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Message
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It's a New Year and to Celebrate We're Updating Our Name!

Starting January 1, 2018, Volunteers of America Greater New Orleans will now be known as **Volunteers of America Southeast Louisiana**.

For nearly 122 years, we have helped our most vulnerable neighbors in need throughout Louisiana's southeast region including Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne and Washington parishes. The majority of our programs have been based in Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Tammany parishes.

In recent years we've worked hard to expand our program services to help people in St. Charles, St. John, Washington, Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes.

Our Board of Directors wants our name to reflect all the communities we serve so that every person in need knows they can turn to us for help.

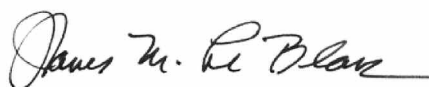
You are a vital part of serving these individuals. Your ongoing dedication as a donor to programs that change lives have made our work possible. We wanted you to be the first to hear this news!

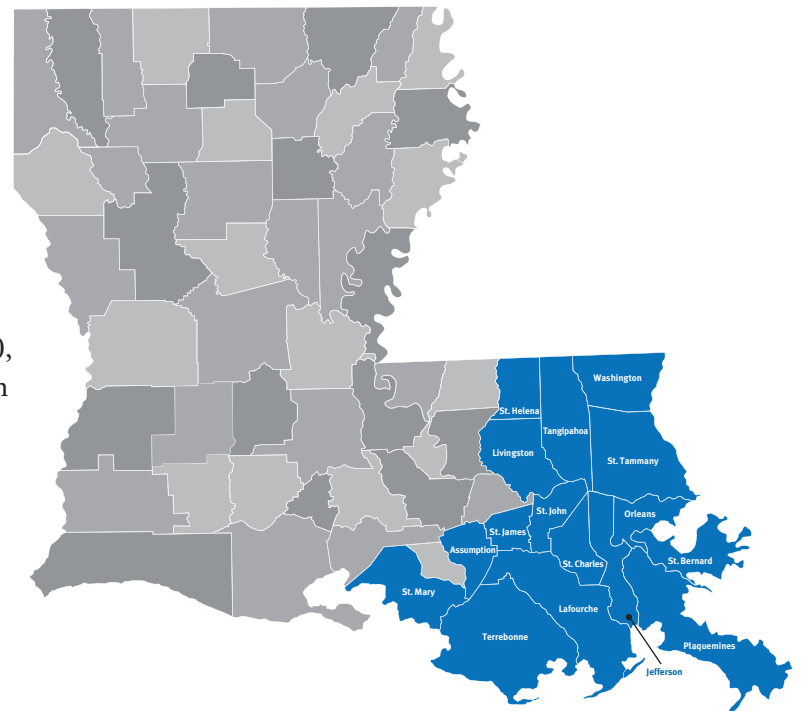
From now on you can expect the same stories of hope and transformation that your gifts have helped to create for people in need. Our messages will still come through our *Visions* newsletter and *Spirit* newsletter now using our new agency title. The only big difference for you will be finding us online. **Make sure to use our new web address www.voasela.org or [@voasela.org](https://twitter.com/voasela) when contacting us through email.**

To mark this special occasion we're sending you this special edition of our *Visions* newsletter that highlights some of the different regions we serve and how your help is making a difference right in your own backyard.

If you have any questions about this new change or any feedback to share, please don't hesitate to reach out to us! We want to hear your thoughts. Call our main office at (504) 482-2130, visit our website at www.voasela.org or send us an email at info@voasela.org.

Many thanks for your continued support!





SNAPSHOTS



Bayou Area—Affordable housing should be available to all, but that’s often not the case. The new Academy Place Apartments in Houma reaffirms our commitment to provide our seniors with quality housing. The former Houma Elementary School now boasts 103 apartments to help our seniors maintain their independence. One of Academy Place’s first residents Margaret Gaudet shows off her home during the complex’s grand opening.

River Parishes Area—After years of living independently, sometimes all it takes is a simple ramp to allow someone to stay in their home, like this recent ramp installation at a home in Edgard. While home repairs can be challenging for seniors, neglecting such upgrades can make it hazardous for them to remain in their own home. That’s where our Repairs on Wheels Program steps in to ensure older adults live in safe, happy homes.



Greater New Orleans Area—For many of the children in our Mentoring Children of Promise Program, meeting a real Saints player is something that only happens in dreams. But Mark Ingram knows better than most the struggle children with an incarcerated parent go through every day. His Christmas shopping spree is just one of many outings that show our youth that they can rise above any challenge. Above, Mark interviews a pair of mentees after the shopping spree at Target.



Florida Parishes Area—The residents of our Creekwood Community Home in Hammond enjoyed a holiday service and lunch to close out 2017. Our Community Living Services Program allows people with disabilities to lead independent, fulfilling lives across all of southeast Louisiana.

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