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KATRINA KREWE CLEANS UP NEW ORLEANS!!

NEW ORLEANS, LA (January 29, 2006) - The **Katrina Krewe** has truly exploded into something wonderful! What started in November as founder Becky Zaheri's way to clean up the area following the devastation that Hurricane Katrina left behind is now a non-profit corporation that just received 501(c)3 status with volunteers from all over the country and donations from all over the world. What an accomplishment for this stay-at-home mom just trying to make the city better for her children. The growth of this organization in only 3 months is phenomenal, to say the least, with over 200 volunteers per cleanup and an overall list of more than 1,000 volunteers (gaining hundreds weekly).

The cleanups take place every Wednesday and Saturday from 9 am to noon when the Krewe bags trash along common thoroughfares throughout the city. The cleanups are turning into mini-fests with businesses donating food, jazz bands playing tunes and ladies dance clubs joining in – you wouldn't expect anything less in New Orleans!

Other projects to be funded through donations include an anti-litter education campaign, the purchase of "shoot style" trash receptacles for major intersections and a "clean and green" program of replanting areas after they are cleaned.

We hope you will join the Katrina Krewe in helping to restore New Orleans to the best that it can be. To help bring New Orleans back and to donate to this worthy cause, please check out their website www.cleanNO.org for more information.

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