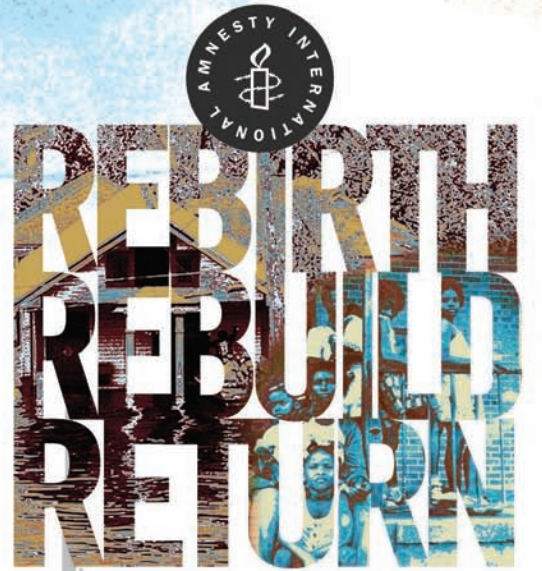
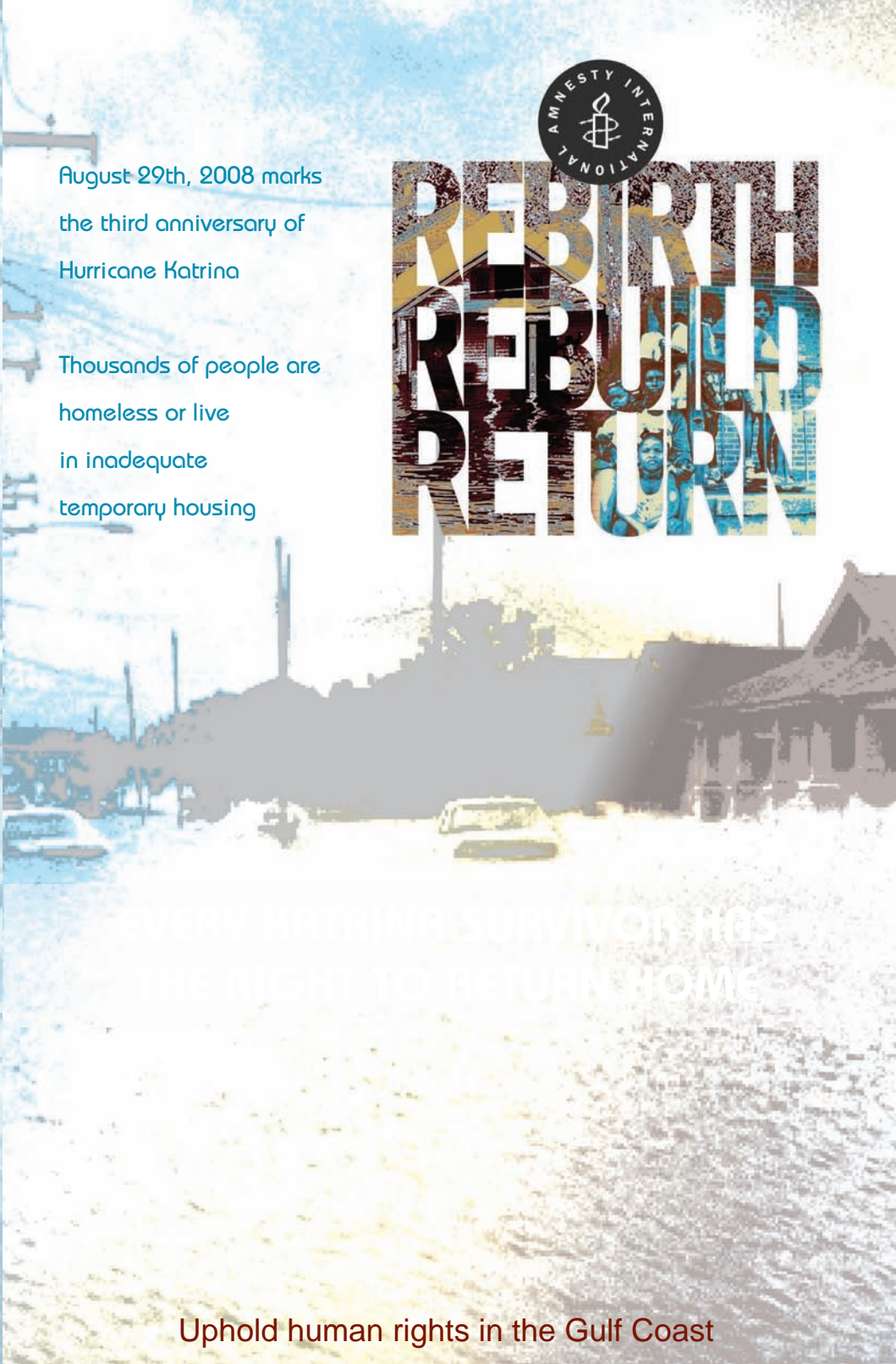




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August 29th, 2008 marks  
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Uphold human rights in the Gulf Coast

# Trouble the Water

Winner of the Grand Jury Prize at the 2008

Sundance Film Festival, *Trouble the Water*

tells the story of two people trapped in New

Orleans by deadly floods, who survive the storm

and then seize a chance for a new beginning.

A redemptive tale of self-described street hustlers

who become heroes, it takes you inside Hurricane Katrina in a way never

before seen on screen. The film opens the day before Katrina makes landfall,

as Kimberly Rivers Roberts turns her video camera on herself and her 9th Ward

neighbors trapped in the city. As the hurricane begins to rage and the floodwaters

begin to rise, Kim and her husband Scott continue to film, documenting their

harrowing voyage to higher ground.



Filmmakers Kimberly Rivers Roberts and Scott Roberts

Directors: Tia Lessin and Carl Deal  
Executive Producers: Danny Glover and Joslyn Barnes



International human rights standards, including the UN Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, guarantee the rights of every person displaced by a disaster like Hurricane Katrina, including the right to return. Amnesty International USA calls upon the federal government to uphold the right of all Katrina survivors to return to their homes. We urge officials to provide access to affordable, safe and habitable housing so that survivors can exercise their right to return.

Survivors should be able to genuinely and effectively participate in the return, resettlement and reintegration into their communities. Authorities should ensure that survivors have access to information for genuine participation. The U.S. government must ensure that the principles of equality and non-discrimination are applied to the return or resettlement of all internally displaced persons.

## TAKE ACTION: What You Can DO

**1** Attend a screening of *Trouble the Water* with your Amnesty International local or student group, family and friends. Go to [www.amnesty.org/katrina](http://www.amnesty.org/katrina) to download our action guide.

**2** Sign and send us the attached postcard, and take a stand to protect human rights in the Gulf Coast.

**3** Call your senator at (202) 225-3121 and tell him or her to pass legislation to uphold human rights in the Gulf Coast.

**4** Become an Amnesty International member! Join the millions of us worldwide who are working to uphold human rights everywhere. Visit [www.amnestyusa.org](http://www.amnestyusa.org) to find out how.

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_,

I am writing to urge you to fulfill your commitment to uphold the human rights of every person displaced by Hurricane Katrina. As you know, August 29th marks the third anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, and yet thousands of residents remain displaced. Under well-established human rights standards, every person displaced by Hurricane Katrina has the right to return home.

We deeply appreciate your leadership in Congress to ensure that much-needed funds have already reached the Gulf Coast. However, as most of those funds were spent by FEMA and other agencies during the initial disaster response, serious shortfalls remain in addressing the more than \$100 billion in damages to housing and infrastructure. Chief among the challenges survivors face is a lack of access to affordable, safe, and habitable housing. The federal government is ultimately responsible for ensuring the rights of individuals after disasters such as Katrina. We urge you to support all legislative efforts that would uphold the human rights of every survivor of Hurricane Katrina.

Sincerely,

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