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Welcome to our second newsletter filled with exciting news of the activities of SUNO School of Social Work. A picture of our efficient and conscientious faculty and staff is located on page 4. We also have a Child Welfare Training Program sometimes referred to as Title 4E. The director is Ms. Gloria Washington, MSW and the Assistant Director is Ms. Sonja Saizan, MSW. Both can be reached at 504-286-5376. The next newsletter will provide you with information about the students who have received stipends and Ms. Washington and Ms. Saizan's current recruiting plans. In this newsletter you will read about our social work student organizations: Students of Social Work Organizations, Xi Phi chapter of Phi alpha Honor society, Men of Social Work Organization and New Orleans Association of Black Social Workers student chapter. Each newsletter will feature the activities of the organizations. Other highlights you will read in the future will be the accomplishments of our staff and our faculty. We welcome three new faculty, Professor Maudelle Cade, Professor Claude Montegut, and Dr. Jill Murray. We want you to know our fabulous team. Please provide us with any feedback regarding our news. We appreciate you taking the time to read about us and welcome your comments

...appreciate the past...enjoy the present...look forward to the future...

SOS for Haiti Relief

Submitted by: **Dr. Patricia Guillory**

The Students of Social Work Organizations dedicated their greatest community efforts towards Haitian relief this academic year. Immediately following the disaster, the BSW and MSW SOS groups collaborated with XI PHI Chapter of Phi Alpha to determine the best ways in which they could have an impact on the lives of the victims of the earthquake. After researching the various charitable organizations available, the decision was made to make a financial contribution to Partners in Health. Donations were collected throughout the semester and will be forwarded to this relief agency this summer. On a local level, SOS participated with Social Work XI PHI Chapter of Phi Alpha in volunteering time to Habitat for Humanity. As is customary for SOS, a food drive was held during the fall



Haiti Relief

semester and the collections were used to create four food baskets which were distributed to FACES, a social service program for families impacted by AIDS offered through Children's Hospital.

ADMISSIONS AND RECRUITMENT Submitted by Professor Harry J. Doughty Sr.



The School of Social Work sponsored an MSW Information Seminar in the University's gym held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010. Participants included faculty, current and future graduate stu-

dents who were provided information regarding admission criteria, curriculum, field practicum requirements, plans of study, concentrations, class schedules and the like. Current

plans are to make this an annual event for information and recruitment purposes. For additional information, contact Harry J. Doughty, Chair, Admissions Committee, (504) 286-5377

Community Organizing: Submitted by: Jenny Yanez MSW '10

New Orleans may be the city that care forgot, but not everyone forgot to care

Mr. John Hoa Nguyen did not need to go far to remind us of the chaos and disorder that Katrina caused in New Orleans. Here we were, Professor James Donald Smith's Administration, Planning, and Organizing III students, seated in a trailer that still serves as a classroom more than four years after the storm. Mr. Nguyen, a welcome guest lecturer for the day, shared lessons and stories

Vietnamese community's rebuilding efforts from Hurricane Katrina. One story stood out for me. Shortly after Katrina had hit, he drove from his city of refuge, Atlanta, to Grande Isle, as many Vietnamese residents has been found dead. Although he didn't live in Grande Isle, or didn't know anyone there personally, he went to claim them as they

whether they were present in the flesh or not. Mr. Nguyen expressed that his secret to being a successful community organizer with the Vietnamese community was the moment the Katrina evacuation became imminent to the present day. .. "You can disagree but not disconnect", "don't ask for yourself, ask for the good of the community." There are some lessons that you just can't learn in textbooks.

Diversity Day: Submitted by: Jenny Yanez, MSW '10

The International Students Organization at SUNO sponsored a "Diversity Day" on SUNO Park Campus on Thursday, March 26, 2010. The event was created to help all students at SUNO appreciate student diversity on campus. Food, music and prizes were free for all students, staff, and friends and was held as

part of the Spring Fling week. Food was catered from fine local restaurants and included fare from various countries such as curry from India, Ropa Vieja from Cuba, and Spanish Rice from Spain, giving students a small taste of the world. Door prizes were given by the ISO office and music wafted through the breezy corridors from a local DJ who played music representative of different countries and cultures. The event was well attended.

Jenny Yanez represented the School of Social Work and Phi Alpha, the social work honor society, presenting a poster, "What is Islam and Who are the Muslims". Information about diverse students on campus was distributed. As the university's immigrant population is growing, student groups representing this new population will also begin to grow.



Measuring Success: Still Growing

Men of Social Work Association (MOSWA) & National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW)

Submitted by : **Dr. Ira A. Neighbors**

Dr. Ira A. Neighbors continues to work to resurrect the Men of Social Work Association (MOSWA). There were several meetings over the past year. MOSWA joined with Phi Alpha in the "Toys for Tots" Christmas gifts for children. Also, MOSWA participated in the Habitat for Humanity home re-building program in New Orleans.



Dr. Ira A. Neighbors
Associate Dean

The National Association of Black Social workers (NABSW), 2011 conference will be held from April 19—22, 2011 in New Orleans, Louisiana. SUNO's student chapter of the New Orleans Association of Black Social Workers (NOABSW) plans to participate. As NABSW prepares for its 43rd National Conference, the student chapter at Southern University at New Orleans has organized to be an active participant in the 2011 national Conference. The President of NOABSW's student chapter is Zania McElveen, a 2011 BSW candidate. For more information regarding the conference, visit: www.NABSW.org.

LA-YES and SUNO SSW MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

Submitted by: **Dr. Ronald Mancoske**

The Southern University at New Orleans School of Social Work (SUNO SSW) partnered with the Louisiana Office of Mental Health (OMH) to provide consultation and services to the Louisiana Youth Enhanced Services Program (LA-Y.E.S.) serving children with mental health problems and their families in Southeastern Louisiana since 2003. The program provides both opportunities for direct services by providing care management and individualized treatments for youth and their families, and provides community interventions to establish multidisciplinary and multi-agency teams to work with families to secure effective care for their child. There are effective interventions for many of the disorders seen but few families, especially low income African Ameri-

can families, have been able to access effective care for their children. This collaborative agreement focuses not only on care provision but on community partnerships in care delivery to secure family-driven community-based care

The program evaluation data from the partnership shows implementation has made noteworthy strides in key areas where families seek help—improved school grades, improved stability in children's lives, improved school attendance, reduced disciplinary actions in school, reduced delinquency, reduced juvenile justice involvement, increased access to effective treatments and improved care giver capacity. As the federal cooperative agreement comes to an end, the School hopes to continue its partnership with its

many collaborators in sustaining improved care for youth and their families. For further information, contact Dr. Ronald J. Mancoske from SUNO (rmancosk@suno.edu) or Dr. Reginald Parquet from LA-Y.E.S. (rparquet@la.gov).



Dr. Ronald Mancoske & Millie M. Charles, Dean
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From left to right:

1st row—Atty. Lyndia Green-Faust, Ms. Sonia Saizan, Dr. Lynn, Douville, Ms. Gloria Washington, Prof. Gladys Merrick, Dr. Ronald Mancoske,
2nd row—Dr. Joseph Bouie, Dr. Cheryl Mills, Dr. Patricia Guillory, Prof. Claude Montegut, Ms. Linda Brooks, Dr. Ben Robertson, Prof. Harry Russell and Dean Beverly Favre,
3rd row—Prof. Harry Doughty, Prof. Bonnie Alston, Ms. Peggy Blanchard, Prof. Edgar Blanchard, Prof. Maudelle Cade, Prof. Don Smith (Retired), Dr. Gayle Wykle, Dr. Ira Neighbors, Dr. Julianna Padgett,
not shown are: Dr. Joy McElveen and Ms. Darlene Tyler .

Congratulations of Our Retired Faculty:

**Atwood Luter, Charles Wilson, Shirley Mitchell, Arthemease Melancon,
William Stewart & James (Don) Smith**



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