



2008

Annual Report



The Trumpet Magazine



Our website, www.npnola.com

REFLECTING ON THE YEAR BEHIND US is almost as exciting as envisioning those ahead. And 2008 deserves considerable reflection as a year in which NPN continued to grow and advance in building a network reflective of the “whole” neighborhood in the city of New Orleans. Our idea of a holistic neighborhood approach has allowed NPN to expand its network and re-evaluate who and what makes a neighborhood. Our conclusion: it takes EVERYONE, neighborhood associations or groups, nonprofits, businesses, individuals and government.

Keeping this holistic idea in mind, NPN redefined and modified our programmatic approach to reflect what works and continue to build a better and more effective network to serve the citizens and neighborhoods of this city.

We began the year with a successful membership drive that brought in new and renewing members representing the thoughts and ideas of neighborhoods throughout the city. This activity took place as we were entering the beginning stages of many citywide processes that would require a unified voice from the community. Our Neighborhood Liaison program tools and resources such as nppnola.com, **Best Practices Binder** and the **Trumpet Tidbits** were revitalized to galvanize these processes. Partnerships were formed through our **Coffee on my Dime** initiative to ensure that the voices of the neighborhoods would not be lost in the midst of the shuffle. As a network, NPN was at the forefront of true community engagement. This was all done through the support and dedication of our Board, members, NPN staff, and financial supporters.

Looking forward and recognizing that neighborhoods are the foundation of the recovery process, our goal is to continue to support them in reaching their goals via **The Capacity College**. The College, first introduced as a concept last year, will invest in residents’ desires to fix the problems of city government and community revitalization. Despite all efforts to empower citizens, our city still lacks commitment to develop the knowledge and capacity of neighborhood residents to rebuild their communities. This is our goal through the Capacity College program. A healthy city depends on the civic preparedness of its residents and, in turn, the organizations working to share community resources with those residents.

We are proud of the work that this network has produced the past three years. Thank you for letting us be a part of the revitalization process of our unique city and its neighborhoods. I hope you enjoy reading our accomplishments from the past year, and I invite you to “get connected” to the network as we move forward into the future.



Timolynn Sams
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NPN Executive Director



ABOUT NPN

Neighborhoods Partnership Network (NPN) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization consisting of a citywide network of neighborhood and nonprofit members.

In March 2006 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, NPN emerged as local groups convened to exchange recovery information and resources. From these town-hall style forums, NPN has evolved to provide outreach services, capacity building assistance and civic participation opportunities for residents, neighborhood groups and nonprofits.

NPN's Board of community leaders reflects neighborhoods throughout the city and works closely with the staff to guide programming. NPN envisions a New Orleans where all neighborhoods are great places to live!

2008 NPN Statement of Activity

REVENUES

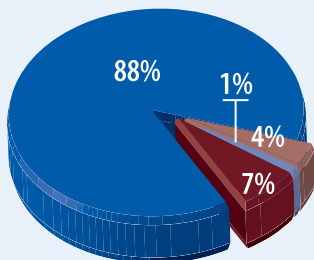
Grant Income	\$342,718
Sponsorships	25,700
Membership Dues	5,160
Earned Revenues	14,217
Total Revenues	\$387,795

EXPENSES

Operational	\$202,227
Program	107,382
Total Expenses	\$309,609

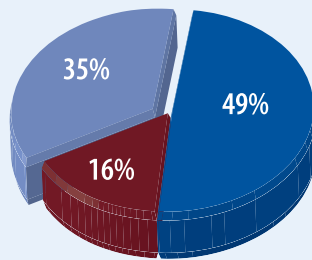
Change in Net Assets	78,186
Net Assets - Jan 08	21,501
Net Assets - Dec 08	\$99,687

2008 Revenue Chart



■ Grant Income
■ Sponsorships
■ Membership Dues
■ Earned Revenues

2008 Expense Chart



■ Salaries
■ General Operations
■ Programs

2008 HIGHLIGHTS

"I love the new website that NPN launched this year. It is so easy for members (such as myself) to post content. Nothing beats the thrill of uploading a news item and a picture, and seeing it almost immediately show up on the home page of the site!"

— Tess Monaghan,
Build Now
New Orleans

Membership and Board Development

- 90 committed members for 2008
- 41 Neighborhood Group Voting Members
- 49 Nonprofit Affiliate Members
- Membership elected seven new members to the Board of Directors; first time Board opportunity for four of seven
- Advocacy Task Force and Education Advisory Task Force created

Neighborhood Liaison Program

- Liaisons outreached to over 3,300 neighborhood residents by attending 130+ neighborhood and civic association events.
- AmeriCorps volunteers serving as Liaisons gave 4,950 hours of service for NPN programs, members and events
- 48 members received NPN's Best Practices Binder that includes over 100 local resources and templates for neighborhood revitalization
- The Adopt-A-Neighborhood project brought together community residents and 42 Princeton students to complete the beautification of 13 homes in the Melia, Rosedale and GertTown neighborhoods
- Liaisons organized 13 local stakeholders to compile a market study for Oak Park Shopping Center
- Liaisons facilitated initial cross-neighborhood discussions around the Transload development, initiating an opportunity for future deliberations around this controversial project

Workshops and Forums

- 283 participants attended 7 workshops and 4 roundtable forums; on average, 91% of participants rated these events as "excellent"
- 27 neighborhood groups and 29 nonprofit organizations learned grant writing and fundraising strategies through NPN workshops
- 23 nonprofits, 12 neighborhoods, and 4 government agencies convened for 2 Hurricane Gustav roundtables; their recommendations are being used to reassess the city and state's 2009 hurricane emergency evacuation plan

"[The Hurricane Gustav Evacuation Roundtable] was incredibly beneficial for not only the participants, but the city. If we can continue to come together as neighborhood and civic leaders across race and class to speak about how to deal with a variety of different issues that face New Orleans, the future looks bright."

— Nathan Rothstein,
NolaYURP

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HIGHLIGHTS *(continued)*

Office of
Neighborhoods
Hot Topic
Forum



Npnnola.com

- Launched an improved Npnnola.com, which serves as New Orleans only civic social networking website
- Npnnola.com represents the largest network of neighborhood groups, civic associations and nonprofits in New Orleans with over 173 organization profiles
- NPN provided 18 web workshops to help bridge the digital divide; with staff guidance, more than 31 organizations created their own web profile

The Trumpet Magazine and "Trumpet Tidbits"

E-Newsletter

- 4 issues of *The Trumpet* printed in 2008 publishing the works of 23 new writers and 39 community contributors
- Over 161 unique contributors have been published in *The Trumpet's* 15 issue archive
- "Trumpet Tidbits" reached 3,950 recipients including 1,458 new recipients in 2008

Crescent City Celebration

- Crescent City Celebration featured 3 events over 2 days
- The 3rd annual Festival of Neighborhoods was attended by over 500 community members
- More than 150 members, sponsors and guests enjoyed food and entertainment at the Toast to New Orleans Neighborhoods event
- First ever Trumpet Awards selected by readers and members honored organizations and individuals leading recovery in New Orleans' neighborhoods

Volunteers

- Individual volunteers contributed over 7056 work hours to NPN in 2008; they provided essential office, program and outreach support which saved nearly \$137,668 in staff costs
- Through the renewed Neighbor 2 Neighbor Initiative, NPN members provided over 70 hours of service to fellow residents in November and December
- NPN members gave countless hours of volunteer time to NPN through events, contributions to *The Trumpet*, and Committee, Task Force and Board involvement

2008 Trumpet Award Winners

- ~ Good Neighbor of Neighborhoods – Broadmoor Improvement Association
- ~ Neighborhood Phoenix – Mid-City Neighborhood Organization
- ~ Best Neighborhood Councilperson – Stacey Head
- ~ Best City/Neighborhood Partnership – Office of Recovery Management and Mary Queen of Vietnam
- ~ Model Citizen Award – Audrey Browder
- ~ Best Education Advocate – Save Our Schools NOLA
- ~ Best Recovery Source – LouisianaRebuilds.info
- ~ Best Community Beautification Program – Hike for KaTREEena
- ~ Best Business Neighborhood Partnership – Fair Grinds/Faubourg St. John
- ~ Outstanding Youth Group – The ReThinkers
- ~ Best Faith-Based Community Initiative – Mary Queen of Vietnam Church

"In this era of media consolidation and increasing lack of variety in local news, *The Trumpet* is an important resource for community information and communication." – Jordan Flaherty, *Left Turn Magazine*



2008
Trumpet
Award
Winners
The ReThinkers

"I can point to many agencies, offices, and programs, both governmental and not, that have not had one bit of positive influence on the revitalization of my neighborhood, or New Orleans. But luckily, I can say without hesitation, that we have had the Neighborhoods Partnership Network on our side since the early days after Katrina." – Norm Whitley, *President of Gentilly Terrace and Gardens Improvement Association*

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FUNDERS, BOARD & MEMBERS



FUNDERS

Blue Moon Fund
Greater New Orleans Foundation
Louisiana Disaster Recovery Relief Fund
The Philharmonic Collaborative

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New Schools for New Orleans
Volunteers of America
Wiznia Associates

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City Planning Commission
City-Works
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Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center
Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations
Loyola University Donnelly Design Center
Loyola University Twomey Print Center
New Orleans Black
New Orleans Redevelopment Authority
New Orleans Young Urban Rebuilding Professionals Initiative
Oak Park Shopping Center Committee
Policy Link
Southeast Louisiana Chapter of the American Red Cross
Trinity Christian Community
Tulane University Center for Public Service
Worker Resource Center

CRESCENT CITY CELEBRATION PARTNERS

Ashe Cultural Arts Center
Casamento's Restaurant
Creative Industries
Gentilly Terrace School
N'awlins Flava
Tomatillo's Restaurant

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2008-2009

Julius Lee, Board President
– Real Timbers Property Owners Association
Victor Gordon, Vice-President
– Pontilly Association
Patricia Jones, Treasurer
– Lower Ninth Ward Neighborhood Empowerment Network Association
Nikki Najiola, Secretary
– Oak Park Civic Association
LaToya Cantrell – Broadmoor Improvement Association
Benjamin Diggins – Melia Subdivision
Tilman Hardy – Leonidas/Pensientown Neighborhood Association
Dorian Hastings – Central City Renaissance Alliance
Wendy Laker – Mid-City Neighborhood Organization
Megan Langhoff – Lake Vista Property Owners
Sylvia McKenzie – Rosedale Subdivision
Katherine Prevost – Bunny Friends Neighborhood Association
William Waiters – Holy Cross Neighborhood Association

FOUNDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2007-2008

Philip Costa, Board President – City Park Neighborhood Association
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Victor Gordon – Pontilly Association
Dorian Hastings – Central City Renaissance Alliance
Kim Henry – Gentilly Civic Improvement Association
Amy Lafont – Mid-City Neighborhood Organization
Deborah Langhoff – District 5 Neighborhood Recovery
Nikki Najiola – Oak Park Civic Association

NEIGHBORHOODS PARTNERSHIP NETWORK MEMBERS

VOTING MEMBERS

Baronne Street Neighborhood Association
Broadmoor Improvement Association
Bunny Friends Neighborhood Association
Bywater Neighborhood Association
Carrollton United
Carrollton/Riverbend Neighborhood Association
Central City Partnership
Central City Renaissance Alliance
DeSaix Neighborhood Association
Desire Street Ministries
Faubourg Delachaise Neighborhood Association
Faubourg St. John Neighborhood Association
Faubourg St. Roch Improvement Association
Filmore Gardens Neighborhood Association
Garden District Association
Gentilly Civic Improvement Association
Gentilly Terrace and Gardens Improvement Association
Holy Cross Neighborhood Association
Lake Catherine Civic Association, Incorporated
Lake Vista Property Owners
Lower Ninth Ward Neighborhood Empowerment Network Association
Melia Subdivision
Milneburg Neighborhood Association
Oak Park Civic Association
Oretha Castle Haley Boulevard Main Street
Pontilly Association
Real Timbers Property Owners Association
Seabrook Neighborhood Association

AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Algiers Economic Development Foundation
Alliance for Affordable Energy
Another Life Foundation
Arts Council of New Orleans
Beacons of Hope

Build Now
Committee for a Better New Orleans/ Metropolitan Area Committee
Common Ground Relief
Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Greater New Orleans
Global Green
Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center
Hands On New Orleans
Hike for KaTREEna
Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana
Longue Vue House and Gardens
Louisiana Bucket Brigade
Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations
Metro Bicycle Coalition
New Orleans Food and Farm Network
New Orleans Women's Shelter
New Orleans Young Urban Rebuilding Professionals Initiative
New Schools for New Orleans
Parenting for Prevention
Phoenix of New Orleans
Project Home Again Foundation
Rebirth Volunteer Service
Rebuilding Together
ReNOLA Homes
Safe Streets Strong Communities
Save Our Schools New Orleans, Louisiana
Social Entrepreneurs of New Orleans
Southeast Louisiana Chapter of the American Red Cross
Student Advocacy for Equitable Recovery
The Green Project
The Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco Free Living
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Trinity Christian Community
University of New Orleans' Classic Upward Bound
Volunteers of America
We Shall Not Be Moved
Youth Empowerment Project

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