



Kate and Mike Loyco (center) admire the newborn son of neighbors Josh and Stefanie Ellis.

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Urban areas on the rebound are just for urban pioneers, right? Don't tell that to people moving into East Nashville. "We have fewer pioneers and more families moving permanently into the area," says Josh Ellis, who lives in a remodeled 1905 Victorian with his wife, Stefanie, and their newborn son. After 10-plus years of a slow and steady rise, the neighborhood has managed to keep its eclectic, artsy vibe while welcoming a diverse mix of newcomers. "Of all the great things happening here, when I see young moms pushing strollers down the sidewalks, I know this place is back," says local shop owner Debbie Goodwyn. eastnashville.org

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Restore a Historic Home

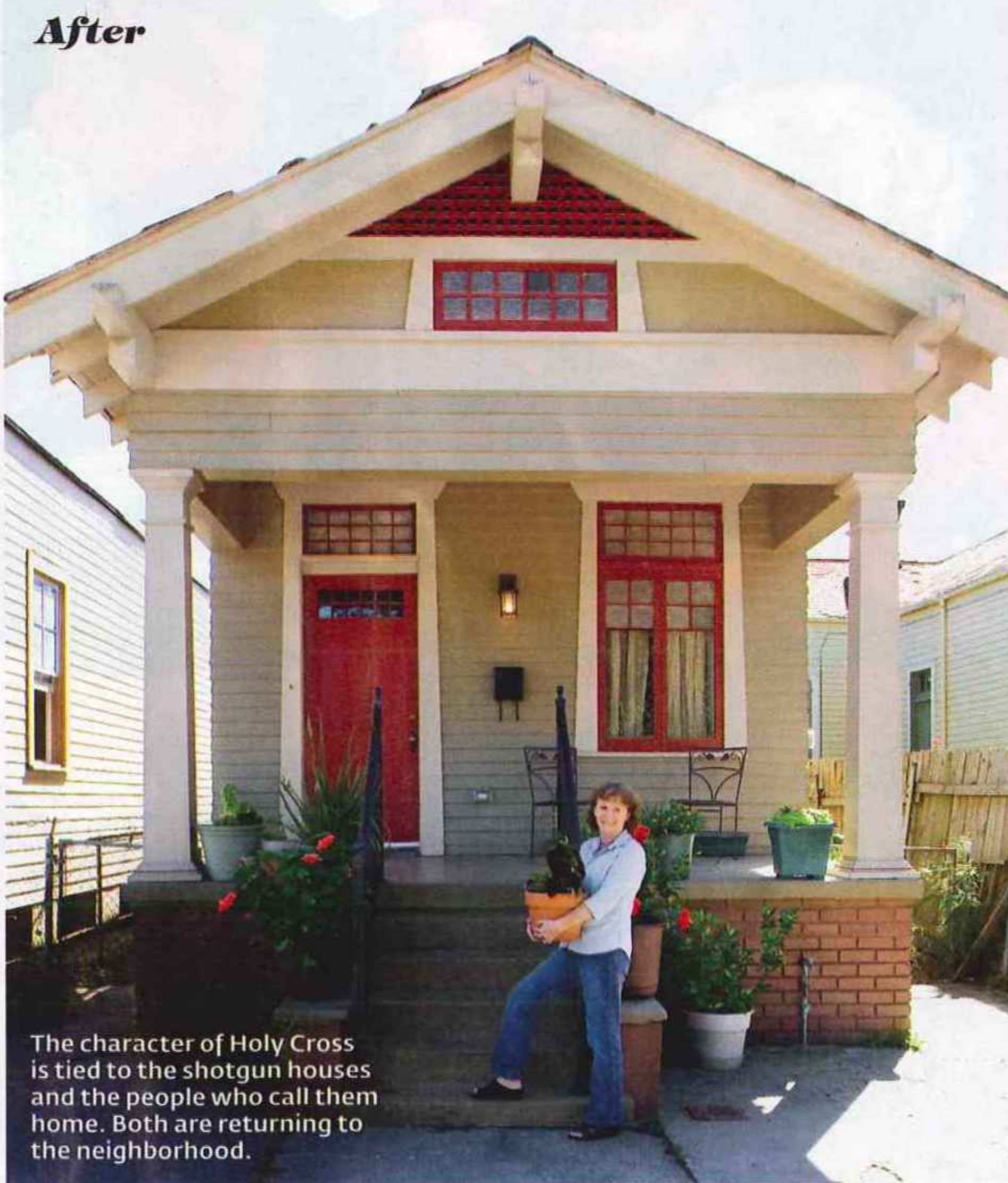
Natural disasters bring out the best and worst in people and the places where they live. The destruction wrought by Hurricane Katrina on Holy Cross laid bare countless civic and social problems. More than four years after the flooding, the restoration of Holy Cross is also uncovering the resilience of people determined to save their neighborhood. Volunteers from the neighborhood and beyond, the Preservation Resource Center, and countless other organizations are saving Holy Cross by rebuilding the historic homes and allowing residents to return to this sliver of high ground within the Lower Ninth Ward. "People are



pouring their hearts into Holy Cross for a love of this place and their neighbors," says resident Pam Dashiell. "And we're not rebuilding blindly. The Ninth Ward has become an epicenter of preservation and sustainability." helpholycross.org *



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The character of Holy Cross is tied to the shotgun houses and the people who call them home. Both are returning to the neighborhood.