



## Architect Pairing Program

Created after the Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the **Architect Pairing Program** provides homeowners and businesses within the 11 parishes served by AIA New Orleans who are in need with design professionals and architectural services. The program involves 'pairing' volunteer professionals to these individuals that have been qualified to receive these services. AIA New Orleans acts as the main point of contact for the individuals assisted and architects in the program both to make the initial pairing, to provide follow-up services, to ensure quality and timeliness of services and more. Initially serving the public on a direct 'emergency' basis, it is clear that the need for this program is still great and AIA New Orleans is currently in the process of formalizing and expanding this program in order to more efficiently serve a larger public—and we need your help!



This program began quietly at the end of 2006, being advertised only at special events including the Housing Solutions Summit, and at various neighborhood association activities. Although AIA New Orleans never publicized these services or program outside of these special events, the program was quickly overwhelmed by inquiries and AIA New Orleans continues to receive calls and inquiries for this program on a daily basis.

Money raised at events such as this one provide a portion of the funds needed for us to support a dedicated Program Manager and to educate and inform the public in order to help rebuild homes in the New Orleans area through outreach and media efforts. **The growth of this pairing program, including exposure to a wider population of New Orleans, can only be possible with the simultaneous growth of our resources.**



In the months immediately following hurricanes Katrina and Rita, AIA New Orleans was contacted by over 300 homeowners and businesses seeking assistance and, unfortunately, the number of requests we receive continues to climb simply due to word of mouth. While we have been able to assist many residents, it is clear that as an organization AIA New Orleans can do much more with this program. Our goal for this program is to reach--and thus serve--a much larger population of New Orleans by providing services and educating the public about architecture, design, planning, and more.

AIA New Orleans is seeking your support for our **Architect Pairing Program** initiative.

**Your contribution will allow AIA New Orleans to continue and expand the Architect Pairing Program and the rebuilding of our community.**

For more information on ways you can help the Architect Pairing Program, including volunteering or to make a donation, please contact AIA New Orleans Executive Director, Melissa Urcan at [urcan@aianeworleans.org](mailto:urcan@aianeworleans.org) or by calling 504-525-8320. To learn more about AIA New Orleans, please visit [www.aianeworleans.org](http://www.aianeworleans.org).