



Emerald Contractors Helps Hurricane Katrina Victims

PALM HARBOR, Fla. (July, 2009) – Emerald Contractor, Inc. a design/build remodeling firm based out of Tarpon Springs sent its principal, John Marzulli to work alongside the youth group of St. Anastasia Church to help the still battered victims of Hurricane Katrina in Gulfport Mississippi.

Melody Marzulli- Ott, John's daughter is the youth minister for St Anastasia Church in St. Augustine. For the past 4 years Mr. Marzulli has worked with her group of adult supervisors and young men and women to help in the relief efforts made possible by Project Hope and Compassion's - Camp Hope", which is a ministry of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Lizana, MS.

Mr. Marzulli along with 7 adults and 22 young men and woman worked 12 hour days on several projects. They removed ramps from FEMA trailers (to be re-used on other homes later on), hung and finished drywall, framed and trimmed walls, built storage sheds and installed shelving. The reward for Mr. Marzulli was seeing young men and women, who upon arrival the first day, didn't know one end of the hammer from the other, leave after three days with new skills and a sense of accomplishment that they had not possessed before. In addition, the owners of the homes for whom we worked were beaming at the progress made toward the restoration of their lives.

These victims, as do most of the victims of hurricanes rely on the charitable efforts of faith and non-denominational foundations, who provide the labor and materials at no cost to them. It is very empowering to Emerald to give back to the community, which is a core value of their company.

Anyone interested in helping, go to www.projecthopeandcompassion.org