



Hotel Monteleone

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Hotel Monteleone Donates Nearly 25,000 Pounds of Bedding Valued at \$7,500 *Catholic Charities and Christopher Homes distributes to clients*

December 29, 2009-- Since September, Hotel Monteleone has delivered nearly 25,000 pounds of bedding to Catholic Charities and Christopher Homes clients, a donation valued at \$7,500. With the last donation made just in time for the holidays the Hotel Monteleone has donated nearly 625 sets of sheets, blankets, dust ruffles and comforters and 2,500 pillows, pillowcases and shams.

The Hotel Monteleone partnered with Catholic Charities to reach those who could benefit from the linens. The partnership was a success as seniors were matched with the linens they can use. One such beneficiary was Ms. Elaine Varist, a Catholic Charities' Food for Families/Food for Seniors client since Hurricane Katrina. On Wednesday, November 4, Hotel Monteleone representatives visited the Marrero home of Ms. Varist, 1753 Buccola Avenue, brightening her day with a comforter, blanket, sheets, pillows and pillowcases, in addition to her regular monthly box of food from Catholic Charities.

Volunteers from Hotel Monteleone furnished Ms. Varist's bedroom with the bedding along with other amenities from the hotel, such as bath products and flowers.

According to Ms. Varist, "I'm so happy to receive this generous donation from Hotel Monteleone and am thankful to Catholic Charities for making this possible."

The Hotel Monteleone wanted to ensure that these "gently used" linens made their way to the bedrooms of those who would take comfort from them. The linens are making life a bit more comfortable for seniors like Ms. Varist, survivors of domestic violence served by Catholic Charities' Crescent House, and seniors living at Nazareth Inn.

"Hotel Monteleone is pleased to be able to provide bed linens to families and seniors in our community who really need them," says Andrea Thornton, Director of Sales and Marketing for Hotel Monteleone. "It is part of our ongoing community outreach to improve the quality life for families in New Orleans."

About Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans

Catholic Charities is an umbrella agency of 45 programs in 8 civil parishes of Southeast Louisiana. Catholic Charities provides help and hope to children, families, seniors, the hungry, pregnant women, immigrants, the disabled, domestic violence survivors, and many more. Visit us on the web at www.ccano.org for more information or follow us on Twitter @cathcharitiesNO.

About Hotel Monteleone

Since 1886, the Hotel Monteleone (www.hotelmonteleone.com) has proudly stood as one of the first landmarks in the famous French Quarter. The hotel is the Quarter's largest full-service hotel, featuring 600 comfortable, luxurious guestrooms and suites. Hotel Monteleone is within walking-distance of some of New Orleans most famous attractions and is conveniently located 11 miles from the Louis Armstrong International Airport. Hotel Monteleone is a four-time AAA Four Diamond award-winner, and has won Successful Meetings Magazine's Pinnacle Award twenty two times.

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