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Dear

With pictures of Hurricane Katrina's wrath streaming out of the Northern Gulf, residents of Florida are remembering the devastation that hit virtually every region of our own state last year.

Even as those newly displaced by Katrina's devastation are flowing into Florida seeking refuge, there remain so many victims of Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne who continue to struggle with the chaos those storms wrought in our own communities. We're seeing again what so many Floridians discovered in that painful season: weather may not discriminate, but Mother Nature is not an equal opportunity destroyer. Those with means can better protect themselves before disaster strikes, and they have more resources to help them recover after. With both poverty and calamity, the working poor and indigent are doubly devastated.

Thankfully, throughout Florida last year, there were pro bono attorneys who stepped up to assist the victims of the hurricanes, helping them recover homes, jobs, benefits, assets and documentation, guiding them through the ancillary crises that emerged months later. Long after the Red Cross was gone, Florida's volunteer attorneys were on the job. Because after the initial food, water and shelter issues are addressed, *that's* when the real recovery work begins. And Florida's volunteer attorneys were there. You ARE the reinforcements.

You are needed today. You can help Katrina evacuees recover. You can help Florida residents still struggling to recover. And in ways that really no one else is able to offer, you can help others be adequately prepared for next time.

Please, call (or fill out the enclosed form, go online, etc.) _____
to volunteer your special expertise to those in need.