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## MSU fraternity helps with Katrina recovery

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Members of Mississippi State University's Phi Delta Theta fraternity will spend part of next week on the Gulf Coast to help rebuild areas hit by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

About 45 fraternity members are volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in Bay St. Louis Sunday through Tuesday.

It's the group's third annual trip to assist with Katrina recovery on the coast.

"I'm proud to say that more than a third of our undergraduate members will make the drive to the coast this year to build houses for Katrina victims over Christmas break." Nicholas Papas, public relations chairman for the fraternity, said in a news release. "I hope our efforts will encourage other campus organizations to help out in 2009."

Habitat for Humanity established a local office in Hancock County to help residents rebuild following the Aug. 29, 2005 storm.

Over the past two years, the MSU fraternity has sent more than 80 members to Bay St. Louis to help.

This year, chapter members will provide more than 700 work hours for low-income families in need of housing.

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