



**This
week
marks the
3rd Anniversary
of Hurricane
Katrina**



For the past three years, the resilient residents of the gulf coast have come together to help the region recover, and to rebuild their communities in new and innovative ways.

Friends of New Orleans thanks the countless volunteers from around the world who have donated time and money to help build a stronger gulf coast, and we honor the **2008 Heroes of the Storm:**

The Tipitina's Foundation, Women of the Storm, New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation, Broadmoor Improvement Association, Holy Cross Neighborhood Association, Beacon of Hope, Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans, St. Bernard Project, New Schools New Orleans, Idea Village and Reconcile New Orleans.

To ensure that their efforts are sustained, we ask the nation's leaders to commit to a long term recovery plan that includes:

- ◆ **Category 5 Flood Protection.**
- ◆ **Restoration of Louisiana's Coastal Wetlands.**
- ◆ **A Federal Recovery Czar who reports directly to the President with authority and resources needed to get the job done.**
- ◆ **Reform of the Stafford Act: the law governing our nation's response to disasters in the United States.**
- ◆ **Funding of the gap between the recovery funds provided to date and what it will take to rebuild to 21st century standards.**