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St. Jude Community Center Newsletter

The Ins and Outs of What Keeps St. Jude Community Center Alive!!

The fundamental component for the success of St. Jude Community Center is, without a doubt, **the staff**. This includes AARP volunteers, the ARC Volunteers, and the volunteers who work for our Art and Wine Auction in March and the volunteers who work for our summer tribute to the heritage and culture of music in New Orleans, Jude-Sounds of New Orleans. Although each of these groups is distinct in its own mission, they share common qualities which make **them** the best and, in turn, make the **Center** the best. These qualities are:

- **We pray for God's vision:** each week the staff at the Center gathers for common prayer. Persons are able to share what is in their hearts and to pray for each others' needs and guidance of the Spirit in our ministry. Each meeting of our committees begins with prayer to ask God's help to act justly and to act with kindness in our events.
- **We are diverse and value driven:** Our staff and volunteers consist of men and women of different ages, various ethnic groups and orientations. But more than just knowing that one may be different from an other, this difference is celebrated! Our values are focused on the **gifts** of the individual, not the differences.
- **The team has the ability to "swing" through transition:** The nature of AARP is to change workers every three months. At the end of three months, we celebrate those who have been with us and the next day we welcome those who are new. Our committees are growing and developing and we always look forward to and welcome the ideas of those who are new!
- **We pray to be Disciples:** The mission of St. Jude Community Center is to provide for the immediate care of working homeless women, to foster a deep sense of self-worth and dignity for all those who are homeless, to house volunteers helping to rebuild New Orleans, and to support and encourage growth in the Catholic Faith. We seek God's grace to help us be true disciples of our mission.

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St. Jude Community Center

400 N Rampart

New Orleans, LA 70112

Hours of Operation

7:00 AM—2:30 PM

Monday—Thursday

Lunch on Friday: 11:30 AM

COMMUNITY CENTER'S COMMITTEES

ART AND WINE AUCTION

Our Art and Wine Auction is held in either February or March each year. It started in 2009 with the first and second year events at Holy Angels on St. Claude Avenue. The first year we entertained a crowd of 200. The second year we hosted a crowd of over 250, which moved us to investigate other venues for this event. While Holy Angels was beautiful, it is nice to know that we have outgrown that location. We thank the Marianites for their gracious hospitality and endless help from the Sisters living at Holy Angels and St. Joseph Convents. This year we anticipate over 300 people. Thus, we have moved the event to the Audubon Tea Room at Audubon Zoo.

We have also been told by many that you are interested in helping with either or both events. Please know that we would LOVE to have you as a part of one or both committees.

Committee

Auction Item Solicitation
Publicity
Thank-You's
Set-up
Welcome and Sign In
Program
Check-Out
Raffle



Ours is a God of love and mercy who makes no distinction in color, age, shape, personality, appearance

JUDE—SOUNDS OF NEW ORLEANS

Our celebration of the heritage and culture of music in New Orleans was a huge success last July. This event was the vision of one person, Mr. Ed Perkins, and grew into one of the best musical shows in New Orleans. The event featured local musicians who gave us the best of their best! It was held at the Mahalia Jackson Theater and was so successful it is a definite for future fund raising events.

The evening begins with a Patron Party from 6:00-7:00 PM. Food, drinks, and entertainment are available for all who join us as Patrons. The musical extravaganza starts at 7:00 and continues with one great song after another until 10:00 PM.

Committee

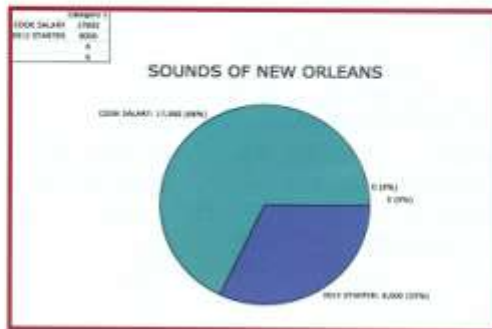
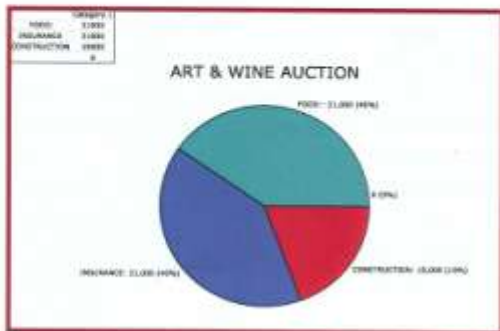
Musician Selection
Publicity
Thank-You
Back Stage
Welcome and Sign-In
Program
Patron Solicitation



**WE WOULD LOVE TO
HAVE YOU JOIN US!!**



YOUR DOLLARS HELPING OTHERS



I am the Vine; You are the branches. Those who live in me while I live in them will produce much fruit.
John 15:5

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| <p>Contact Art and Wine Auction March 4, 2012</p> <p>Kathy Harrell 504-235-5389</p> | <p>Contact Sounds of New Orleans July 21, 2012</p> <p>Ed Perkins 504-303-0422</p> |
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WE NEED YOUR HELP

Special Request

St. Jude, glorious apostle, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor has caused you to be forgotten by many. But the Church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of difficult and desperate cases. Pray for me who am so miserable. Make use, I implore you, of that particular privilege accorded to you to bring visible and speedy help where help was almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly -- *(here make your request)* -- and that I may praise God with you and all the elect throughout all eternity.

I promise you, O blessed JUDE, to be ever mindful of this great favor. I will honor you as my special and powerful patron and encourage devotion to you.

St. Jude, pray for us and for all who honor and invoke your aid.

Prayer in Mental Sickness

Compassionate Saint Jude, you have restored health and soundness of mind to so many through the Power of God, see me -- (or here mention the person afflicted) -- in this suffering. Confident of your powerful intercession, I beg you to ask Jesus, the merciful Healer of the sick to restore me -- (name of person) -- that helped by His love I -- (he, she) -- may experience once more that great gift of mental health.

Prayer in Physical Sickness

Saint Jude, I have not the strength to pray as I ought. Nothing is able to give me any relief. My courage is faltering, impatience and loneliness are clouding my mind and my heart. Obtain for me, Saint Jude, the courage and resignation to accept all these trials from the hand of God with faith and patience. If it is for the good of my soul, grant that I may recover my former health so that I may be of assistance to others.

Prayer in Marital Difficulty

Saint Jude, we have problems with our marriage. Beg Almighty God to give us the light to see ourselves and each other as we really are. Help us to grow daily in self-knowledge and mutual love, while at the same time developing our potential to love and be loved. Help us, Saint Jude, to see and root out every manifestation of selfishness and childish self seeking -- those hidden enemies of love and maturity. Thus learning to love and being filled with love, we may complement each other the remaining days of married life.

Prayer of an Alcoholic

Saint Jude help me in this sickness which is spiritual, psychological and physical. Strengthen my weak faith, no matter what may befall me. Teach me to be patient and serene in the midst of troubles. Saint Jude, help me so that nothing will upset me or weaken my determination to stay sober and abstain from alcoholic drink.

Prayer in Financial Aid

Saint Jude, assist us in our present financial worry. Since these difficult financial circumstances have come into our lives, we are in dire want and economic embarrassment, being unable to meet our honest debts. Saint Jude, you know only too well, we are not asking for wealth, if the possession of it is not in accordance with the holy will of God. We beg you only for that immediate assistance which will enable us to meet and satisfy our pressing obligations. We plead with you, Dear Jude, to obtain for us the financial assistance we so urgently need in our present financial difficulty.

Prayer at the Death of a Loved One

Saint Jude, you know the loneliness of my heart since God took (name of person) to his eternal reward. Make me realize taking (name of person) from me was not for my harm, but that I might look for (him/her) always in your presence.