

# Welcome Home 9th Ward!

*Common Ground wants to invite you to join a local community network designed to provide mutual aid in the 9th Ward.*

***Cooperation and Mutual Aid!***

***Solidarity not Charity!!***



The Common Ground Collective is based in Algiers. We are comprised of local and outside volunteers. Our lives are dedicated to working toward social justice for all peoples. We see that there was great inequality before the storm in the ninth ward. We believe this inequality continued during the storm, and we see that this inequality is continuing NOW, after the storm.

Since Katrina hit, our collective has built a community center in Algiers that offers water, food, cleaning supplies, internet access, house repairs and a free medical clinic. We are a community-run organization offering solidarity and mutual aid to the citizens of New Orleans and the surrounding areas. Common Ground's team includes doctors, lawyers, aid workers, community organizers, and volunteers of all stripes and creeds.

This is a determining time for residents of the Ninth Ward. It is critical that the residents return home. Common Ground will aid local efforts in the creation of similar services and share a common vision of cleaning up and rebuilding the Ninth Ward. It will not be comfortable at first, but needs will be met. WE WILL SURVIVE this by WORKING TOGETHER.

If we all work together to clean and rebuild, and work through the discomfort, we can keep the ninth ward community in the hands of those who live here.

In order for this to happen, residents must return and be willing to help and communicate with each other. Only then can we work towards establishing a ninth ward free medical clinic, distribution center, and volunteer work crews to remove trash, and volunteers to help rebuild and repair damaged homes.

Common Ground is placing these flyers on every door in the 9th ward. We are also starting to clean the streets of the ninth. We are willing to provide transportation to medical clinics, help with FEMA and Red Cross forms, help provide the following aid: cleaning supplies, water, and food until we can open a community center in the ninth ward that has its own clinic and distribution abilities, computers, and legal aid.

It is our belief that the ninth ward community will have more of a chance of surviving if the residents know that aid and relief are available for the long-term. Please consider staying the course and letting others know about the efforts being made.

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Contact Common Ground's 9th Ward Organizer Brandon Darby at (512) 912-8000 to get involved.

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