

ANDREA, MONICA, ANNETTE AND LURCY

CHALLENGE
Coming into contact with families who are in need who may have to wait months longer before getting help.

WHAT WE DID:

- LORNA connected with the Mennonites who agreed to work with SMHA in the rural areas again
- SMHA identified nearly 76 homes in need of repairs to date
- Catholic Charities agreed to partner, providing much needed funding
- SWLA (Southwest Louisiana Responds) agreed to partner with much needed funding and case management

RESULTS TO DATE:

- 17 home repairs completed
- 16 homes entered as new needs,(to be vetted)
- 5 homes have been approved to be worked on.
- 6 potential new builds
- TOTAL volunteer hours 3168
- Mennonites came in the first of November to identify houses to be worked on thru the middle of December

- **We continue to use the interactive card created by SWLA (Southwest Louisiana Response) and MDS (Mennonite Disaster Services)**
- **While out in the community we came across the Mennonites working on one of the homes, Mrs. Virginia Simon who had a stroke. A NEW ROOF WAS ADDED AND MINOR CEILING REPAIR ON THE INSIDE.**



A MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

IT APPEARS THE LONGER WE ARE OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY LOOKING FOR FAMILIES, THE WORD IS GETTING OUT ABOUT THE SERVICES WE ARE LOOKING TO PROVIDE. PEOPLE ARE SHARING OUR INFORMATION WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO NEED HELP, AND THOSE FAMILIES ARE CONTACTING THE OFFICE. THERE IS STILL SUCH A HUGE NEED, JUST IN THE SMALL COMMUNITIES WE ARE WORKING IN. ESPECIALLY WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF THE FEMA TRAILER PROGRAM COMING TO AN END IN FEBRUARY.