



# KATRINA'S DREAM

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ON JANUARY 2, 1942 AT THE BEGINNING OF A GHASTLY WAR, THIS PICTURE WAS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF NEWSPAPERS AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE HEADLINE: LITTLE GIRL MEETS ROOSEVELT & CHURCHILL. HOWEVER, KATRINA WAS TELLING EVERYONE, "I MET MRS. ROOSEVELT ON MY BIRTHDAY: MRS. ROOSEVELT IS JUST BEHIND CHURCHILL."

July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Governor Bobby Jindal  
Office of the Governor  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Governor Jindal,

By way of introduction, my name is William G. Swanson, I am one of the founders of Katrina's Dream, an organization founded in the memory of my mother, the Rev. Katrina Swanson, who was one of the "Philadelphia Eleven". For a number of reasons, too lengthy to go into detail, at this time, I felt called to help out with the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. In writing a paper for my coursework: God and Creation, with Professor Kwok, at Episcopal Divinity School, I felt more and more called to come to your lovely state of Louisiana. I am working with Nell Bolton, Executive Director of the Episcopal Relief & Development Fund of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, along with Rebecca Templeton of Bayou Grace Community Services.

We here at Katrina's Dream are kicking about different ways to aid you and your staff in these trying times. They are as follows:

1. Posting links to our website of various organizations and the programs they are working on and/or have up and running. For example, we are working on our new program **Vocation Vacations**, which has different levels of operations, from private/corporate sponsorship of youths/students, who are willing to camp out or be housed in houses of worship to families who want to encourage their children to care of the environment. I am sure you can envision the possibilities.

2. Then as luck, not sure if luck is the right word here, would have it, I have been involved with the ocean from my earliest days. My uncle founded a "1970's style country" called Oceanus. Naturally, as the family home is nestled in the family compound located in Southwest Harbor, Maine, I like the rest of my family have a deep love for the ocean having grown-up around the waters. I now live in the San Francisco Bay Area and have my own professional boat maintenance business. This being the case when an established San Francisco Bay Area company, whom I work with on various projects, approached me when they found out that I was going to be going down to Louisiana to write my paper, they suggested that I bring attention to a product called Elastol. While I do not have sufficient experience working with it, I hope that it could be of significant help with the oil spill clean-up. My hope is that this will aid the locals in participating in the clean up of this oil spill.
3. O, I almost forgot, my father-in-law, the Rev. George Swanson, will be putting his compact disc, *The City of New Orleans*, up for sale with all proceeds going to organizations that are identified in this process.

Finally, I will copy your offices, from time to time, as ideas come to us. I look forward to working with you offices.

Governor Jindal, thank you for all that you do for the great State of Louisiana. Our prayers are with you.

Sincerely,

*William Gaines Swanson*

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Founder, *Katrina's Dream*