

## ***A Second Line of Help for New Orleans***

Second line parades are a tradition in brass band parades in New Orleans, Louisiana. The "main line" is the main section of the parade, or the members of the actual club with the parading permit; those who follow the band just to enjoy the music are called the "second line." This year, the National Hemophilia Foundation Social Work Working Group (NHF SWWG) needs your assistance in bringing a "second line" of help to New Orleans.

As the region \_\_\_\_\_ representative to the NHF SWWG, I am excited to spread the word about this new initiative planned as part of the NHF annual meeting.

The NHF SWWG is responsible for planning the social work educational track for the NHF annual meeting, which is being held this year in New Orleans. During our winter planning meeting, one of our members, Jennifer Buttell, the social worker at the HTC at Tulane University, shared stories of the on-going efforts to rebuild New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. Our group was inspired by these "main line" efforts and decided that we could help contribute to these efforts through a "second line" community service project.

This year, for the first time, the NHF SWWG is conducting a service project in conjunction with the NHF annual meeting. We will be collecting supplies and gift cards for the Lower 9th Ward Community clinic in New Orleans. All participants at the annual meeting are encouraged to bring at least one of the following items to donate to the clinic:

- Office supply store gift cards (Office Depot, Staples)
- Antibacterial liquid hand soap
- Alcohol preps
- Ink pens (black)
- Post it notes
- Lysol spray or Antibacterial wipes

The Lower 9th Ward Community Health Clinic is a community-driven response to fill the unmet healthcare needs that emerged in the wake of the post- Katrina floods. The clinic officially opened on February 27, 2007 with a mission "to provide high quality, cost-effective, culturally sensitive healthcare services to the community, regardless of ability to pay." For more information about the clinic, please visit their website at <http://www.l9whc.org>

Even if you are not attending the meeting, you can still participate! If you are interested in donating items, please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_ . We hope this will be the first of many social work service projects to come. Thank you for your help in making this a success!



**Before & After** — The photo above shows the front room in Pat Berryhill's home after it was gutted after Katrina's floods. The photo on the right shows that same room now, facing back towards the direction from which the first photo was taken. This is the lobby of the Lower 9th Ward Community Health Clinic.



**FEMA Markings** — Building inspections after the flood were for bodies. These are the markings left following the initial inspection of Pat Berryhill's home on St. Claude Ave. It is now the home of Lower 9th Ward Community Health Clinic.

**It is amazing what we can accomplish when we put our talents and God-given gifts together for the betterment of our community. This is a time of reflection, but also a time of rebuilding. In the words of Hehemiah, "Let us rise up and build."**  
— Alice Craft-Kerney

