

New Orleans Artists Against Hunger & Homelessness

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New Orleans Artists Against Hunger and Homelessness Distributes \$42,000 in Grants

NEW ORLEANS – New Orleans Artists Against Hunger and Homelessness (NOAAHH) distributed \$42,000 in grants to 15 organizations serving the Greater New Orleans region. The grants were awarded at the annual Bread for the World Hunger Awareness Meal on December 8 at Loyola University.

NOAAHH co-founder Allen Toussaint presented grants to the following recipients: By-Water Project, Ciara Community Services, Food for Families/Food for Seniors, Hope House, Jewish Family Service of Greater New Orleans, Just the Right Attitude, Lantern Light, Luke's House, New Orleans AIDS Task Force Food for Friends, Ozanam Inn, Project Lazarus, Raintree Children & Family Services, Samaritan Center, 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.

Individuals and organizations that have made a significant difference in fighting hunger and poverty were honored by Bread for the World. The 2013 Special Recognition Award was presented to the Edible Schoolyard New Orleans for their efforts to instill nutritious eating habits in students and parents. The 2013 Dedicated Service Award was given to St. Clement of Rome Youth Ministry for their service to the hungry and homeless. Pierre Hilzim, NOAAHH President, received the Lindy Boggs Hunger Awareness Award for his life-long service to help alleviate poverty and hunger in the metro New Orleans community.

Bread for the World is 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 28 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.

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