

# Hurricane Katrina

*A Decade of Progress through Partnerships*

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## Feed My Sheep

2615 19th St., Gulfport, Miss. 39501

Applicant: City of Gulfport

FEMA Funding: **\$1 million**

Harrison County



**BACKGROUND:** For more than three decades Gulfport's neediest residents have counted on the humanitarian services provided by the Feed My Sheep nutrition center. The new 6,000-square-foot facility, dedicated in January 2009, serves and delivers nearly 100,000 lunches a year for the city's homeless and the needy. It is the sole provider of charity meals in the city of Gulfport.

Before Hurricane Katrina devastated the Mississippi shores, Feed My Sheep operated from a kitchen space located within the old Gaston Hewes Recreational Center.

**DAMAGE:** Due to the historic storm surge and high winds, the Gaston Hewes Recreational Center was damaged beyond repair. Plans for a new recreational center did not include space for a soup kitchen. The non-profit group that runs Feed My Sheep decided to open a new stand-alone facility.

**FEMA FUNDING:** Feed My Sheep, through the city of Gulfport, received a Public Assistance grant of more than **\$1 million** toward rebuilding their new facility. The soup kitchen has the capacity to serve more than 300 meals daily and is open for lunch five days a week. The new self-sufficient facility comes with a state-of-the-art kitchen, public restrooms and exposed ceilings.



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