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Kingsley House Reopens September 9 following Hurricane Gustav

NEW ORLEANS – We are pleased to announce that Kingsley House did not sustain any damages from Hurricane Gustav and was able to resume services at all of our locations on September 9, 2008.

Before the storm arrived, Kingsley House served as a hurricane evacuation staging point for senior citizens and medically fragile adults. Six Kingsley House staff members volunteered to help evacuees evade the path of Gustav by guiding them to the proper points of transportation. Passengers began arriving at the gymnasium early Saturday morning, August 30, where they waited to board buses bound for Central Station, the point of embarkation for all New Orleans residents. Approximately 250 individuals were staged through Kingsley House and eventually made it safely to various destinations in northern Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

About Kingsley House

Founded in 1896, Kingsley House has served the children and families of New Orleans through tough times of dramatic change. Today, Kingsley House educates children, strengthens families and builds community at a time even more vital in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Since the storms, Kingsley House nationally-accredited programs have served more than 20,000 children, youth, parents, senior citizens and medically disabled adults in 12 parishes throughout Southeast Louisiana. Kingsley House programs include Head Start and Early Head Start preschool programs, day care for senior citizens and disabled adults, after school education and recreation for youth, family counseling, and assist families in Medicaid and Food Stamp enrollment.