

# TOM PALUMBO & CO. HELP OUT DOWN SOUTH

Oyster Bay resident Thomas C. Palumbo led a group of New York based volunteers to aid in the cleanup efforts of New Orleans this past spring. Together with Project Hope, 25 men and women spent four days gutting and cleaning out homes. This group is part of Priority Associates in New York City, which works with business professionals, helping them integrate their faith in the workplace.

Project Hope started out of the love of one person and their family to help other people and families in the New Orleans region whose homes have been damaged as a result of Hurricane Katrina. It is a hometown effort by a local family to help others in need during this difficult time. Since September this same family has been hosting volunteer groups in their home, which was undamaged in the hurricane.

Volunteer teams are coming for any length of time, but understanding the work restraints of most people, the teams typically arrive early on Thursday and leave late Sunday. Most groups have been able to work on one house per day, though the possibility for more or less depends on the makeup of the group and the status of the home. In addition, most of the work is extremely strenuous and four days of



Oyster Bay resident Thomas C. Palumbo (center, right side wearing sunglasses) and his group of New York-based volunteers traveled to New Orleans this past spring to help gut and clean out homes.

straight work is usually a person's capacity for this kind of work. Each house varies and while some houses do not have any of the contents removed, other houses may need only demolition.

A veteran financial planner, Palumbo has been, with Diefendorf Capital Planning Associates in Locust

Valley since 1988. He specializes in personal financial planning for individuals as well as small business employee group benefits for entrepreneurs. As a 3 Dimensional Wealth Practitioner (C3DWP), Palumbo firmly abides by the principles of personal, social & financial wealth. He said "that taking time out my business life and participating in the relief efforts for those devastated by Katrina produces a wealth that cannot be measured."

To learn more about Project Hope or Priority Associates, visit [www.PriorityAssociates.org](http://www.PriorityAssociates.org).