

New Orleans Updates

from Sr. Maureen and her elves
Thursday, February 21, 2008—Part 3



The Home of Garmanne Mack

Garmanne, like the Lees, was helped last year but there was more to do. Her interior is beautiful now but the outside needed work. We completely stripped her house of asphalt siding, wrapped it in Tyvek, and pounded almost 3000 nail/buttons. The rain on Wednesday did not slow us down. We thought we were through but had to get the rain downspouts back up. Sister Ingrid Honore-Lallande, C.S.J., from northern California was our only injury when a hammer fell on her head from a ladder she was moving. Only one injury was amazing because sometimes six of us would be working on ladders of various heights up to 25 feet, in the 36 inch area between the houses. Janice worked on the house in addition to her other duties.

A home healthcare worker who stopped to talk to us on Monday, returned Wednesday with a surprise lunch of red beans and rice, fried chicken, sweet tea, and apple raisin cobbler. She was not a person of means but had such a generous heart. She wanted to thank us for still caring about the people.

Bruce and Wilma Rolland, her sister, Loretta and husband, Robert Graskemper, Ed Kalenda, Sister Ingrid, Ellen Cherin, Bob and Gail Carter were the recipients of a very fine meal. Dick showed up from his rounds just in time.