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Deadline to Apply to *The Road Home* Homeowner Assistance Program and Small Rental Property Program is July 31

Baton Rouge, La., July 25, 2007 – The deadline to apply to *The Road Home* Homeowner Assistance Program and Round 2 of the Small Rental Property Program is July 31, 2007.

Louisiana homeowners who owned and occupied their homes at the time of Hurricane Katrina or Rita and suffered damage as a result of one of the storms may be eligible to receive assistance through *The Road Home* program. Owners of single-units, double-units, condominiums, town homes and mobile homes are encouraged to apply.

Program officials stressed that this is a deadline to apply, not a deadline for the entire program. The Housing Assistance Centers will still be available to homeowners for initial appointments and advisory service appointments past the July 31 deadline.

The Small Rental Property Program also has a deadline of July 31. **Owners of one- to four-unit buildings** may apply, including town homes and condominiums provided that they meet all of the program's basic eligibility criteria.

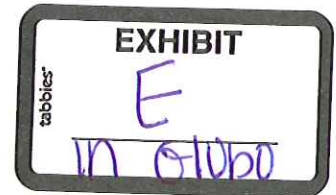
The Road Home's Outreach Workshops and Application Training Sessions offer assistance with applications. Visit *The Road Home* Web site or call the toll-free number to learn about a workshop near you or to reserve a seat at a training session.

To start your application to *The Road Home* program, visit www.road2LA.org or call 1-888-ROAD-2-LA (1-888-762-3252). TTY callers use 711 relay or 1-800-846-5277.

The Road Home program is designed to help residents of Louisiana affected by Hurricane Katrina or Rita get back into their homes as quickly and fairly as possible. This groundbreaking program represents the largest single housing recovery program in U.S. history. Working together, Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, the Louisiana Recovery Authority and the Office of Community Development created *The Road Home* program with the approval of the Louisiana Legislature. The program affords eligible homeowners up to \$150,000 in compensation for their losses to get back into their homes.

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Easter Seals Louisiana to Team with *The Road Home* Program to Focus on Elderly and People with Disabilities

BATON ROUGE, La., July 26, 2007 – Easter Seals Louisiana has entered into an agreement with *The Road Home* program to provide outreach efforts to homeowners affected by Hurricane Katrina or Rita who are elderly or have disabilities, program officials announced today.

"With its unique understanding and history of service to the elderly and individuals with disabilities throughout the state, Easter Seals will be able to perfectly fill the role of assisting these individuals as they move through The Road Home process," said Michael Taylor, director of the Disaster Recovery Unit, Office of Community Development.

Selected through a competitive process, Easter Seals will assist the elderly and individuals with disabilities through *The Road Home* process as follows:

- Assist in locating and assembling required documentation to help facilitate The Road Home application process;
- Coordinate transportation through common carriers or contracted transportation providers to and from Housing Assistance Centers;
- Provide in-home assistance to the client to follow up on the status of an application or trouble shoot with the client;
- Accompany the client to the Housing Assistance Center, if needed;
- Answer Road Home related questions and provide appropriate community based referrals, in addition to housing needs. i.e., mental health, VA, SSA, etc;

Any Louisiana homeowner who has yet to apply to the program can start the application process by visiting www.road2LA.org or by calling 1.888.ROAD.2.LA (1.888.762.3252 or TTY: 1.800.566.4224). Those homeowners must apply before the July 31, 2007 deadline.

Homeowners who need assistance or have already started the application process may contact Easter Seals directly by calling 1.866.996.4243 (1.866.996.4AID) for assistance.


Easter Seals Louisiana is a nonprofit, community-based health agency whose mission is to help people with disabilities achieve independence. Easter Seals Louisiana has been providing programs and services helping children and adults of all ages with disabilities throughout Louisiana since 1951.

It is estimated that nearly 500,000 people with varying degrees of disabilities reside in Louisiana. In many cases, an individual may have a combination of two or more disabilities, creating unique circumstances and needs for each individual. With offices in New Orleans, Metairie, Covington, Thibodaux, Alexandria, Shreveport, and Monroe, Easter Seals has earned a reputation as one of the State's most trusted and respected non-profit organizations.

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Overview of the Homeowner program

The Road Home program – the largest single housing recovery program in U.S. history – was developed to help our residents get back into a home or apartment as quickly and fairly as possible.

Through *The Road Home*, eligible homeowners have three compensation options:

1. Stay in your home.
2. Purchase another home in Louisiana.
3. Sell your home and choose not to remain a homeowner in the State.

The last day to apply to *The Road Home* program was July 31, 2007. If you would like to check on the status of your application please call 1.888.ROAD.2.LA (1.888.762.3252), TTY callers use 711 relay or 1.800.846.5277 or e-mail: inquiry@road2LA.org

After applying to the program, processing should take approximately six to eight weeks. Some applications may take longer, however, due to unresolved issues about titles, missing documentation, etc.

Homeowners who have additional questions that can not be answered by the Call Center are encouraged to schedule an Advisory Services appointment.

Eligible homeowners affected by Hurricane Rita or Katrina may receive up to \$150,000 in compensation for your losses to get you back into your homes.

Although providing assistance to homeowners is a top priority, *The Road Home* also aims to restore the tens of thousands of rental units that were damaged by the storms. The Small Rental Property Program is designed to provide loans and incentive grants to property owners who operate affordable rental homes.

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