

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Sarasota 'mudslingers' help Iowans

The 2008 Iowa flood has been devastating for my community and many of my neighbors. Immediately following the disaster, we were mostly in shock. At The Housing Fellowship, a nonprofit developer of affordable housing, nine families lost their apartments to the raging river.

We were connected to the Relief Ministries of Calvary Chapel in Sarasota through our local United Way. Curt and Mary Jo Hencye and members of the Ministry from at least four other states arrived, rolled up their sleeves, donned gloves and masks and

began the daunting task to "muck" us out.

Mr. Hencye absolutely took control of the situation — exactly what we needed. His knowledge, organizational skills, calmness and kindness pulled us through this terrible disaster.

We are forever grateful. It is wonderful to know that so many care. Your community should be very proud of these wonderful citizens. We are so very proud to know them.

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