

New Orleans Artists Against Hunger & Homelessness

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JUST THE RIGHT ATTITUDE HONORS SR. JANE REMSON AND NEW ORLEANS ARTISTS AGAINST HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS

Sr. Jane Remson, O.Carm., Founding President of New Orleans Artists Against Hunger and Homelessness (NOAAHH) and NOAAHH were honored by Just the Right Attitude (JTRA), during the organization's First Annual Sunday Brunch. JTRA saluted Sr. Jane and NOAAHH as heroes and advocates in the fight against hunger and homelessness and their support of JTRA in its mission to feed the multitude.

NOAAHH Photo: (Left to right) Corey Evans, Sr., JTRA President; Debra South Jones, JTRA Founder and Executive Director; Sr. Jane F. Remson, O.Carm., NOAAHH Executive Board Member Emeritus; Pierre Hilzim, NOAAHH President at JTRA's First Annual Sunday brunch honoring Sr. Jane and NOAAHH.

JTRA, located in New Orleans East, was founded in 1999 by Executive Director Debra South Jones to combat hunger in the community and provide for the less fortunate. JTRA serves over 45,000 people each year. In 2013 JTRA served more than 800,000 pounds of food, over 8,000 meals per month, hundreds of turkey giveaways at Thanksgiving, and bikes and toys giveaways at Christmas. After Hurricane Katrina in August 2005, JTRA partnered with NOAAHH and United Way to serve thousands of needy families in Louisiana and Mississippi. It is the largest neighborhood-based emergency food distribution agency in New Orleans and the largest single-site distribution agency in New Orleans.

NOAAHH was founded in 1985 by Allen Toussaint and Aaron Neville who brought together a group of New Orleans musicians for the purpose of performing a concert to benefit the hungry and homeless of metro New Orleans. To date NOAAHH has distributed more than \$1 million in grants to 50 plus area organizations.

The Food Research and Action Center reported one in six Americans struggled with hunger in 2012. The New Orleans metro area has the second-highest rate of food hardship in the nation. Food hardship is defined as the lack of money to buy food that families need and is considerably worse for households with children. An estimated 17,000 to 19,000 men, women and children in the New Orleans area are homeless.

For more information, visit www.justtherightattitude.org and www.NOAAHH.org.

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