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The cities served as shelters after the storm eleven years ago, but now Baton Rouge, Lafayette and the surrounding communities are the ones in need of help. Staff from the Cowen Institute for Public Education Initiatives at Tulane University along with students and volunteers partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Baton Rouge to clean out a flooded home in East Baton Rouge Parish. For many of the volunteers, it was a chance to say thank you for the help New Orleans received after Hurricane Katrina. The day of volunteer work also followed the missions of Tulane University and the Cowen Institute.

“Our mission is to advance public education and youth success in New Orleans and beyond,” says Amanda Kruger Hill, executive director of the Cowen Institute. “The work we did here is in the spirit of lending a helping hand and doing what we can to make the community better in a time of need. We encourage the Tulane University community to get involved. There is so much more work to be done.”