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## Press Release

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### **Kingsley House to help former St. Bernard public housing residents return home**

*New collaboration with St. Bernard Redevelopment LLC to provide critical services during resettlement of new mixed income community*

**NEW ORLEANS, La. (June 10, 2009)** – Kingsley House, a United Way Community Impact Partner, is pleased to announce the launching of a new initiative designed to assist former residents of the St. Bernard public housing development return to the new Columbia Parc at the Bayou District mixed income community.

In collaboration with St. Bernard Redevelopment LLC, the Kingsley House Community and Supportive Services Program will provide critical social and human services to residents as they return to the neighborhood and begin to resettle. Kingsley House will provide intensive case management work and will connect individuals with job readiness and skills development resources, computer literacy training, GED and adult education, financial management training, and substance abuse treatment referral. Kingsley House case managers will also work with property management and developers to identify additional services to help rebuild the community and enhance the overall self-sufficiency of residents.

“We are excited about working together to help former residents return to this exciting new mixed income development, which in turn will help bolster the recovery of this community,” says Dr. Keith Liederman, Executive Director of Kingsley House.

Construction of Phase I at Columbia Parc at the Bayou began in December 2008. The development will include 465 mixed income townhouse and carriage style homes to be ready for occupancy in the fall of 2009. Kingsley House will operate the Community and Supportive Services Program until May 2012.

#### **About Kingsley House**

*Kingsley House, nationally renowned as the oldest Settlement House in the South, has served more than half a million people since it was founded in 1896. Today, we serve nearly 7,000 people annually throughout Southeast Louisiana in a wide variety of nationally accredited and state certified capacity building programs. We continue to devote all of our energies and resources to our mission— **Kingsley House educates children, strengthens families, and builds community**—as we work toward the successful recovery, rebuilding and healing of our city, state and region. **Kingsley House is a United Way Community Impact Partner***