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FAMILY RECEIVES KEYS TO NEW HOME THANKS TO DISASTER RECOVERY PARTNERS

NOVEMBER 28, 2018 [ROCKPORT, TX] – Harvey and Lynette Mullenax moved to their property in Rockport in 1972. Harvey, a World War II Veteran, built their house from the ground up. His humility and hardworking spirit were one of the many things his daughters, Dawn and Ellen, admired. “We helped him frame the house, put in the insulation and hung the sheet rock,” said Dawn. “Building this house was truly a family effort.”

In April of 2017, Harvey passed away – four months before a hurricane bearing his name destroyed the family home. At the time of the storm, his wife Lynette was in the hospital recovering from an accident and was evacuated to Austin and then to Houston to live with their daughter, Dawn. Lynette has been living with Dawn until today, when disaster recovery partners completed building her brand-new home. “It means the world to us and our family,” Dawn expressed. “I know it would mean the world to them [my parents] to see everyone come together on their behalf.”

The American flag hung today, belonging to Mr. Mullenax, was one of the few items that survived the hurricane.

Construction on the new home began in mid-August and was built by Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) and Christian Public Service. Funding was provided by a combination of MDS and the Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group (CBDRG). The American Red Cross sponsored the transportation of MDS members to the Coastal Bend to assist with disaster recovery efforts. Additionally, the home was filled with perishable and non-perishable food items courtesy of the Coastal Bend Food Bank.

“CBDRG continues to help people recover after the hurricane and we’re so thankful,” said Judge Burt Mills, Aransas County Judge. “It’s heartwarming to see a family get their home back.”

CBDRG, in partnership with several other non-profits, is currently working on 116 major reconstruction projects and have completed 49 projects this year. They are currently seeking volunteers ranging from skilled-laborers to general help. If you, or someone you know, is interested in volunteering, visit their website www.coastalbenddrg.org/volunteer.

ABOUT COASTAL BEND DISASTER RECOVERY GROUP

The Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group (CBDRG) is a volunteer-based coalition created to address the unmet needs of Coastal Bend area residents affected by disaster. CBDRG is a State/FEMA recognized long-term recovery organization and is registered with the State of Texas as a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation as authorized by the IRS.

Established in 2015, CBDRG was formed to continuously coordinate long-term disaster recovery within the eleven-county region of the Texas Coastal Bend (Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, San Patricio, and Refugio) for current and future disasters.

Volunteer Groups and individuals can sign up to join our efforts at our website www.coastalbenddr.org/volunteer or email volunteers4cbdr.org@gmail.com.

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