Hurricane Katrina Relief Project
Lynn Meadows Discovery Center
Gulfport, MS

Project: Volunteer design/build project to help Mississippi’s only children’s museum reopen after Hurricane Katrina. The 1,100 SF facility provides a multipurpose space for summer camps, art and music classes, lectures, and community meetings.

Organization: The project was spearheaded by a group of students and faculty at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Numerous other organizations donated supplies, labor, and funds to the project.
A gift for Lynn Meadows

Tech college offers free building

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Students from the Tallahassee Community College's (TCC) engineering technology program have been working on a new home just off North Monroe Street since December. The house will be completed in the next six weeks and the family that is building it will then build a new home for it, which will be located on the TCC campus.

The project is part of the college's ongoing effort to build sustainable homes using recycled materials. The students will be using recycled wood from the nearby Florida Forest Products plant, which is located just south of the college.

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