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Lt. Governor Visits Margate, Launching Volunteer Relief Program

Margate, FL November 23, 2005 – The North West Focal Point Senior Center in Margate was host to Florida Lt. Governor Toni Jennings on Wednesday as she spoke about a program called *Neighbors to the Rescue*. Partnerships between the Florida Hurricane Relief Fund and Volunteer Broward have organized this effort to help those affected by Hurricane Wilma.

Neighbors to the Rescue puts people in touch with people (or neighbors in touch with neighbors) in an effort to provide relief to families whose lives were disrupted by the recent hurricane. As Lt. Governor Jennings stated, “we have so many of our own Floridians who have had their lives turned upside down.” This program plans to connect volunteers and community resources through a “virtual warehouse” on the Internet. It was modeled after a successful program used in Jacksonville after Hurricane Katrina.

Those who would like to learn more about getting involved in *Neighbors to the Rescue* should visit www.FlaHurricaneFund.org for a complete list of participating volunteer groups. To register in Broward County email neighbors@volunteerbroward.org or visit www.volunteerbroward.org for further information.

Broward County is the first of the nine hardest hit counties to implement the program.

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