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Hotel Launches Voluntourism to Help Galveston Recover from Ike

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I normally don't put press releases up on the blog, but I thought this one was especially fitting when I received it. For all the voluntourism we advocate abroad, there are still real issues at home and Hotel Galvez has taken a shot at offering volunteer opportunities to help communities recover from the too often forgotten about Hurricane Ike.

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Galveston Hotel – Hotel Galvez Offers Giving Back to Galveston Voluntourism Package

GALVESTON ISLAND, Texas (March 6, 2009) – Hotel Galvez, A Wyndham® Historic Hotel and [National Trust Historic Hotel of America](#), is offering a [Giving Back to Galveston Voluntourism package](#) geared at travelers willing to roll up their sleeves to help the city recover from the effects associated with last year's Hurricane Ike. According to city officials, Galveston has sustained an estimated \$3.6 billion in damages and losses from Ike.

Confirmed guests are introduced to [Help4Galveston](#), an organization dedicated to helping the city recover from [Hurricane Ike](#). The package is based on double occupancy and is subject to availability and blackout dates.

The Tremont House, A Wyndham Historic Hotel which is anticipated to reopen in late May, will offer its Giving Back to Galveston Voluntourism Package beginning in June.

"There are many people are interested in helping Galveston recover," said Patty Rouse, Hotel Galvez area director of sales and marketing. "We encourage these individuals and couples to visit and give a helping hand to the island and its residents."

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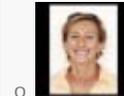
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