



NPN Media Relations

FAQs About the Neighborhoods Partnership Network (NPN)

Vision: NPN envisions a New Orleans where all neighborhoods are great places to live.

1. What is NPN?

The Neighborhoods Partnership Network (NPN) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization comprised of neighborhood associations and NGO's dedicated to making all New Orleans neighborhoods a great place to live. NPN's mission is to improve the quality of life by engaging New Orleanians in neighborhood revitalization and civic processes. NPN envisions a New Orleans where all neighborhoods are great places to live.

2. When and Why did NPN begin?

The Neighborhoods Partnership Network (NPN) began informally in March 2006 after Hurricane Katrina and the federal levee failure. Neighborhoods, nonprofits and residents met at the Musicians Union Hall to share information and resources through NPN's community forums. The organization answers New Orleanians' desire to be involved in the formal decision-making processes that impact quality of life issues for citizens and neighborhoods.

3. Who is NPN?

Membership: The Neighborhoods Partnership Network is a membership of neighborhood associations and nongovernmental organizations. At the end of 2009, the membership includes 44 Neighborhood Associations and 52 NGOs from all parts of New Orleans.

Board: The NPN Board are thirteen (13) neighborhood association leaders nominated and voted by our membership.

Staff: NPN includes four full time staff, led by the Executive Director Timolynn Sams, a resident of Milneburg.

4. What does NPN do?

The Neighborhoods Partnership Network (NPN) provides programs and communications resources that help our members develop organizational capacity, advocacy and outreach.

Example Program: Capacity College - The Capacity College is a comprehensive training program to support the development of neighborhood group capacity and inter-neighborhood collaboration.

Example Media: *The Trumpet* magazine is newspaper written by neighborhood residents and nonprofits, sharing the challenges and success of New Orleans revitalization. *The Trumpet* citywide circulation of 4,000.

Example Outreach: Orleans Neighborhood Healthy Implementation Plan (OHNIP) is a joint project with Louisiana Public Health and Concordia Architects to support civic groups in raising the health awareness and options in New Orleans neighborhoods.