



## **St. Bernard Project**

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To Whom it May Concern:

I write this letter in support of Bob Caretto. Bob has volunteered with the St. Bernard Project since November, 2006. Simply put, from the moment Bob arrived, our organizational capacity and our efficiency took mammoth steps forward. Via a variety of roles, Bob's building experience, insight and work ethic have made the St. Bernard Project a better and more effective organization.

The St. Bernard Project is a non-profit organization, whose mission is to remove barriers for families who wish to return to their Hurricane Katrina damaged homes. Mainly, we are a rebuilding organization. Using volunteer labor and donated building supplies, we turn gutted out home into livable family residences. Since we opened our doors in August 2006, we have completely rebuilt 34 homes and worked on more than 75 homes.

Bob came to us in November with a simple goal - using his significant building experience to help us achieve our mission. Jobs were neither too big nor too small for Bob. What Bob contributed most, however, was his insight into how we could become a more efficient and well-organized building company. After Bob came, we re-evaluated and re-designed our whole building process. The result - driven largely by Bob's thoughts and suggestions - was that we developed a highly efficient and structured re-building process. Where houses previously took 8-12 weeks to rebuild, we are now able to completely rebuild a house in 5-6 weeks. Because of this increased efficiency, we are able to help a greater amount of displace families.

I cannot say enough about Bob's impact on our organization. He was patient when patience was called for and he was constructively directive when we needed a push. His building experience combined with his life experience allowed him to be a crucial resource and partner.

I am sad that Bob is moving on, but wholeheartedly support any endeavor which he chooses to undertake. I have no doubt, he will choose well, and accomplish all of his goals. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any further information.

Very truly yours,

Zack Rosenberg  
Co-Founder