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Community Partnership for Homeless Offers Help to Victims of Hurricane Katrina

Miami, Fla —August 30, 2005— Community Partnership for Homeless is currently providing assistance to victims of Hurricane Katrina. With thousands of local individuals being impacted by the storm, over eight hundred individuals in ravage stricken areas have utilized Community Partnership for Homeless shelter services. These persons who are residing either on the streets of Miami-Dade County or in places currently uninhabitable, have increased the 702 nightly occupancy rate to over 800 since Hurricane Katrina.

“We have an obligation to provide services to people in need and are ready and willing to do what we can in our community,” said Dan Vincent, Executive Director. Staff has been at full capacity and currently operating in over-time as Community Partnership for Homeless assists disaster organizations in preparing over 10,000 meals per day to be utilized on American Red Cross canteens stationed in areas throughout Miami-Dade County ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. “We recognize the need to help others; however, our commitment is here at home with needs going unmet locally as national attention moves to Mississippi and Louisiana.”

Community Partnership for Homeless operates two Homeless Assistance Centers located at 1550 North Miami Avenue, and 28205 SW 125th Avenue, Homestead. Together, the centers provide emergency housing and supportive services to persons in need of assistance. Donations are currently being accepted to off-set the rising general operating dollars needed in providing assistance to these displaced individuals and families. Donations can be made on-line by visiting www.cphi.org or by mail to Community Partnership for Homeless, Attention: Development Department, 1550 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida 33136.

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