

**Table 1**

**Katrina Victims Adjusting to New Lives**

LOUISVILLE - To ease their sense of homesickness, Terry Medina fixes Cajun favorites for his children in his new Kentucky home.

"I'm going to make some of my jambalaya and my gumbo to make it feel like home," said Medina, a real estate agent who lost everything after Hurricane Katrina slammed into New Orleans.

Medina and his two children were among about 3,000 Katrina evacuees who migrated from the Gulf Coast to Louisville, where many are settling into new lives.



Medina

The Medinas lived in Lakeshore, on the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain. In the days following the hurricane he could only reach the house by boat, as the flood waters in the neighborhood were 10 to 12 feet.

Medina's 11 year-old son and 6-year-daughter are enrolled in school and have made new friends. The family has settled, at least temporarily, into a three-bedroom house. Medina has no car or job, and gets by on unemployment benefits, food stamps and the kindness of others.

"It feels like my life's been turned up in the air and I have to catch all the pieces to it now," Terry said recently. "But I'm glad I have my kids and we're safe."

"We're trying to get through day by day," Terry said.