

New Orleans Artists Against Hunger & Homelessness

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New Orleans Artists Against Hunger and Homelessness Distributes \$26,000 in Grants

NEW ORLEANS – New Orleans Artists Against Hunger and Homelessness (NOAAHH) distributed \$26,000 in grants to 14 organizations serving the Greater New Orleans region. The grants were awarded at the annual Bread for the World reception on March 8 at Loyola University.

NOAAHH co-founder Allen Toussaint presented grants to the following recipients: Ciara Community Services, Food for Families, Hope House, Jewish Family Service of Greater New Orleans, Just the Right Attitude, Lantern Light, Luke's House Clinic, Marinite Bywater Project, NO/AIDS Task Force, Ozanam Inn, Project Lazarus, Raintree Children & Family Services, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, and St. Jude Community Center. These organizations collectively represent nearly 500 years of community service to the Greater New Orleans region.

Bread for the World, a national organization founded in the mid 1970s, is dedicated to eliminating hunger in our nation and the world. The New Orleans Chapter of Bread for the World was established at Loyola University New Orleans' Twomey Center for Peace through Justice in 1980. It is governed by a local board of directors with the mission to help end hunger and poverty through education and legislative advocacy.

NOAAHH was founded in 1985 when Allen Toussaint, Songwriters Hall of Fame inductee and Grammy Trustee Award recipient, and Aaron Neville, Grammy Award winner and Louisiana Music Hall of Fame inductee, brought together a group of New Orleans musicians to perform a concert to benefit the hungry and homeless of metro New Orleans.

NOAAHH is governed by an all-volunteer board of directors. To date it has distributed \$2 million to charity since the first NOAAHH concert 30 years ago. NOAAHH presents concerts and gala celebrity mixers to raise funds to help alleviate hunger and homelessness in the New Orleans community. Proceeds from the concerts are distributed by NOAAHH to metro New Orleans philanthropic agencies and charities that are nonprofit and experienced in providing food and shelter to the needy.

PHOTO: New Orleans Artists Against Hunger and Homelessness (NOAAHH) grants recipients, from left (seated): Sr. Lillian Flavin, Hope House; Sr. Beth Mouch, St. Jude Community Center; Roselle Mungam, Jewish Family Services of Greater New Orleans; Debra South Jones, Just The Right Attitude; and Sr. Clarita Bourque, Marinite Bywater Project. Standing, from left: Steve Rivera, Project Lazarus; LaShawna Schofield, Raintree Children & Family Services; Renée Blanche, Ozanam Inn; Vera O'Neil, Food For Families; NOAAHH co-founder Allen Toussaint; Benjamin Wortham, Ciara Community Services; Noel Twilbeck, NO/AIDS Task Force; Sr. Enid Storey, Lantern Light; and Laura Tuggle, Southeast Louisiana Legal Services. Not pictured: Lisa Lynde, Luke's House Clinic.

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