

February 13, 2008

Dear Residents of Lafitte:

**We're excited to let you know that we're rapidly approaching a construction start date at Lafitte.** Right now we're in the process of finalizing our financing arrangements, and although the economic climate is tough, we're still on track to have our first residents on site by the end of this year.

Construction will start on the infrastructure first – the roads, sewers, electricity and other utilities that will service the community. We expect it will take about 4 months to finish the first three blocks of infrastructure (between Rocheblave and Galvez). About a month after the infrastructure work starts, we'll be getting started with building the new homes.

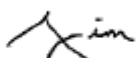
We're also working to get back in touch with all Lafitte residents – to make sure we have the latest contact information for people, and ideally also email addresses. **Please take a moment to complete the enclosed survey and return it to us.** It will help us keep you informed about our construction progress, jobs, homeownership opportunities, and other news. **If you are in touch with other Lafitte residents, please ask them if they received this letter. If not, please encourage them to contact us so we can make sure they receive important updates directly.** The person to contact is our Director of Resident Services, Tammy Crumpton, and she can be reached at (504) 827-9963 or [tcrumpton@providencech.org](mailto:tcrumpton@providencech.org).

Other quick reminders:

- **Interested in finding out about job or small business opportunities on the site?** If you are, please contact our new Section 3 Coordinator (who deals with both employment and contracting) Sombra Davis (504) 827-9963 or [sdavis@archdiocese-no.org](mailto:sdavis@archdiocese-no.org).
- **Are you interested in home ownership?** There are 10 renovated homes for sale in the Treme neighbourhood, and one has already sold. The houses come with 12 foot ceilings, a hardy plank exterior, bamboo floors, and all appliances (including washer and dryer). A subsidy is available to low income families. For more information contact real estate agent – Stephanie Woodside at (504) 975-1575. There are 3 models of homes, each with 3 bedrooms, ranging in price from \$119,000 to \$180,000.
- **Sojourner Truth Community Center is open** – if you're in New Orleans please stop by to learn more about the services being offered out of the Center, and opportunities to program the space. Talk to Carol Carter at (504) 827-9963 for more information (or by email at [ccarter@archdiocese-no.org](mailto:ccarter@archdiocese-no.org)). Our monthly meetings with residents continue on the second Wednesday of every month from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Community Center.

All the best to you and your families, and please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about our work, or want more information about how to get involved. You can also find more information on our website at [www.providencech.org](http://www.providencech.org).

Sincerely,



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