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To Nurture, Guide and Support the Community

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Director's Report

This fall was an exciting period for the Center, mostly because we were able to begin the the Needs Assessment under the coordination of Ms. Meghan Berger. We were fortunate to have the support of the MiRealiti app developer, Mr. Von Nkosi, who invited us to use the app to assist in collecting the data while walking through the Gert Town neighborhood. We also partnered with GirlTrek to co-sponsor an all-day workshop at the center that focused on mental health concerns of Black women. In addition to our regularly scheduled programs, such as the Utility Assistance Program, Night Out Against Crime, the Homework Clinic, Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway, and the graduate counseling classes, we collaborated with the NOLA Reparations planning committee to coordinate the NOLA Reparations Town Hall. We look forward to continuing service provision to the Gert Town residents and are excited about the next phase of the Needs Assessment.



NOLA Reparations

For three months meetings were held at Xavier University of Louisiana's Community Outreach Center to discuss and plan the benefit reception and town hall meeting that the National African American Reparations Commission (NAARC) members hosted. The commission was initiated by Dr. Ron Daniels and convened by both the Institute of the Black World 21st Century (IBW) and the CARICOM Reparations Commission. The goal of this organization (NAARC) is to promote the ten point preliminary reparations program through fundraisers and town hall meetings. NAARC aims to demand reparatory justice to the African American community for the genocide and African enslavement through education, health, healing of black families, black businesses, affordable housing for black communities, repairing the damages of the criminal injustice system, and so much more. The town hall meeting was the opportunity for the community to provide their



Xavier Reads

Xavier Reads program is held on Saturdays to promote reading in young children. The children are given extra assistance to become better readers and enhance their inner abilities. Xavier volunteers are here to help aid in awareness for educational needs.





Homework Clinic

Homework Clinic is ran by a volunteer group created through M.A.X at Xavier University of Louisiana. M.A.X. aim is to promote leadership for others and social awareness through their services. They provide K-8th grade students with homework assistance after school at Xavier University of Louisiana Outreach Center. Students from different schools come together to do homework and socialize with one another. It's a great opportunity for them to learn and engage in activities with other students.

Night out Against Crime

On October 19, 2017, Xavier Police Department hosted the annual Night Out Against Crime at the Xavier University Community Outreach Center. Several community residents, Xavier students and faculty, local high schools, athletics and the Xavier Police Department came out to support. The XULA's Goldstar Dance team supported the event by walking in the small parade and sparking spirit in the community. Kyla Baron, one of the captains of the dance team was able to share her thoughts about the event. Kyla stated that it seems the purpose of the event was to bridge the gap between the community and New Orleans Police Officers as a whole. As a student, it feels that we cannot approach NOPD or XUPD because of negative perceptions. The purpose of this event was to allow police officers, family, kids, and students to join together to strengthen the relationship.





Girl Trek

GirlTrek is a groundbreaking national health movement that has activated more 116,939 Black women to be change markers in their lives and communities. Morgan Dixson and Vanessa Garrison co-founded GirlTrek in 2012 with one goal in mind —encourage women to walk each day to promote mental health wellness. GirlTrek partnered with XUCOC to offer mental health first responder training to XULA, Dillard, SUNO, Tulane, and Loyola African American female students. Students received a certificate after learning and engaging in mental health first responder. GirlTrek believes that there is an opportunity to continue to expand healing to young, college-aged women who are positioned to be transformative campus ambassadors.

Spring 2018 Programs and Events

- Homework Clinic
- Utilities Assistance
- Needs Assessment
- Empowering Family Workshop
- Pharmacy Clinic
- Easter Egg Hunt

Utilities & Rental Assistance

Funded by St. Rita of Cascia Catholic Church and managed by representatives from Total Community Action (TCA) & XULA. Residents of Gert Town(70125) may apply for assistance with their utilities. There are eligibility requirements that must be met.

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