

'The Giving Circle' to conduct Operation: Waveland, MS

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As part of this year's project, The Giving Circle, Inc. is currently working with a team in Waveland to assess the housing and material needs of the community, and formulate a plan of action. Operation: Waveland, MS will help families rebuild/build homes and recreational facilities, and bring needed supplies to the schools, hospitals, and local library. Plans also include a project involving a volunteer force from Saratoga Springs and Waveland to assist in "Spring Clean-up" in Waveland through an existing service organization such as the Red Cross. Volunteers will begin a clean up of parks and beaches so kids have a place to play, help in preparation of properties for a future home-building phase, and any other

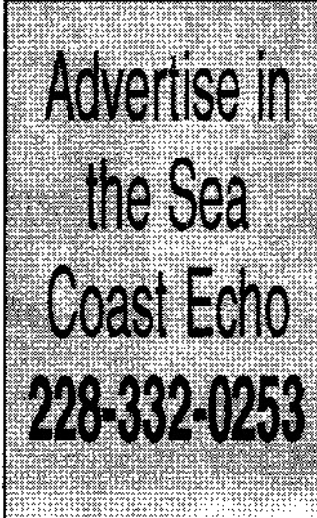
cleanup job that presents itself.

Work is already underway. A plumber from Florida has been volunteering his services in Waveland working from the Needs Assessment forms generated by The Giving Circle. Using these same forms, a group of retired licensed attorneys through Karing Katrina, an organization based in Northbrook and Glenview, IL, have volunteered their services to help Waveland residents work with insurance companies to obtain compensation for Waveland losses.

The Giving Circle, Inc. is sponsoring a write-a-thon contest to help local elementary schools raise money for the Waveland Elementary School, which was destroyed by the hurricane. More details and contest rules

can be found on our website.

The Giving Circle, Inc. is collecting donations of gift cards from Wal-Mart, Home Depot, and Lowes so families in Waveland can purchase needed supplies. The Giving Circle, Inc. is also accepting donations by check for Operation: Waveland, MS. (The Giving Circle, P.O. Box 3162, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866).



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