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project, helping to reconstruct 13 homes in one neighborhood. Volunteers from all walks of life gave up their vacation time to help homeowners like Elwood see the first major signs of improvement since the storm took away their homes.

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