

Bringing survivors together ...

KATRINA AID TODAY

In 2005, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita ripped through the southern United States, leaving many residents of that area without homes, jobs to go to, or many alternatives.

Over 2,000 survivors came to Colorado seeking short and long-term aid. Colorado Springs received the most evacuees of any city in the state, and The Salvation



Army continues to support over 600 of them through its programs, mainly “Katrina Aid Today” which provides long-term care to those who have decided to call Colorado Springs home.

Through the combined efforts of the Katrina First Response Team (KRT) and The Salvation Army, a women’s support group was formed for survivors of the gulf coast hurricanes.

The group has steadily grown, under the sponsorship of KRT and The Salvation Army. They offer survivors an opportunity to come together for a variety of reasons. They are able to provide mutual support to each other, share resources, and learn of local services and new coping skills to deal with their losses.

Though the group is open in nature and presents a welcoming atmosphere, a sense of confidentiality and safety prevails. Discussions of personal issues are mixed with education, and group selected topics. The group meets weekly at the Salvation Army Center on Yuma Street where they meet and enjoy lunch in the Center’s dining room.

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