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**-MEDIA ADVISORY-  
Volunteers Needed for “Home is Where the Music Lives”  
Day of Service at Musicians’ Village**

**Baton Rouge, LA** – The University of Louisiana System is organizing a day of service in New Orleans on Dec. 1, called “Home is Where the Music Lives.” UL System students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to participate.

**WHAT: “Home is Where the Music Lives”  
New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity Build**

**WHEN: 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1**

**WHERE: Musicians’ Village, 4000 N. Roman, New Orleans, LA 70117**

**Universities**

Grambling State University

Louisiana Tech University

McNeese State University

Nicholls State University

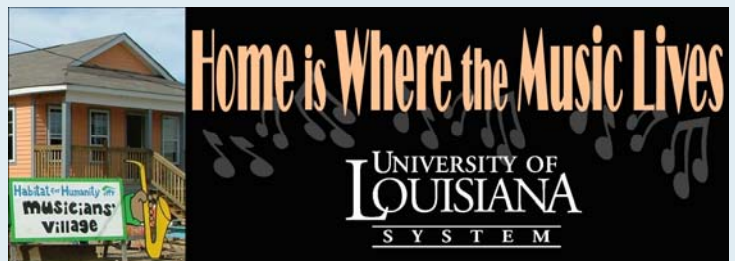
Northwestern State University

Southeastern Louisiana  
University

University of Louisiana at  
Lafayette

University of Louisiana at Monroe

“When our staff learned that New Orleans’ Musicians’ Village was suffering from a lack of volunteers, we thought it a prime opportunity to mobilize efforts to make a difference,” said UL System President Sally Clausen. “What students will learn when participating in this day of service is the volunteers typically get more out of the service than the recipients. These are the life lessons we want to instill in our students.”



Musicians’ Village is a unique New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity neighborhood under construction in New Orleans’ Upper 9<sup>th</sup> Ward for musicians displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Conceived by Harry Connick, Jr. and Branford Marsalis, once completed it will consist of over 70 single-family homes and the Ellis Marsalis Center for Music.

In addition to organizing volunteers, the UL System plans to showcase the musical talents of its students during the day. Volunteers will be treated to lunch and live music.

Only 100 spots are available for the day of service. Persons interested in participating must register online at [www.ulsystem.net](http://www.ulsystem.net). Registration is free and includes lunch and a t-shirt. For more information about Musicians’ Village, visit [www.habitat-nola.org](http://www.habitat-nola.org).

The University of Louisiana System enrolls approximately 80,000 students at Grambling State University, Louisiana Tech University, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Northwestern State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and University of Louisiana at Monroe.

**Dr. Sally Clausen  
President**

**The UL System:**

- Ranks among the 20 largest public systems in the U.S.
- Enrolls approx 80,000 students
- Employs over 8,000 faculty/ staff
- Awards more than half of the public college degrees in Louisiana