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### **'First Parish Hit – First to Recover'**

*Plaquemines Parish Breaks Ground on Third Community Center*

- Who:** **Plaquemines Parish Government** & Parish President Billy Nungesser, **Plaquemines Legacy Campaign** Chairman/Mississippi River Bank President Mike Bush, **United Way** for the Greater New Orleans Area
- What:** **Groundbreaking event to celebrate Plaquemines hurricane recovery effort** with new **community center in Port Sulpher.**
- When:** **Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009**  
**1:30 p.m.**
- Where:** **Port Sulpher Community Center**  
**28028 Highway 23**  
*Behind South Plaquemines Parish High School*
- Why:** The center is part of a public-private partnership to **provide a 'one-stop shop' for family services** that will encourage residents to return **to the hard hit southern section of Plaquemines Parish.** The four centers are starting construction and are being underwritten through FEMA reimbursement funds.

**The Legacy Campaign has raised over \$2.5 million toward its \$5 million goal to supplement federal funds by providing facilities and services at the centers, for which FEMA is not allowed to pay. By law, FEMA can only replace destroyed buildings.**

The Legacy Campaign will use half of the funds for new fitness centers, outdoor pavilions, swimming pools and a new youth center in Buras. The rest of the money will be used for an endowment fund through which the YMCA will establish programs for children, families and the elderly.

This is the third in a series of four groundbreakings; work has already begun on two community centers in Boothville and Buras. One final groundbreaking ceremony will be held in **Davant on March 4**, with special guest **Renae Conley**, Entergy Louisiana President.

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