricane clean-up efforts. The trip is being coordinated by UD's Center for Social Concern during UD's fall mid-term break.

The group will meet at 8 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 7, for a prayer and to load the bus outside the Immaculate Conception Chapel. The bus will depart at 9 a.m. They will stay at the diocesan retreat center in Dedeaux and spend their time unloading trucks, delivering food, cleaning churches and schools, and helping with debris removal – all coordinated through the Catholic Charities Distribution Center in Biloxi.

"The damage has been very, very significant," said Nick Cardilino, director of the Center for Social Concern. "You have an immense amount of rural poverty, and the diocese is facing problems with some of its schools and churches being wiped out to the ground."

Contact **Nick Cardilino**, director of UD's Center for Social Concern, at (937) 229-2576.

-over-

PASS CHRISTIAN-BOUND – Approximately 34 students from the UD chapter of Campus Crusade for Christ and three staff members from Miami University will travel in three vans to Pass Christian, Miss., to help with clean-up efforts Oct. 7-11. They are expected to leave at 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 7, from 403 Stonemill Rd.

In a relief effort organized by the Trinity Episcopal Church, the group will tear out wet carpet and drywall in Gulfport homes, organize a clothing and toy drive, and prepare meals.

"I have a heart for service and helping out other people," said Deveen Sresthadatta, a junior pre-physical therapy major from Columbus, who's organizing the trip. "The UD community has been very willing to help out. It's very, very inspiring."

Contact **Deveen Sresthadatta** at (937) 627-8406.