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FASA ANNOUNCES PROGRAM TO GIVE BACK TO NEW ORLEANS

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (February 7, 2007) – FASA is teaming up with Hands On New Orleans to give ASCs and ASC professionals from across the country an opportunity to help rebuild New Orleans—the host city for FASA’s 2007 annual meeting. On April 18, 2007, everyone attending FASA 2007, which will take place April 18–21, will have an opportunity to participate in a hands-on service program that will contribute to the city’s ongoing recovery efforts.

Because the needs of the city are changing daily, FASA can’t say for sure exactly what volunteers will be doing on April 18, but all who plan to participate are being advised to come prepared to provide some of the physical labor needed in the city’s reclamation and rebuilding efforts that day. No special training or skills are required.

“ASC professionals and their physician partners are well known for the care and compassion they show their patients each day as well as the contributions they make in their own communities throughout the year,” says Milla Jones, a FASA member and organizer of the FASA charity event. “Many of those individuals were involved in volunteering in Louisiana immediately after the disasters created by Katrina and Rita. We are really excited about being able to provide this opportunity during FASA’s annual meeting for representatives of the ASC industry from across the country to be involved in the rebirth of such a great city as New Orleans.”

Individuals and organizations that are interested in supporting this program but unable to participate in the hands-on service program can make a tax-deductible donation to the FASA 2007 Rebuilding New Orleans Fund. Checks should be made payable to FASA and mailed to FASA Meeting Registration, 1012 Cameron St, Alexandria, VA 22314. Credit card submissions are also being accepted. For information, call FASA at 703.836.8808.

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