



# INTERFAITH FEDERATION OF GREATER BATON ROUGE

## Louisiana Statistics (Nov. 2008)\*

A child is born into poverty every 30 minutes.

A child is abused or neglected every 42 minutes.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 14 hours.

A child or teen is killed by gunfire every 4 days.

Number of poor children (and percent poor) 283,350 (26.8%)

Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty) 124,373 (11.7%)

\*From Children's Defense Fund

Federal Poverty Guidelines are calculated annually by Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS)

2008 Poverty Guideline for a family of 4: \$21,200 annual income

2008 Extreme Poverty Guideline for a family of 4: \$10,600 (50% of Poverty Guideline)

## My Covenant to Make a Difference

I commit to reducing the number of children living in poverty by doing the following:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Name:

*May you be a blessing!*

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