



### **What is Jericho Road?**

Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative is a faith-based nonprofit organization providing families and individuals with affordable home ownership opportunities in New Orleans neighborhoods. With the guidance and support of residents and community organizations, Jericho Road works with other non-profits, private businesses, governmental agencies and faith-based groups to create wealth accumulation through home ownership as well as the development of high quality well managed affordable rental housing. This includes both new construction and rehabilitation of existing homes. Jericho Road will transform under used land, rebuild neighborhoods and empower communities in one of America's most culturally important cities.

### **When was Jericho Road established?**

Conceived in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and formally launched in March of 2006, Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative was formed through a partnership between The Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana and Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD). ERD is based in New York City and provides funding and technical assistance to those in need all over the world. With a grant of \$2.3 million dollars from ERD, Jericho Road began its work to bring homeownership to Central City. Jericho Road is dedicated to a community based approach and we understand that resident driven development is the only chance for long term sustainable and systemic change.

### **What are Jericho Road's Partnerships?**

#### **Jericho Road and CrossRoads Missions - Home Building Partnership**

Jericho Road acquires properties and prepares sites for construction. CrossRoads Missions staff directs volunteers who assist in Jericho Road homebuilding.

#### **Youth Construction Training Partnership**

New Orleans youth learn the construction trade on the Jericho Road homebuilding site. Reconcile New Orleans staff manages the young workers on site while Jericho Road volunteers and CrossRoads Missions staff assist as mentors and role models.

### **What has Jericho Road accomplished?**

Jericho Road has proven to be a powerful and nimble new organization having led the "adjudicated land" effort and quickly building homes. Jericho Road has built more houses in its first 18 months than many non-profit builders have in their long history here in New Orleans. We are currently averaging just short of one, high quality, TRULY affordable house a month. (sale prices of \$115,000 - \$124,000). Further, we are leading edge in our design. Not only have we adopted the traditional pre-existing neighborhood architecture, we have also adopted the central tenants of Universal Design - allowing the broadest range of folks to live and thrive in our homes! Recently, Jericho Road has been named the Agency of the Year by Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network for our universal design work.

Jericho Road has already invested \$1,700,000 of our own funds in Central City. With 35 more lots under site control, another \$4,000,000 is already budgeted for the next three years for the construction and sale of single family homes.

### **What are other future projects of Jericho Road?**

In addition to infill projects, Jericho Road is cleaning up a brownfield (a contaminated site), the size of a full city block, in Central City. The Saratoga site has a total pre-clean up, clean up and development budget in excess of \$3,200,000.00. The targeted completion date for this project is June 2009.